The companies made the observation at separate events to mark this year's World Malaria Day at Tetron in the Amanzimotu West District and Obuasi, both in the Ashanti Region.

At Tetron, Asanko held its event, the acting General Manager, Mr Shadrack Anin, said the firm had commissioned the Vector Control Unit of DeLloyds Limited to undertake a baseline Malaria study in its operation areas.

He said the scientific research would inform the basis for future comprehensive malaria control programmes in the communities.

Scientific Study

Mr Anin said the study, which cost about $15,000, was expected to be completed by the third quarter of this year.

"Contributing to the sustainable development of our host communities remains a core corporate social responsibility of Asanko Gold Ghana Limited and we will continue to play this role for the years ahead of us," he said.

He said the company's annual participation in the World Malaria Day showed its caring and committed nature as outlined in its core values.

The District Director of Health Services, Mr Bernard Dadako, said the prevalence rate in the Amanzimotu West had increased from 4.6% per cent in 2013 to 45 per cent in 2018.

He indicated, however, that there had been no deaths because of malaria within Obuasi, the AngloGold Ashanti Malaria Control Limited (AGAMAL) had provided jobs to the teeming youth through spraying and distribution of mosquito nets.

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He said the initial target was to reduce malaria reported cases by 50% in the first two years which was exceedingly met at a reduction of 74% in two years since its introduction.

He said the AGA Malaria Control Unit is currently conducting a spraying exercise in 16 District in Ghana and has already sprayed the entire Upper West Region, 3 Districts in the Upper East region and 2 Districts in Ashanti region which are Obuasi Municipal and Obuasi East District with support from the Global Fund, linking IRS and AngloGold Ashanti.

"At this moment in our development history, it has become necessary for us to cherish the contribution of mining and energy to our economy," he said.

Dr Adam said the goal of moving Ghana to the height of economic independence had proven to be even more dependent on reliable energy to propel industry and transform Ghana into an advanced industrial economy.

"This is why the government has worked tirelessly for the past two years to ensure that the availability of energy, in form or in fuel, is given the much-needed attention it deserves in the strategic planning of our country," he said.

He said energy was critical to a nation’s economy, adding that "the key elements of adequate, reliable and cost-effective electricity supply to industry are not lost on us as a government and the need for the industrial sector to industrialize, we need to create
Asanko Gold promotes literacy through reading, comprehension competition

Asanko Minors to extend the exercise to cover the initial 10 beneficiary schools of the first phase of the program. He further explains that "the literacy enhancement project will arrest the fallen standards in education in the Amansie West and South districts through the reading competitions to revive yesteryear's interest in reading, to improve literacy and educational outcomes in general."

MINeworkers commended for contributing to economic growth

Management of the Ghana Mineworkers’ Union has commended the contributions of members for the past 75 years through sustained mining activities in supporting the country’s economic growth.

The commendation was in a statement signed by Prince William Ankrah, the General Secretary of the Union, and copied to the Ghana News Agency in Accra, to mark this year’s May Day celebration.

Mr Ankrah said the year’s celebration was special as the Union would roll out a number of activities to mark the 75th Anniversary.

"In a show of appreciation to the hardworking miners, members of the Union will be hosted to a special get-together with special anniversary souvenirs to be won in a raffle draw, which would include raffle prizes and special anniversary souvenirs to be shared in addition to the students’ zeal and output in the reading competition.

He explained that CODE’s “Reading Ghana” forms a key component of the Asanko Opportunity Cycle and complements other projects in the fields of healthcare, skills training and financial literacy.

I am urging the implementing partners that are Ghana Book Trust, Canadian Based CODE and my own firm to mark this year’s celebration to call on government to take the right leadership, needed political will and unprecedented infrastructure investment in the mining areas, was the establishment of the Minerals Development Initiative, coupled with the needed political will and the right leadership.

Ghanaians can be assured of an unprecedented infrastructure development and many positive changes in the mining towns. We have lamented enough over the horrid infrastructure delinquency in the mining towns, let’s move beyond the talk.”

Mr Ankrah said the Union, as part of its integrated plan for accelerating the execution of major projects, especially the road networks in the mining communities. Under the PSI, the Government could, as a matter of urgency, make a special arrangement to encourage Public Private Partnerships to address the infrastructure challenges in the mining towns.

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Iduaprem Donates Teaching and Learning Materials to Host Community Schools

The Chamber of Mines and Energy has donated teaching and learning materials to host community schools in the Tarkwa-Nsuaem Municipality. The donation is part of the Chamber of Mines and Energy's (MDE) initiative to support education in mining communities. The items donated include textbooks, laboratory equipment, kitchen sets for practical sessions, and play items for children. The donation is expected to assist the pupils in their studies and help improve the quality of teaching and learning in the beneficiary schools.

Minerals Development Fund board inaugurated

The maiden board of the Minerals Development Fund (MDF) was inaugurated with a charge on its members to take immediate steps to complete stalled projects under the fund. The MDF was set up to provide development projects for mining communities that have been negatively affected by mining activities. The board is expected to leverage funds from mining royalties, the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA), and other sources to complete stalled projects and ensure that the key stakeholders get their benefits.

Chamber constructs essential Mechanised Water System for Ullo SHS

Students and staff of the Ullo Senior High School (USSHS) in the Jirapa District of the Upper East Region have commended the Chamber of Mines and Energy for the commissioning of a mechanised water system for the school. The water system is expected to provide a reliable source of potable water for the students and staff, and was funded by the Chamber of Mines.

Chamber donates medical equipment to Bimbilla Government Hospital

The Chamber of Mines and Energy has donated medical equipment to the Bimbilla Government Hospital. The donation is expected to complement the hospital's existing resources and assist in improving the quality of care provided to patients.
'Government repositioning mining sector for economic growth' - Amin Adam

Addressing challenges
The Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Chamber of Mines, Dr Amin Adam, noted that the nation’s top position among resource endowment countries to drive investment and economic growth is imperative because of recent reports on the country’s top position among mining producing countries.

The government, he explained, was pursuing progressive policies and programmes to transform the mineral economy and accelerate the development of the country by repositioning the two sectors to drive investment and business opportunities.

"This is even more essential to an economic intensive sector such as the mining industry. Our desire to harness linkages opportunities and value addition to our minerals, that is, gold, bauxite, and aluminium, will be backed by an economic approach that takes into consideration the need for reliable and cost-effective forms of power and fuel," he said.

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Mineral revenue is typically computed as a percentage of gross mineral revenue and is one of the main drivers of the country’s economic growth. It is also a significant source of government revenue, with the country’s top mining companies accounting for 14% of the total amount of funds spent on public services.

The summit, which focused on the mining and energy sectors of the economy, was attended by government officials, mining companies, and civil society organisations.

The President of the Ghana Chamber of Mines, Mr Eric Adobonyo, said the mining sector had played a critical role in the nation’s industrialisation drive and the industrialisation drive and the national development agenda.

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KONEY: And also the
Chamber of Mines is
actively
talking about
gold issues.
KONEY: There are many things.
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our portal which we devised
on our website - a
local content portal. It talks all
about the opportunities in
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Idiapriem Retains Operational Excellence Award

Idiapriem Mine pushes for local content; offers more jobs to host communities

BERNARD: Sulemanu Koney is the Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Chamber of Mines, and Operational Excellence. These achievements picked the Award for Best Performer in Production delivering an All-in-Sustaining Cost (AiSC) of Forecast Accuracy and bettering the Budget for the Vegetable Cooperative and Piggery the Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal business partners to address both the I duapriem was working Denominational Thanksgiving category; 112 are men and 4 women. employed are in the unskilled job fairness and transparency in Service, Mr Jasper Musadaidzwa, the Iduapriem’s annual Thanksgiving members of the host communities at the beginning of 2019, following the implementation of its Community Project last year.

BERNARD: I am going to ask why mining towns look the way they do? Naturally, we have not debated about it. We have always compare your Gold Fields in Obuasi; Tarkwa, value that they have undergone transformation, but it doesn’t work much like that. What we need is a plan. We are quite happy with the Mineral Development Fund, although there is something we have actually seen mining is a foreign industry and general industry. I learnt from your overall verdict in your view on mining, by taxes and royalties, about 30%. The fiscal is not the government? BERNARD: But who is the government?

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Prof. Frimpong-Boateng inaugurates "Galamstop" Taskforce

The event brought together participants from various districts and municipalities, namely Denkyira, Obuasi, Reony in the Ashanti Region, Fanteakwa South and Ahanta Southwest, to discuss ways to combat illegal mining activities.

In a speech, Prof. Frimpong-Boateng said the government was committed to ensuring that people did not carry out illegal mining activities in water bodies.

"We are also using drones to gather more information on activities of illegal miners.

In addition, the Ghana Chamber of Mines will pay courtesy calls on the CEOs of the Minerals Commission and The Ghana Revenue Authority.

The award ceremony, organised by the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Ghana, also recognised other corporate and individual initiatives and entrepreneurs for their immense contributions to job creation and Ghana’s economy.

George Awuah-Boateng under Mr. Akwasi Addo’s leadership, has distinguished itself as a frontrunner in the mining industry in advocating for a realistic fiscal and regulatory regime based on the various career opportunities shared by US based programmes that promote the pursuit of education and developing a strong and varied background in both technical and managerial competencies.

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Speaking about the initiative, Senior Director for Communications and External Relations, Abohke Amahwamah, said, "Although not everyone has been able to do so, it has helped maintain blood pressure, prevented kidney damage and helps with proper nutrition.

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They visited a member from Golden Star, George Boateng, who had just joined the company as a member of the technical team.

"The medical team concluded.

For his part, the Managing Director of Newmont Goldcorp Ghana, George Awuah-Boateng, reiterated Golden Star’s commitment to work with stakeholders in the mining industry to advocate for a realistic fiscal and regulatory regime based on value addition to the economy.

According to Mr. Wray, the new CEO has been considered for male domination. Over the years, efforts have been made to increase female representation in the industry.

"Contributing to this effort, Newmont Goldcorp Ghana in line with its inclusion values and National Corporate Social Responsibility,” said Prof. Boateng, "To make the pursuit of education and developing a strong and varied background in both technical and managerial competencies.

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"Upon these, he had had a solid start to 2019 with our Wassa operations, and are an effort on our part to ensure that our Wassa team is on track to make our Wassa operations come up to full potential.

"I am therefore happy to see this initiative happening in the mining sector and hope that we’ll do a tremendous job in making sure that these initiatives impact positively on our mining communities.

For his part, the Managing Director of Newmont Goldcorp Ghana, George Awuah-Boateng, reiterated Golden Star’s commitment to work with stakeholders in the mining industry to advocate for a realistic fiscal and regulatory regime based on value addition to the economy.

Abohke Amahwamah, said, “Although not everyone has been able to do so, but thanks to this well-structured programme, they have been diagnosed and referred for further treatment.”

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The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (MLNR) has pledged total support for the process of building consensus and working to expedite the enactment of Regulations for the Mineral Development Act, 2016 (Act 912). Mr. Kwaku Asomah-Cheremeh, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, who made the pledge in a keynote address delivered on his behalf at a National Conference on the Mineral Development Act Fund (MDAF), held in Accra on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, noted that the legislation had become most important for the effective implementation of the law and for the transformation into action of the mandate of the Mineral Development Fund (MDF).

Mr. Asomah-Cheremeh noted that apart from the absence of Regulations - which has been identified as a key challenge to the implementation of the Act - there were also a number of key obstacles including the absence of multi-stakeholder MDF Fund investment infrastructure; the weaknesses and challenges associated with mineral royalties and taxes; cash and account management; road safety issues, mining security, and the need for a comprehensive national strategy for implementing the Act.

The conference, which was a follow-up to the first National Conference on the MDAF held in June last year, was intended to provide a platform for stakeholders to discuss, endorse, and make recommendations on the need for a comprehensive national strategy for implementing the Act and its associated Regulations.

The conference was also intended to build on the consensus which was reached during the conference on the Legislative Instrument (LI) to amend Act 921. The LI was prepared and submitted to Cabinet, which approved it for publication in the Gazette. It is expected to be published in the Gazette in the coming weeks.

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