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BACKGROUND
Stakeholder collaboration and networking are key elements to achieving the SFMP goal of rebuilding marine fishery stocks. Exchange visits is an activity that is done annually for women groups working under Central and Western Fishmongers Improvement Association (CEWEFIA), Development Action Association (DAA) and DAASGIFT Quality Foundation (DQF) collaborating with SFMP to meet and share ideas and experiences in their work. This year is no exception as the activity had already been planned. With DAASGIFT being out of the project, the other two organizational heads met with DAASGIFT CEO to discuss and plan for the next exchange visit for the women groups. These exchange visits usually help the women groups to share ideas and experiences and also to network better for improvement in their processing activities.

1.1 Objectives
- To discuss and plan for the next exchange visit.
- To visit the women groups in DAASGIFT operational communities.

1.2 Expected outcomes

OUTCOMES
The meeting was held on 18th August 2017; and it was very successful. The Executive Director of Daasgift confirmed the information that she would no longer partake in the project but promised her continual support to the other two organizations in carrying out project activities. She also promised to organize her women groups for any activities that DAA and CEWEFIA may want to involve them in.

The three organizations further engaged in a familiarization tour of the Daasgift communities and interacted with some of the women groups.

The team encountered flood at Ankobra. Most of the women lost their homes because they lived close to the lagoon which claimed about half of the community. The Ewe community and other migrant fish processors were totally displaced. Their ovens, sheds and other wares were destroyed. So the team visited the people who had accommodated the displaced persons and thanked them.

Subsequently, the team made contact with the regional minister and NADMO to manage the situation. The director of NADMO promised to provide relief items to the victims. The team also pleaded with the traditional authority and opinion leaders to provide land for the displaced migrants.

At Axim, the team met with the leaders of NAPFTA to discuss the next exchange visit and how it would be organized.

CONCLUSIONS
The team decided to follow up on the issues they encountered in the Ankobra community

WAY FORWARD
The three organization’s agreed to set a date for the exchange visit for their women groups and the number of persons to select for the activity.