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Cover photo: The Executive Director of cewefia given his opening address during the sensitization meeting at sekondi. (Picture credit Mr Smith, cewefia)

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INTRODUCTION

Stakeholder involvement is crucial to the attainment of project goals. Experience and interaction with fisherfolks along the coast in the Central and Western Region of Ghana has informed the decision of CEWEFIA widening its scope in finding solutions to the Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing and improvement of post-harvest activities. Illegal Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) has become the major challenge along the coast which requires all stakeholders to be on deck to seek for the solution. Hence, the need to replicate some interventions and involve fisherfolks of Sekondi and Ngyresia.

METHODOLOGY

The method of communication was presentations and discussions. Participatory approach was used for the meeting where the participants had the opportunity to ask questions and contributed immensely to show their commitment to the project.

Outcome

The purpose of this sensitization meeting was to increase constituencies to support in rebuilding the fisheries which is near collapse.

A total of 104 were present, including 30 males and 74 females. In attendance were the Chief of Ngyresia, Queen mother of Essikado, Chief fishermen from Sekondi, Essikado, and Ngyresia together with their Deputies and Secretaries. Also in attendance were the Konkohembaa from Sekondi, Essikado and Ngyresia. Government Officials from the Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly, Assemblymen from Yensuado, Essikado and Ngyresia Electoral Areas and other important personnel captured on the participants' lists attended the meeting including Implementing Partners among others.

The representative of Ghana Education Service; Sekondi Metropolitan Assembly (Mr Ebenezer Tawiah) added his voice that he will ensure that fisheries would be added to the Education syllabus in the basic schools for children to be equipped with the requisite skills to avoid overexploitation of fish in the future.

It is anticipated that stakeholder contributions would translate into their support for the project and to also help in achieving the overall project goal.

CONCLUSION/ WAY FORWARD

Stakeholders after promising their support for the project were informed by CEWEFIA that they would be included in the implementation of project activities directly and indirectly. It is hoped that post-harvest activities would have a greater impact at Sekondi.

Below are some pictures



Figure 1 A Section of Participants at the Sensitization Event



Figure 2 Executive Director of CEWEFIA addressing participants