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We submit as per attached 2022 Second Quarter mandatory health screening and certification of food/drink vendors and handlers for further action, please.

Thank you.

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REPORT ON 2022 SECOND QUARTER MANDATORY HEALTH SCREENING AND CERTIFICATION OF FOOD/DRINK VENDORS AND HANDLERS IN AWUTU SENYA EAST MUNICIPALITY

1.0. INTRODUCTION

Public Health Researchers have attributed the alarming rate at which food/drink borne infection cases are increasing partly due to the consumption of ready to eat food/drink from outside the home environment. Some Public Health Practitioners are of the view that the food/drink preparation and vending sites are two key areas that must be concentrated on during activities and program of food safety, others are also of the view that the vendor's health status must also be assessed since the health of the Handless can also contribute to the wholesomeness of the food/drink.

Since Environmental Health Officers are mandated by the Local Governance Act 936 of 2016 which states any person who discharged the duties of a Medical Officer or Sanitary Inspector or the Environmental Health Officer under the Infectious Disease Ordinance (**CAP78**) for any area shall be an officer of the assembly of the area for the purpose of giving effect to an enforcing bye-laws relating to the public health made by the district assembly the unit's submit this report for further action.

2.0. TARGETED GROUPS

The Unit targeted an estimated 500 food and drink vendors and handlers across the municipality they were made up of

- Kitchen staff of institutions
- Public and private basic schools GHS SHS and tertiary schools
- Hotel guest house food drink vendors and handlers
- Eating and drinking bar food drink handlers
- General (street) food/drink vendors and handlers
- Caterers and staff of Ghana school feeding Programmes
- Food and drink processing factory etc.

3.0. ORGANIZERS OF THE PROGRAMME

The program was jointly organized by the environmental health needs of the assembly in partnership with for accredited medical laboratory service providers namely

- .Ghana Health Service
- Fast Medical Lab and Scan
- Universal Medical Lab and
- Atoquam Medical lab

4.0. APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

1. To make accessibility easy affordable and convenient 60 health screening and certification Centre where created across the municipality so that vendors would not spend too much time and money to access the medical lab services.
2. Prior to the exercise intensive public sensitization swear carried out hearing both day and night at least 3 days to the exercise a particular health screening and certification Centre and during the exercise using a mobile phone with a PA system to enable vendors to prepare adequately
3. Vendors declared fit were issued with on the spot one-time health certificate ID card duly signed by the Municipal Coordinator Director and Municipal Environmental Health Officer to be worn conspicuously on their neck and displayed at where food and drink were being processed to enable the consuming public to easily identify them as having been health screened and certified fit to prepare and sell food and drink for public consumption.
4. . A Municipal Environmental Health Inspection Team was constituted to go round monitor educate and call to order vendors who either did not go through the exercise or operating with invalid health cert and sell in insanitary conditions.

5.0. OUTCOME OF THE EXERCISE

S/ No	Name of zonal council	Number of vendors registered and health screened	Number of vendors declared fit and health certified	Number of vendors with typhoid fever not fit	% of vendors who are healthy carriers of typhoid fever	% of vendors screened by Zonal Council	% Declared fit and health certified
1	Opeikuma	110	99	11	10	22.73	90
2	Kaemebre/Akweley	173	160	13	7.51	35.74	92.50
3	Ofaakor	201	187	14	7	41.53	93.03
Total		484	466	38	24.51	100	

6.0. ANALYSIS OF RESULT

Out of the total number of **484** vendors registered and health screened during the period under review, **466** accounting for **96.28%** were found, declared and certified fit to prepare and serve food and drink to the public. This is because they were not found to be healthy carriers of typhoid fever (**Reference 2022 Annual Report**).

Out of the three (3) Zonal Councils within the Municipality, Ofaakor Zonal Council registered and presented the highest number of **201** representing **41.53%** of the total number of vendors for the exercise. Out of this, 14 of the vendors representing **7%** were found to be healthy carriers of typhoid fever, a communicable disease transmissible via unhygienic preparation and sale of food/ drink.

Opeikumah Zonal Council registered and presented the lowest number of vendors (**110**) accounting for **22.73%** of the total number of vendors registered and health screened with **10 per-cent** of the vendors being healthy carriers of typhoid fever.



LAB TEAM ON TESTING PROCESS

Picture showing Environmental Health Staff, Medical Lab Staff and food vendors at Opeikuma Zonal Council screening Centre on 7th June, 2022.