

# Manhyia South Parliamentary Primaries

## Evidence from Science & Data

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## Introduction

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On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008, the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the National Democratic Congress unanimously endorsed Hon. John Dramani Mahama, MP for Bole-Bamboi as the running mate to Professor John Evans Atta Mills (MHS\_RIP) for the 2008 Presidential Elections, at an emergency meeting in Accra. Hon. Joseph Akati Saaka replaced him in parliament after being elected by the party in the Bole-Bamboi constituency.

Last Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2024, the NEC of New Patriotic Party (NPP) also unanimously approved the nomination of Hon. Matthew Opoku Prempeh (NAPO), MP for Manhyia South as the running mate to Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia for the 2024 Presidential Elections, at an emergency meeting in Accra. This has created the opportunity for a befitting replacement to be elected by the party at the constituency come Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2024.

## Five (5) key facts about Manhyia South Constituency

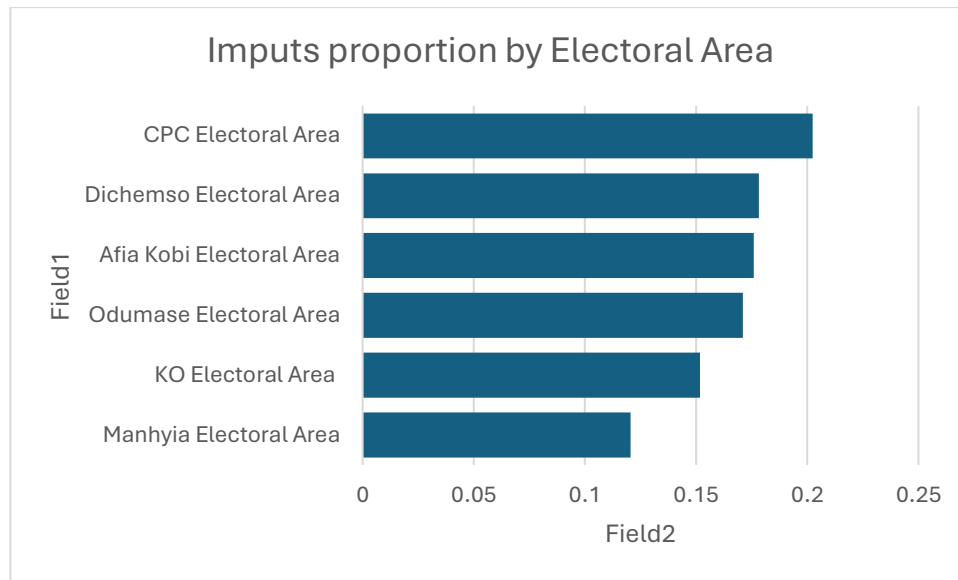
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- Manhyia South is a stronghold of the ruling New Patriotic Party (NPP). In political literature, strongholds are constituencies where the winning party wins with more than 70% of the votes cast for that election.
- Manhyia South is a highly literate constituency with Literacy rate of 90% (Above the National Average of 69.77%)
- Manhyia South is 90% Akan by tribe, 90% Christian by religion with over 50% of residents being service & sales workers.
- Six (6) out of the 108 Polling Stations in Manhyia South are usually won by NDC with three (3) polling stations voting Skirt & Blouse. The Six (6) NDC dominated polling stations include **Roxy Cinema Alabar 2, A. E. Bakery Alabar, Khairiya Mosque Alabar, Cash Money Brothers Alabar, Malam Ibrahim Masalachie, and Los Angels Alabar**. The three (3) polling stations which voted Skirt & Blouse in 2020 include **Kontoase** (Prez but not Parl), **Manhyia Local Prison Inmates** (Prez but not Parl) and **Watania Islamic School Alabar** (Parl but not Prez).
- Average voter turnout for Manhyia South is 82.7%

## Research Design

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- Sampling technique – Purposive (Delegates only)
- Sample Size – 415 (72% of delegates)
- Duration – 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## Findings

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In trying to understand the choice of delegates in respect of a replacement for Dr. Prempeh, the study used three acceptable indicators ie. Most Unifier, Most Visible and Best Personality. It is a well held assumption that in a political representation, the person seen by a delegate to be a unifier, visible and has the best personality is likely to win his/her votes.

From the only table below,

- **Nana Agyei Baffour Awuah** secured the highest rating on all three essential criteria. He is seen as most UNIFIER by 72.5% of delegates, most VISIBLE by 73.3% with **73.5% of delegates judging him to be the BEST REPLACEMENT of Dr. Prempeh.**
- **Owusu Afriyie Prempeh** is seen as a UNIFIER by 21.4% of delegates, VISIBLE by 20.7% with **20.5% of delegates judging him to be the BEST REPLACEMENT of Dr. Prempeh.**
- **Akwasi Coker Gyambibi** is seen as a UNIFIER by 0.5% of delegates, most VISIBLE by 0.5% with **0.5% of delegates judging him to be the BEST REPLACEMENT of Dr. Prempeh.**

- **It is worthy of NOTE that** none of the delegates I engaged had envisaged the entry of Mr. James Owusu Boakye into the race as at close of data collection. For the avoidance of doubt, Mr. James Owusu Boakye scored no point in all three criteria. Personalities like Kingsley Bobsu- Kyeretwie and Kwabena Addo Amankwah were expected by some delegates to join the race but could not file for the contest.
- **Delegates who were uncertain (Other)** as at data collection period were up to 5.5%

<b>MOST UNIFIER</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Nana Agyei Baffour Awuah	301	72.5
Owusu Afriyie Prempeh	89	21.4
Other	23	5.5
Akwasi Coker Gyambibi	2	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>MOST VISIBLE</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Nana Agyei Baffour Awuah	304	73.3
Owusu Afriyie Prempeh	86	20.7
Other	23	5.5
Akwasi Coker Gyambibi	2	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>BEST REPLACEMENT</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Nana Agyei Baffour Awuah	305	73.5
Owusu Afriyie Prempeh	85	20.5
Other	23	5.5
Akwasi Coker Gyambibi	2	.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## **Conclusion**

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All other things being equal, **Nana Agyei Baffour Awuah** is expected to win the Manhyia South NPP parliamentary primaries by not less than 70% of the delegates votes come 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

