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SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR 2025

I forward herewith, the Annual Report of Audit Committee for the year 2025 as per Section 88 (2)) of Public Financial Management Act 2016, Act (921) for your information and necessary action please.

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AG. DISTRICT COORDINATING DIRECTOR
For: DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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2025

AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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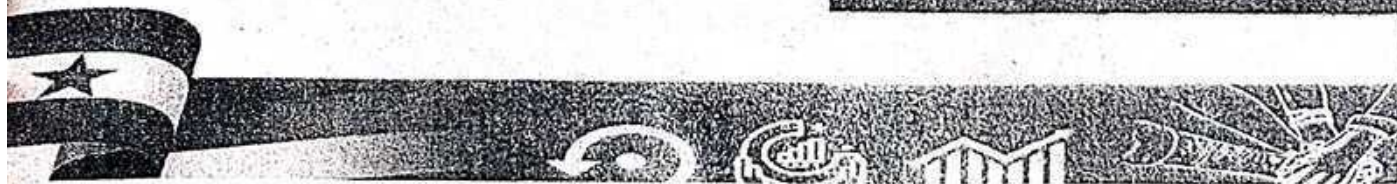


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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2025

Statement by the Chairman of the Audit Committee

The following areas should be included in the Chairman's Statement.

1. Functionality of the AC
2. Summary of audit findings and recommendations, stating the numbers of findings and number of recommendations as well as the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Internal Audit reports and External Auditors' Report/Management Letter. (Appendices 1&2)
3. The AC's support to management to improve controls and comply with laws.
4. Achievements, including key policy recommendations of the Audit Committee to improve financial management, for example, savings made as a result of AC's operations.
5. Results of Assessment of the Audit Committee conducted by the IAA.
6. Acknowledgement of Members Support.

1. Report Distribution

This report is prepared in accordance with section 88(1) (b) of the Public Financial Management (PFM) Act, 2016 (Act 921); and is to be distributed in line with Section 88(2)(c) of the PFM Act, and paragraph 17 of the Guidelines for Effective Functioning of Audit Committee (Guidelines) issued by the Minister for Finance in 2023, to the following institutions and officers after endorsement by the Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development

- The Office of the President
- Parliament
- The Minister for Finance
- The Director General, Internal Audit Agency
- The Auditor-General
- Principal Account Holder
- Sector Minister
- Governing Board/ Council (where applicable)

2. Background and Overview

We are pleased to present the report of the Audit Committee (AC) Juaboso District Assembly for the financial year ended 31st December 2025.

The AC assists the Management and the Internal Audit Unit (IAU) of the Juaboso District Assembly in carrying out its responsibilities as they relate to the establishment of internal controls, risk management and governance, ensuring compliance with laws, regulations and ethical standards and the review of such controls and procedures.

This report is prepared pursuant to Section 88 (1b) of the PFM Act and covers the activities of the AC Juaboso District Assembly for the year January to December 2025. The report gives the background, the formation, objectives and key activities carried out by the Committee. It also highlights the meetings and attendance, external and internal audit reports reviewed and status of implementation of audit recommendations.

2.1 Establishment and Inauguration of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Juaboso District Assembly was established in accordance with Section 86(1) of the Public Financial Management Act 2016, (Act 921) and Regulations 223(1) of the Public Financial Management Regulations, 2019 (L.I.2378). the Committee was constituted in line with Section 87 of the Public Financial Management Act 2016, (Act 921) with membership drawn from the Internal Audit Agency, Instituted of Chartered Accountants, Ghana and the General Assembly of Juaboso District Assembly.

- Date of inauguration :6th of June 2022. The Committee is currently serving its second term.
- Ms. Philomena Max-Bobie administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy on behalf of the Director General of Internal Audit Agency.
- The District Chief Executive, Hon.Godfred Kwabena Agyei was present at the inauguration.
- The role of the Audit Committee under the PFM Act and guideline being Mandatory, Advisory and support was explained during the inauguration.
- The Committee was advised to carry out its mandate effectively to ensure implementation of Audit recommendations and to help reduce Audit infractions.

2.2 Reporting Responsibilities of the Head of Covered Entity

Section 85 (1) of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) requires that a Principal Spending Officer shall, on an annual basis, submit the following to the Minister and Auditor-General:

- a) a report on the status of implementation of recommendations made by the Auditor-General in respect of that covered entity; and
- b) a report on the status of implementation of recommendations made by Parliament in respect of that covered entity.

Section 88 (1) (a) of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) requires the of the Assembly to

- a) pursue the implementation of recommendations contained in audit reports listed in item 2.3.1 below.
- b) Prepare an annual statement showing the status of implementation of any recommendation contained in audit reports.

2.3 Roles and Responsibilities of the Audit Committee

The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee are provided under the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) and Guidelines for Effective Functioning of Audit Committees (2023) issued by the Minister for Finance. These are categorized into:

- Mandatory Roles and Responsibilities
- Advisory Roles and Responsibilities

2.3.1 Mandatory Roles and Responsibilities

Section 88 (1) (a) of the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) requires the Audit Committee to ensure that the District Chief Executive of Juaboso District Assembly pursues the implementation of recommendations contained in

- a) an Internal Audit Report.
- b) Parliament's decision on Auditor-General's Report
- c) Auditor General's Management Letter; and
- d) The report of an internal monitoring unit in the Juaboso District Assembly particularly, in relation to financial matters raised.

Section 88 (1) (b) of the Act 921 also requires the Audit Committee to ensure that the District Chief Executive prepares an annual statement showing the status of implementation of any recommendation contained in

- a) an Internal Audit Report
- b) Parliament's decision on Auditor-General's Report.
- c) Auditor General's Management Letter; and
- d) The report on financial matters raised in an internal monitoring unit of the Juaboso District Assembly; and
- e) Any other related directive of Parliament.

Section 88 (2) of Act 921 further requires that the report shall:

- a) Indicate the remedial action taken or proposed to be taken to avoid or minimize the recurrence of an undesirable feature in the accounts and operations of the Juaboso District Assembly;
- b) Indicate the period for the completion of the remedial; and
- c) Be endorsed by the relevant sector Minister and forwarded to the Minister, Parliament, Office of the President and the Auditor-General within six months after end of each financial year.

The Audit Committee liaised with the IAA and ensured that the appointing authority complied with Regulation 220 of the Public Financial Management Regulations, 2019 (L.I.2378) in deciding on a request from management to transfer the Head of the Internal Audit Unit.

2.3.2 Advisory Roles and Responsibilities

Paragraph 10.2 of the Guidelines for Effective Functioning of Audit Committees (2023) identified the following advisory roles and responsibilities of Audit Committees.

- a) Providing advice on sound, transparent and reliable financial management practices,
- b) Ensuring the risk management process is comprehensive and effective.

- c) Helping achieve organization-wide strong and effective internal controls in the covered entity.
- d) Reviewing corporate policies relating to compliance with laws and regulations, ethics, conflicts of interest, and investigations of misconduct and fraud.
- e) Reviewing current and pending corporate governance related litigation or regulatory proceedings to which the covered entity is a party.
- f) Ensuring the internal auditors' access to the Audit Committee, encouraging communication beyond scheduled Committee meetings.
- g) Reviewing internal audit work plans, internal audit charters, risk (including fiscal risk) assessment reports.
- h) Ensuring the development, approval and update of the code of conduct. The Committee should also ensure that all employees receive the code of conduct, understand it, and obtain appropriate training regarding it.
- i) Follow up on significant issues, investigations, and disciplinary actions.
- j) Collaborating with the Internal Audit Agency to initiate investigation into matters involving fraud or misuse of public funds by the Principal Spending Officer.
- k) Reviewing audit reports for assurance on efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the administration of programmes and operations of the covered entity.

2.4 Compliance and Ethics

During the year under review, the Audit Committee ensured that Juaboso District Assembly operated within the legal and ethical framework, adhering to applicable regulations and industry guidelines. The committee members reviewed compliance programs that came to their attention to assess their effectiveness and identify any gaps or areas of improvement.

3. Composition of the Audit Committee

For the period 1st January to December 2025 and in line Section 87 of the PFM Act, 2016, the membership of the AC comprised the following 5 members, as shown below:

Table 1: Composition of the Audit Committee

#	Name	Designation	Institution Represented	Number of Meetings Attended
1	Samuel Kwaku Ahadza	Chairman	Internal Audit Agency	4
2	Akuoko Ankrah	Member	Institute of Chartered accountants-Ghana	4
3	Adomako Tawiah	Member	Institute of Chartered accountants-Ghana	4

4	Nana Danso	Member	Juaboso District Assembly	4
5	Francis Tandah	Member	Juaboso District Assembly	4
6	Hon. Gladys Akotia	Presiding Member	Juaboso District Assembly	3

Table 2: Officers that Supported the work of the Audit Committee (Members in attendance/Co-opted Members).

#	Name	Designation
1	Alexander Adu Quist	District Chief Executive
2	Samuel kwabena Sarfo	District coordinating Executive
3	Godfred K.B Bamba	District Coordinating Director
4	Iddrisu Imoro	District Internal Auditor
5	Yusif Tapoh Fotoh Kanton	District Finance Officer

The Chairperson was elected from among the independent members in line with Section 87 (4) of the Act. The Secretary to the Committee was Francis Tandoh (Senior Executive Officer). During the year and in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Guidelines for Effective Functioning of Audit Committee issued by the Minister for Finance (2023), the work of the AC was assisted by the following officers.

4. Activities Carried out over the Period Under Review

During the period covered by this report (1st January to 31st December, 2025) the AC continued to operate under the roles and responsibilities as spelt out in the PFM Act, PFMR and AC Guidelines issued by the Minister for Finance.

4.1 Audit Committee Meetings

During the year under review, and in line with paragraph 12 of the Guideline for Effective Functioning of Audit Committee, quarterly meetings were planned to review both internal and external audit reports of Juaboso District Assembly as well as any monitoring reports. The Audit Committee met 4 times in the year as follows:

Table 3: Meetings of the Audit Committee

#	Meetings	Meeting Attendance						
		Date	Chairman	Member	Member		Member	Secretary
	Name		Samuel Kwaku Ahadza	Akuoko Ankrah	Adomako Tawiah	Hon. Gladys Akotia	Mr. Nana Danso	Francis Tandoh
1	1st Meeting	29/05/25	Present	Present	Present	Present	-	Present
2	2nd Meeting	17/10/25	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
3	3rd Meeting	3/11/25	Present	Present	Present		Present	Present
4	4th Meeting	18/12/2025	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
5	Special Meeting							
6	Special Meeting							
7	Review							

4.2 Issues Reviewed by Audit Committee

The meetings reviewed series of key issues emanating from the internal and external audit and other monitoring reports together with their associated remedial actions. It also considered and approved.

1. Annual Risk Based Internal Audit Plan for 2025

2. 4TH Quarter 2024 Internal Audit Report

3. 1st quarter, 2025 Internal Audit Report

4. 2nd quarter internal Audit report 2025

5. 3rd quarter Internal Audit report 2025

6. Management Letter for 2024

7. Auditor General report for 2024.

These are summarized below:

4.2.1 Mandatory Roles

4.2.1.1 Report on the Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations

I Staff without Records at the Assembly. Ref. 4th Quarter Internal Audit Report

The Human Resource Manager indicated that files have been provided and updated now and verified by the District Internal Auditor

II. Nominal roll of the Assembly Not Updated

The District Internal Auditor informed the committee that the necessary updates have been done and verified.

III. Missing items at the Residence of the Hon. District Chief Executive – GHC 13,500.00 Ref. 1st Quarter Internal Audit Report

The Committee recommended that the missing items should be recovered within two (2) weeks.

IV. Two Motorbikes Not Handed Over (Safety Net) Ref. 1st Quarter Internal Audit Report

The District Internal Auditor indicated that all the said motorbikes have been retrieved from the said officers and that no further action is required

Operations of the DRIP Machines

Proceeds of the DRIP machines not lodged in gross into the Assembly's Accounts in Gross Ref. 1st Quarter Internal Audit Report

The District Coordinating Director informed the committee that the required internal controls have been put in place to avoid the recurrence of the anomaly

4.2.1.2 Auditor-General's Management Letter

Unsupported Payment - GHC 37,440.00

Extra Payment for Refuse Clearing and Evacuation GHC 30,000.00

The house recommended to Management to always write to Zoomlion before they execute this refuse clearing and evacuation, this should be use as a response to the external auditor.

Payment of allowance to DRIP machine operators without appointment letters – GHC 25,000.00

Payment without MP's approval- GHC60,643.00 Ref. parag.43-48

The memos have been approved by the member of parliament and verified by the Auditor General and the Internal Audit Unit. .

Offer of Financial Assistance to needy but brilliant students without involvement of Social Services Committee - GHC 7,600.00

District Finance Officer indicated that it has been rectified by the said committee and the appropriate measures put in place. The Chairman urged Management not to repeat the occurrence of the anomaly.

Fuel Purchases Not Accounted for – GHC 159,205.00

The Transport Officer indicated that all fuel purchased have been logged and the house insisted that they wanted verify by themselves.

4.2.1.3 Report on the Implementation of Recommendations from Public Accounts Committee

During the year under review, the Public Accounts Committee reviewed five (5) issues and all of the issues have been resolved.

4.2.1.4 Report on Financial Matters Raised in an Internal Monitoring Unit (where applicable)

Non applicable

4.2.2 Advisory Roles

4.2.2.1 Risk Management

The Committee urged management to embrace Enterprise Risk Management practices in the Assembly by putting in place

- i. Risk Management Team
- ii. Risk policy
- iii. Risk Register

4.2.2.2 Internal Control

The Committee admonished management to put in place effective Internal Controls regarding IGF collection and banking.

4.2.2.3 Compliance with laws, regulations and ethical standards

Through the direction of the Audit Committee, management organized training workshop on PFM ACT, 2016 Act, 921 for the staff of the Assembly.

4.2.2.4 Support to Internal Audit and other Monitoring Units as well as External Scrutiny

The committee urged management to provide Air conditioner, 2 laptops for the Internal Audit unit

4.2.3 Any Other Matters

4.2.4 Statement Showing the Status of Implementation of Recommendations Made in All Audit Reports as well as Parliament's Decision on the Auditor-General's Reports

The table below summarizes the total findings and recommendations made in all audit reports as well as Parliament's Decision on the Auditor-General's Reports.

Table 4: Status of Implementation of Recommendations Made in All Audit Reports

Report Type	Quarter	Title(s) of Report	Number of Findings in Reports	Related Areas of Infractions	Number of Recommendations Made	Implementation of Recommendation			Remarks
						Fully	Partially	Not	

Internal Audit Report	Q4 2024	Payroll and Human Resource	2	Human Resource	2	√		Fully implemented
	Q1 2025	Drip Machines and Handing Over Notes	5	Finance and Transport Officer	4	1		Fully implemented
	Q2 2025	IGF, Transport and fuel	3	Finance and Transport	3			Fully implemented
	Q3 2025	DACF, MPC F, PWDF, Contract Management/ Procurement	3	Finance and Procurement	3	√		Fully implemented
Auditor - General's Management Letter	2024MGT Letter from Jan, to Dec.	IGF AND ALL STATUTORY FUNDS	28	Cash management, procurement and contract	22	√		Management is in the process of resolving all the outstanding issues
PAC Report								
Internal Monitoring Report								
Recommendations from Previous Years								

The annual statements prepared by Head of Entity showing the status of implementation of audit recommendations is attached as appendices 1 to 3 to this report.

5. Savings from pursuit of implementation of recommendations

As a result of the Committee effort to ensure that Management of Juaboso District Assembly implement audit recommendations, a total of GHC 99,675.00 were saved for the Assembly and the country. The committee spends averagely GHC 6,200.00 on each meeting.

6. Challenges

The main challenge of this Committee is inadequate funding for timely meetings

7. Recommendations

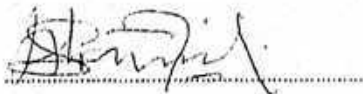
We recommend that Central Government takes over the funding of the committee activities to make it more independent.

8. Conclusion

The Audit Committee adequately discharged its role and responsibilities as contained in section 88 of the Public Financial Act, 2016 (Act 921) and the guidelines for effective functioning of Audit Committees. The Committee will continue to ensure the implementations of Audit recommendations, offer professional advice to improve on the operations of Juaboso District Assembly and ensure that Management is committed to improve risk management, internal controls, governance process and compliance with all regulation, Guidelines and policies.

9. Acknowledgements

The Audit Committee acknowledges the technical support it received from the Internal Audit Agency (IAA) and the financial support it received from the Juaboso District Assembly as well as the cooperation and assistance it received from the Internal Audit Unit and the staff of the Assembly in carrying out its mandate during the year under review.



SAMUEL KWAKU AHADZA
CHAIRMAN



FRANCIS TANDOH
SECRETARY

10. Approvals

Juaboso District Assembly

Name of Institution:

Name of Head of Covered Entity: Hon. Alexender Adu Quist

Designation of Head of Covered Entity: District Chief Executive

Signature:

Date:

Endorsed by Sector Minister, Ministry for Local government, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs

Name of Minister:

Hon. RITA NAA ODOKEY SOWAH

Designation: DEPUTY

DEPUTY

Minister of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development

Signature:

Date:

30-06-2026

HON. DEPUTY MINISTER
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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11. Appendices

Appendix 1: Status of Implementation of Recommendations Contained in the Internal Auditor's Report

NAME OF PUBLIC INSTITUTION: JUABOSO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY PERIOD: JANUARY 2025 TO DECEMBER 2025												
NAME OF AUDIT: QUARTERLY AUDIT												
REPORT TYPE: Internal Audit Recommendation												
Management Commitment Established					Remedial Action Taken							
Ref. No.	(a) Category of Audit finding /observa tion	(b) Title/short description of the audit finding /observation	(c) Amount (GHC) (if applicable)	(d) Auditors Recommend ation	(e) Categor y of audit Recomm endatio n	(f) Managem ent action	(g) Timelin e	(i) Responsib le Officer (Designati on of the person)	(j) Remedial Action Implemented (Evidence provided) and date	(k) Confirmation of evidence and date	(l) Amount recovered (GHC) (where applicable)	Status of Implemen tation and Remarks (if any)
4. QRT 2024 Internal Audit Report	Capital expenditure files	Staff without Records at the Assembly	N/A	We recommend to the HR Manager to contact the affected employees for their personal information and update their records on their	Administrative audit report	Management has initiated the affected staff to submit their personal information on their files	15/11/2025	HR	The affected staff has submitted their data, records, and their personal files updated successfully.	The audit report has been verified by the Auditor.	N/A	Completed

4 th QRT 2024 Internal Audit Report	Payroll irregulari ties	Nominal roll of the Assembly not updated	N/A	personals for our review..	Strength en internal control	The nominal roll has been updated	15/1/25	HR	The nominal roll has been updated	Evidence can be filed ote the HR's office	N/A	Fully implemen ted
Ref 1 QRT 2025	Stores irregulari ties	Missing Items at the residence of the Hon. District Chief Executive- GH¢13,500.0 0	GH¢13,50 0		Recover y of assets	All the items have been retrieved	30/4/20 24	DCD	All the items have been retrieved	15/5/25	GH¢13,500 .00	Fully Implemen ted

Ref. 1 st QRT 2025	Stores irregulari ties	Two motor bikes not handed over	N/A	We recommend to the DCD to as a matter of urgency retrieve the motorbikes from the officers whose names the motorbikes were issued to for the monitoring activity for our review	Recover y of assets	Managem ent has taken stringent measures to retrieve motorbike s and as well present them to the internal Audit Unit for verificatio n.	30/4/20 24	DCD	The 2 motorbikes have been returned	Assembly's premises	N/A	Fully implemen ted
Ref. 1 st QRT 2025	Impairing financial reporting	Proceeds from the Drip machines not lodge in the Assembly's account in gross	N/A	We recommend to management to i-Allocate special GCR to receive all revenues	Improve disclosure of financial reports	Manage ment has noted your recommen dation for complan ce though measures has already been put	31/7/20 24	District Coordinati ng Director	Separate GCR's have been allocated for DRIP activities	Evidenced in Costbook and GCR's	N/A	Fully implemen ted

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Ref. 1 st QRT 2025	Internal control weaknesses	I-DRIP MACHINE S not covered with Insurance and Road Worthy	N/A	effective utilization and monitoring of the machines.	We recommend to Management to write to Common Fund Secretariat to furnish the Assembly with all the necessary documents with regards to the machines to enable management	Management has written to the Minister of local government through Regional Coordinating council as a matter of urgency	Improvement in internal controls	Management has written to Common Fund secretariat for the documents covering the DRIP machines	15/01/2025	DCD	Letters to Common Fund Secretariat	N/A	Partially implemented
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Ref. 2* QRT 2025	Cash irregulari ties	Purchase of Fuel but not recorded in the Vehicles log books	GHC 128,410. 9	We recommend to management to ensure that the Transport Officer and the drivers account for the fuel purchased. As drivers should be trained on how to lodge fuel.	improve ment in disclosur es	The Transport Officer has been tasked to justify the fuel used by duly recording it in the vehicles log books and indicate what it was used for and submit same for your verificati on. The	15/01/2 5	Transport Officer	The fuel purchased have been duly logged	Vehicle log books be verified	GHC 128,410.9	Fully Implemen ted
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Ref. 2 nd QRT 2025	Internal control weakness 5	Third-party payments without Purchase Orders and Stores Receipt Vouchers attached to Payment Vouchers	GHC 131,882. 00	We recommend to the Procurement officer to print all the Purchase Orders (P.O) and Stores Received Vouchers (SRV) in relation to all	Improve internal financial control	The Procurement Officer has been tasked to print the affected Purchase Orders and Stores Receipt	15/01/2 5	Procurement Officer	Management has noted for compliance	Purchase orders and stores receipt vouchers have been attached	GHC 131,882.0 0	Fully implemen ted
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2 nd Quarter 2025	Ineligible expenditure	Payment without GIFMIS expenditure warrant	GHC2.12 0.00	We recommend to management to the Accountant to submit the memo for warrant.	Improvement in internal controls	The Accountant has been tasked to submit the affected payment for warrant.	15/01/25	Accountant	GIFMIS warrant has been generated	GIFMIS warrant attached to the payment voucher and been verified	GHC2.12 0.00	Fully implemented
		third party transactions and attach them to the payment vouchers with immediate effect for our review.			Improvement in internal controls	The Accountant has been tasked to submit the affected payment for warrant.	15/01/25	Accountant	GIFMIS warrant has been generated	GIFMIS warrant attached to the payment voucher and been verified	GHC2.12 0.00	Fully implemented
		Vouchers for your review.										

Ref. 3 rd QRT 2025	Internal control weakness	Payment to support the needy but brilliant students without the involvement of the Social Service Committee	GHC 54,017.81	We recommend to management to ensure the involvement of the Social Service Committee in the selection process and to attach minutes of the approval from the committee to the payment vouchers for our review.	Strength in internal control	The social welfare officer has been tasked to provide report to that effect	15/1/25	Social welfare Officer	Report have been provided to authenticate the payment	Report available at the social welfare department and be verified	GHC 54,017.81	Fully Implemen ted
Ref. 3 rd QRT 2025	Cost irregular ity	Payment Without Supporting Documents	GHC 27,200.00	We recommend to the District Finance Officer to	Strength in internal control	The necessary document ations has been attached	15/01/25	DFO	Management have not yet for completion	Evidence reviewed and verified by the Internal Auditor	GHC27,200.00	Fully implemen ted

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NB: To be used by public institutions for audit follow-up and to submit annual statement as required by Secs. 83(5)(e) and 88(1)(b) of Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921)

Appendix 2: Status of Implementation of Recommendations Contained in Auditor-General's / External Auditor's Management Letter

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Ref. No.	Management Commitment Established					Remedial Action Taken					
	(a) Category of Audit finding /observation	(b) Title/short description of the audit finding	(c) Amount (GHC) (if applicable)	(d) Auditors Recommendation	(e) Category of audit Recommendation	(f) Management action	(g) Timeline	(i) Responsible Officer (Designation)	(j) Remedial Action Implemented (Evidence)	(k) Confirmation of evidence and date	(l) Amount recovered (GHC) (where applicable)

		/observation						n of the person)	provided) and date			
Mgt letter from January to October 2024 IGF Pragh, 12-17	Internal control weakness	Un-gazetted By-Laws and Fee Fixing Resolutions	N/A	We urged the District Coordinating Director and the District Finance Office to ensure that the Assembly by-laws and its fee fixing resolutions are gazetted to provide legal backing for enforcement of revenue collections in the district and its environs.	Improvement of internal controls	Retrospective approval of the committee was sought	30/06/2025	DCD	The draft bye laws has been submitted to RCC for approval and consideration	Draft bye laws verified	N/A	Partially implemented
Mgt letter from January to October	Outstanding receivables	Uncollected Revenue	GHIC13 7.040.00	We recommended to management of the Assembly to recover the	Recovery of funds	Most of the under listed companies have collapsed, however management	30/06/2025	Finance Officer	The arrears of the existing companies have been collected	Cashbook and GCR verification done	\$1,835.00	Partially implemented

Mgt letter from January to October 2024 IGF Pragh, 36-41	Outstanding advances	Delayed Payment of salary to Temporal workers	GHC18, 397.50	We recommended to management to pay the temporal workers to relief them from their financial burden to avoid legal actions against the Assembly. failure of which the District Chief Executive, District Coordinating and District Finance Officer should be sanctioned.	Improvement in disclosure and timeliness of financial reports	Allocations has been made to pay all the arrears	30/06/2025	District Finance Officer/ district coordinating director	All the arrears have been paid	Payment vouchers verified	N/A	Fully implemented
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Mgt letter from January to October 2024 IGF Pragh, 42-47	Contract irregularities	Repair of Assembly grader without certificate of satisfactory work done	GHC33,940.00	We recommended to management to provide the certificate of satisfactory work done to authenticate the payment or the GHC33,940.00 should be recovered from the District Coordinating Director, Finance Officer and the Transport Officer into the Auditor-General Recoveries account no. 1018331470 015	Administrative process improvement	Certificate of satisfactory work done has been issued	30/06/2025	DCD	Certificate of satisfactory work done has been issued	Completion certificate verified	GHC33,940.00	Fully implemented
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2024 IGF Janu- ary- Octo- ber Prag h,48- --57	Cash irregularity	Unsubstantiated Payment-	GH¢140.913.54	We recommended to management to provide the monitoring reports on reshaping of the feeder roads and put in place internal control to ensure that fuel ledgers are kept by the fuel stations and the assembly to track all credit purchase of fuel for proper reconciliation by the assembly before making	Improvements of Internal Control	All the affected payment vouchers have been substantiated	30/06/2025	DFO	Payment vouchers have been acquired	Payment vouchers have been verified by auditors	GH¢140.913.54	Fully implemented
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Mgt letter from November	Internal control weakness	Poor Revenue Collection from permanent	GHC34,235.00	payments, failure of which the GH¢140,913.54 should be recovered from the DCE, DCD, DFO and the District works Engineer into the Auditor General's Recoveries Account No. 1018331470 015, with the Bank of Ghana, High Street, Accra and notify audit for verification.	Improvement of internal control	Targets will be set for the collectors	30/06/2025	DFO	Revenue targets	Collection have been improved	N/A	Fully implemented
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to December 2024 GF Pragma, 12-17	Cash irregularity	revenue collectors	GH¢192,000.00	revenue collectors and ensure that disciplinary actions are taken against non-performing collectors to enhance revenue mobilization in the District.	Improvement of Internal Control	Management stated that the required documents will be submitted to justify the payments.	30/06/2025	DCE	Payment have been substantiated	The needed documents have been attached and verified by the Auditors	GH¢192,000.00	Fully implemented
Mgt letter from November to December 2024 GF Pragma, 18-25		Payment for services not fully executed		We urged management of the the District Assembly to substantiate the payments, failing which the District Chief Executive, Hon. Mr. Godfred Kwabena								

Mgt letter for 2024 IGF Pragh,	Internal control weakness	Abandon Unserviceable Vehicles	N/A	We recommend that management should seek approval from the Ministry of	Improvement in internal controls	Management noted your recommendation for compliance	30/06/2025	DCD	Board of survey has submitted their report for review and consideration	Board of survey report verified	N/A	Implementation in progress
Aggyei who signed the contract should be held liable to refund the amount into the Auditor General's Recoveries Account No. 1018331470 015 with the Bank of Ghana. High street or Account No. 1011200005 912 with GCB Bank PLC, High street Accra.												

Mgt letter for 2024	Cash irregularities	Extra Payment for refuse clearing and evacuation	GH¢30,000.00	which the DCD and the DFO should refund the amount of GH¢37,440.00 into the Auditor – General's Recoveries Account No. 1018331470 015 with the Bank of Ghana, High Street, Accra for Audit verification.	extra/duplicated payment on the refuse evacuation or should refund the amount into the Auditor-General's Recoveries Account No.	GH¢30,000.00	Improvements of compliance	Management responded that, considering the timing it was imperative to clear and push the refuse to avoid	30/06/2025	DFO	Works substantiated	Evidence verified by auditors	GH¢30,000.00	Tully Implemented
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Mgt letter for 2024 draft	Ineligible expenditure	Payment of allowance to Drip Machine Operators without	GHC25,000.00	We urged management to ensure that the appointment letters of the 16 machine	Improvement of internal controls	Management acknowledged our observation for compliance	30/06/2025	DCD/DFO	Appointment letters has been given to the operators	Verification of appointment letters done	N/A	Fully implemented
				1018331470 015, with the Bank of Ghana, High Street, Accra for Audit verification.		serious health implications Notwithstanding, management explanation, the audit team is of the view Cby zoomlion Ghana Limited since the Assembly has contractual agreement with the company.						

25-30	Internal control weakness	Appointment letters	GH¢7.600	operators are provided to authenticate the payments or the authorizing officers should be held liable for any loss that may occur in payment of the allowances in future.	Improvement in internal controls	Management noted our recommendation for compliance	30/06/2025	SWDO	Report of SWDO obtained and verified	GH¢7.600	Fully Implemented
Mgt letter for 2024 dashboard, 31-37		Offer Financial Assistance to needy but brilliant students without involvement of Social Services Committee		We recommend that management should involve the Social Service Committee in the identification and selection process of the needy							

Mgt letter for 2024 draft, 38-49	Procurement irregularity	Fuel Purchase not accounted for	GHC159,205.00	We urged management to provide evidence of the fuel usage in the vehicle log books for verification, failing which the amount of GHC159,205.00 should be recovered from the DCD. Transport Officer and DFO and pay	Improvement of Internal Controls	Management responder that they have tasked the Transport Officer to ensure that the drivers logged all the fuel purchases and present the records for audit verification. However, as the time of our verification,	10/3/25	Procurement Officer/Engineer/DFO	The signed Distribution list has been submitted	Reviewed by IAU on 3/3/202	GHC159,205.00	Fully implemented
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Mgt letter for 2024 daf Prag h, 44-49	Internal control weakness	Items issued to communities without signed distribution list	GH¢17,498.96	into the Auditor-General's Recoveries Account No. 1018331470 015 with the Bank of Ghana, High Street Accra.	Internal control	no action has been taken by management.	10/1/25	Procurement officer	Signed distribution list obtained	Distribution list verified by internal auditors	GH¢17,498.96	Fully implemented
				We urge management to produce the signed distribution list to substantiate the payment or in default the DCE, DCD and DFO the storekeeper should be held liable to refund the total amount of GH¢17,498.96 in to the		In response to the findings, management provided a distribution list but our scrutiny of the document revealed that some of the recipient had no contact numbers, and with the similar signatures which cast						

Mgt letter for 2024 draft Pragh, 50-55	Internal control weakness	Disability Fund Management Committee not Properly Constituted	N/A	MP's Constituency Fund Account.	Improvement in internal control	Management noted our recommendations for compliance.	30/06/2025	DCD	The committee has been duly constituted	N/A	Fully implemented
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Mgt letter for 2024 daf Prag h, 56- 61	Contract irregularities	Award of contract to unqualified Suppliers	GHC305 .060.00	ensure transparency and accountability y.	Improvement in internal control	The prequalification documents has been obtained	30/ 06/ 202 5	DCD				Fully implemented
				We recommended to the management to provide the pre-qualification documents for audit review or the DCD, Chairman of the entity tender committee and the procurement officer who presided over the procurement process should be sanctioned in accordance								

Mgt letter for 2024	Stores irregularities	Unaccounted for agriculture materials	GH¢113,405.00	with section 51 of public procurement [Amendment] Act, 2016 of Act 914 to forestall future occurrence.	We urged management to provide names of the beneficiaries, quantity of seedlings and materials supplied to each farmer and the farm locations for audit verification or the DCIE the District Planning officer and the District Agric Director	Recovery of assets	Management responder that the distribution list is available but could not produce the distribution list for verification.	30/6/25	Management noted recommendation for compliance	Reports of the services available and has been verified by Auditors	GH¢113,405.00	Fully implemented
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Mgt letter for 2024 dact Prag h, 12- 19	Cash irregularities	Unsubstantiated Payments	GHC43,000.00	should be sanctioned in line with section 96 of the PFM Management Act, 2016 [Act 921].	We recommend to management to provide justification for the payment, or the amount of GHC43,000.00 should be recovered from the District Chief Executive, the DCD and the DFO into the Auditor-General's Recoveries Account	Management indicate that, they are not happy with the use of the word fictitious by the audit team because the logistics were used to support the election by the DCE and the transactions were carried out by him. Management further									Fully implemented
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Mgt letter for 2024	Cash irregularities	Fuel Purchases not accounted for	GHC86,967.00	number 1011200005 912 with the GCB Bank PLC, High Street, Accra and notify the audit team for verification.	responder that, the DFO and the assistant Director who wrote the memo testified to that effects.						Fully implemented
2024				We recommend that, the DCE, DCD and the DFO should account for the fuel for verification or should be held liable to refund the GHC86,967.00 into the Auditor General's Recoveries Account No.10183314 70015 with	Management responder that the transport Officer has logged all the fuel purchased in the log books and are available for audit verification. but failed to provide the books for verification.						

Mgt letter for 2024 dacf Pragh, 47-52	Contract irregularities	Delayed Projects	GHG2.21 2,541.60	We recommended to management to adopt proper contract management practices by prioritizing the Assembly Funds to ensure that on-going or the delayed /abandoned projects are completed before new ones are awarded to avoid potential wastage and abuse of the taxpayers money.		Administrato r of the DACF										Partially implemented
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Mgt letter for 2024 daf Prag h, 53-59	Contract irregularities	Failure to supply required sanitation equipment	GHC65,461.52	We recommended to the District Chief Executive and District Coordinating Director to demand delivery of the outstanding equipment from zoomlion Ghana Limited or recover the proportion amount of GHC65,461.52 for the fees paid for the unsupplied equipment to the Assembly.	Management stated that they have written to Zoomlion Ghana Limited but the situation remained unchanged.					Partially implemented
Mgt letter for 2024 daf Prag h,	Contract irregularities	Source Deduction from DACE	GHC551,212.47	We recommended to management to write officially to the Administrator						Not implemented

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service
provider
supplies or
replaces the
damaged
containers
and repair
trucks to
enhance the
sanitation
situation in
the District.

Mgt letter for 2024 daf Prag h, 67-73	Internal control weakness	Damaged DRIP Concrete Mixture	We recommended to management to hold the driver Mr. Bernard Fuchie accountable and ensure that the equipment is repaired immediately and used for its intended purpose or should be held liable for any loss that may occur	Management noted the recommendation for compliance and added that they have contacted Plant Pool Company in respect of the maintenance and servicing of the DRIP machines					Not implemented
Mgt letter for 2024 daf Prag h, 74-80	Internal control weakness	Unregistered and uninsured equipment	We urged management to advise with the Local Government Ministry through the Regional Coordinating Council to	Management noted our recommendation for compliance and also indicated to liaise with the Ministry of Local					Not implemented

Management Commitment Established					Remedial Action Taken							
Ref. No.	(a) Category of Audit finding /observation	(b) Title/short description of the audit finding /observation	(c) Amount (GHC) (if applicable)	(d) Auditors Recommendation	(e) Category of audit Recommendation	(f) Management action	(g) Timeline	(i) Responsible Officer (Designation of the person)	(j) Remedial Action Implemented (Evidence provided) and date	(k) Confirmation of evidence and date	(l) Amount recovered (GHC) (where applicable)	Status of Implementation and Remarks (if any)
721-724	Contract irregularities	Abandoned/Delayed projects-	GHC1,200,538.34	We recommended to management to ensure that priority is given to the abandoned or delayed projects before new ones are awarded to avoid situations where funds are locked up unnecessarily	Recovery of assets	Management has prioritized the completion of the affected projects. All the projects have been budgeted under the legacy projects provisions	June 2026	DCD	Three projects have been completed and handed over, the remaining three projects are in their completion stages	The project site has been visited by the Auditors	N/A	Action in progress

736-739	Ineligible expenditure	Fuel not accounted for-	GHC 43,000.00	We recommend recovery of the amount from the DCD and the DFO	Recovery of funds	The needed documents which serves as evidence has been provided to justify the expenditure	June 2025	DCD/DFO	The Auditors have verified the documents and are satisfied	N/A	Fully implemented
744-748	Contract irregularities	Non-supply and replacement of sanitation equipment	N/A	We recommend that the Management of the Assemblies involved should pursue ZGL to supply the outstanding equipment and also repair or replace the	Recovery of assets	Several letters have been sent to the ZGL for the supply of the equipment	June 2025	DCD			Not implemented

	broken down refuse truck and containers, failing which the ADACF should be notified to suspend payments to the Company until the anomalies are addressed. We also recommend to Management to ensure that subsequent revised agreements should include pricing of individual deliverables for ease of appointing
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591-594	Outstanding receivables	Uncollected revenue -	GHC - 126,000.00	We recommend to that Management of the Assembly to take the necessary steps, including legal action, to recover the amount of GHC - 126,000.00 from the defaulters.	Improvement in internal control	Most of the under listed companies have collapsed, however management have been able to collect the arrears of the existing companies	June 2025	DCD/DFO	The arrears of the existing companies have been collected	Verified by the Auditors	81,835.9	Partially implemented
595-598	Internal control weakness	Insufficient revenue collection -	GHC 124,472.68	We recommend to Management of the Assembly to	Improvement in internal control	Targets have been set for all the collectors and	June 2025	DFO	Revenue mobilization has improved	Targets verified Auditors	N/A	Fully implemented

643-646	Internal control weakness	Abandoned vehicles	N/A	revenue targets by collectors and ensure that remuneration and paid commensurate with their collections to prevent losses to the Assembly. We also recommended that non-performing revenue officers be sanctioned.	Internal control improvement	Board of survey has been set to recommend to management on the actions be taken on	June 2025	DCD	Report of board of survey available for consideration	Report of the Board of survey is available and been verified by the Auditors	N/A	Action in progress
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3. Inaccurate Financial Reporting	1		1		1			0%	
4. tax irregularities	-	0							
4. Ineligible expenditure	2	27,120.00	0	0%	2		100%	0	0%
5. Internal control weakness	13	245,233.77	4	30.7%	7		53%	2	15%
6. Outstanding debtors/advances	3	159,727.50	1	33%	2		66.7%	0	0%
7. Outstanding Loan									
11. Payroll Irregularities	2	0	0	0%	2		100%	0	0%
stores	4	286,110	1	25%	3		75%	0	0%
12. Rent payment Irregularities									
Others	1	551,202.47	1	0%	1		100%	0	0
TOTAL	41	4,458,567.76	8	16.28	28		72.09	5	11.63

Appendix 5 : - Audit Recommendations Implementation Status

Nation-wide – Audit Issues resolved									
Category of Recommendation	Audit Issues		Resolution						
	Number	Amount (if applicable)	Number Not resolved	Amount (if applicable)	Number Partially resolved	Amount (if applicable)	Number Fully resolved	Amount (if applicable)	
1.Recovery of funds/assets						20,000.00	4	30,000.00	
2.Administrative process improvement					13	5,000.00	2	3,000.00	
3.Fine/penalty imposed on public officers									
4.Submission of audit evidence									
5.Improvement in disclosures and timeliness of financial reports									
6.Referral to the Anti-Corruption Bodies									
7.Improvement of internal controls									
8.Sanctions against procedural lapses									
9. Others									

Please refer to the tables below for guidance

Table 5: Category of Audit Finding/Observation

Category of Audit Finding/Observation	Definition/Interpretation
a. Cash Irregularities	Cash irregularities refer to all cash management and treasury-related audit findings/observations identified in the audit report. The infractions under this category include un-acquitted payment vouchers (PVs), and payments made without appropriate and sufficient audit evidence among others.
b. Contract irregularities	This category involves infractions relating to contract management. This includes failure to enforce contract terms and undertaking unauthorized contracts among others.
c. Inaccurate Financial Reporting	This includes the preparation of financial reports not in line with the Public Financial Management Act, its regulations and IPSAS as adopted by the Controller and Accountant-General. It includes non-disclosure and improper reporting of material financial transactions, events, and balances among others.
d. Ineligible expenditure	An ineligible expenditure is an expenditure not in accordance with the public institution's approved budget, work plan, programme of work, financing agreement or applicable laws and regulations governing the activities of that institution.
e. Internal control weakness	These infractions bother internal control not addressing the risk for which it was designed and ineffectiveness such as poor supervision, lack of segregation of duties, poor access controls, and lack of review and reconciliation of transactions among others.
f. Outstanding advances/receivables	This comprises unrecovered advances made by public institutions to their staff as well as overdue debts from other institutions. It also includes advances without bank guarantees given to contractors who have abandoned work, or advances with a bank guarantee for which the guarantee could not be enforced.
g. Outstanding Loans	This comprises audit findings/observations related to overdue loans procured by public institutions. The infractions under this category include overdue payments to suppliers among others.
h. Payroll Irregularities	This refers to irregularities in the payment of salaries or compensations to employees whether in active employment or retired.

i. Rent payment Irregularities	This refers to irregularities relating to the rental and management of properties in respect of the work of public institutions. It includes outstanding rent due from staff; non-deduction of rent from staff income among others.
j. Stores/Procurement irregularities	This refers to irregularities in the procurement and management of goods, works, services and stores. It includes sidestepping procurement procedures, use of inappropriate procurement methods, inappropriate custody of goods, and stores management irregularities among others.
k. Tax Irregularities	Tax irregularities refer to all tax-related audit findings/observations identified in the audit report. The infractions under this category include outstanding withholding taxes; failure to withhold taxes; failure to charge VAT on taxable supplies; application of wrong tax rates among others.

Table 6: Category of Audit Recommendation

Category of Audit Recommendation	Definition/Interpretation
a. Administrative process improvement	These are recommendations relating to the request for administrative action or advice for process improvement
b. Fine/penalty imposed on public officers	These are recommendations relating to the payment of money or imprisonment as a punishment for an offence.
c. Improvement of internal controls	These are recommendations relating to the correction or enhancement of existing internal controls such as segregation of duties, improvement in supervision and authorisation among others.
d. Improvement in disclosures and timeliness of financial reports	These are recommendations relating to proper financial reporting in compliance with the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) and its regulations, IPSAS and other standards adopted by CAGD.
e. Recovery of funds/assets	These are recommendations relating to the request for a person to return an asset or money as a refund or retrieval
f. Referral to Anti-Corruption Bodies	These are recommendations relating to corruption and corruption-related offences referred to the appropriate bodies such as OSP, EOCO, CHRAJ, and NIB among others
g. Sanctions against procedural lapses	These are recommendations relating to the application of sanctions or punishment.
h. Submission of audit evidence	These are recommendations relating to the timely submission of requested documents and responses during an audit.
i. Others	These are recommendations not mentioned in any category above.