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Subject : CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN THE WESTERN REGION

I make reference to my Press Release of 13th April, 2020 on the Western Region's first recorded COVID-19 case on Sunday 12th April, 2020, and regret to formally inform the good people of the Region, that eight (8) new cases have been recorded as at date as follows:

- Five (5) males and three (3) females who are all Ghanaians
- Seven (7) out of the cases are symptomatic (i.e showed no signs of any illness -cough, headache, higher body temperature, etc)
- Two of the cases are from Axim in the Nzema East Municipality and the rest of the 6, come from the Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolis.
- None of them travelled out of the Region in the past 14days.

- Six (6) of them had travel history prior to the closure of the country's borders (3 from the USA, 1 FROM Belgium, 1 from UK and the other 1 from Obuasi in the Ashanti Region).
- Five (5) of the seven (7) were among those who travelled into the country in March and were tracked.
- It means 6 representing 75% of the 8 cases were imported into the Western Region.

Resulting from this, a total of nine (9) people made up of six (6) males and three (3) females have tested positive for COVID-19 in the Western Region.

Nananom, we can stop the spread of the virus if we will respect the Protocols and directives that are in force.

End of Quarantine at Coastal Quarry

Regarding the first case involving the Chinese national at Coastal Quarry in the Shama District, the public is hereby informed that all the quarry workers who have been quarantined have completed the 14 recommended days (2 incubation days) quarantine; and have not developed any sign or symptom of the diseases.

All the results of their tests are Negative. The Chinese national at the quarry has also tested negative and therefore, COVID-19-free.

They have therefore ended the quarantine, and I commend them highly for their co-operation. I salute them all.

Nevertheless, a second sample will be taken after the quarantine to make assurance, doubly sure.

Members of the public should therefore take note and co-operate when it becomes necessary to undertake contact tracing and mandatory quarantine,

because these are part of precautionary measures to stop the transmission of the virus.

There should therefore be NO STIGMATISATION! Besides, much as we must eliminate the virus, contracting it is not a death sentence.

Please stay home, wear your mask when you go out, and endeavour to comply with all the protocols and the Presidential Directives.

Stay safe as Government, through the Health Authorities and the Security Agencies confront the virus.

Thank you.



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