



STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN JOMORO MUNICIPAL

Eduwatch observes with concern the government's decision to establish a College of Education in Jomoro Municipal. The decision appears strategically misaligned and lacks empirical justification, given the following:

1. **Existing capacity at the local level:** Jomoro Municipal borders Aowin Municipal, where Enchi College of Education, one of the best in Ghana, operates at 30% below capacity due to admission caps imposed by the Ministry of Education in 2022.
2. **Existing capacity in Western Ghana:** There are already four (4) Colleges of Education in the traditional Western Region producing education graduates. In addition, the University of Cape Coast's distance learning centres in the Western Region are also producing graduate teachers for basic schools.
3. **National teacher education excess capacity:** Even with 30% admission caps imposed on the existing 46 public College of Education, together with the University of Cape Coast, University of Education, Winneba, University of Ghana, and University for Development Studies, public teacher education institutions are producing more than twice the number of teacher graduates required annually in Ghana, imposing a financial burden on the public purse.
4. **Graduate unemployment:** Over 60,000 licensed teachers have remained unemployed in Ghana since 2023, indicating a clear supply–demand imbalance. Establishing additional public Colleges of Education to produce more teacher graduates is therefore not labour market responsive but adds to the graduate unemployment situation the government is struggling to manage. While teacher education is important, the government must focus more on aligning teacher training output with national teacher demand.
5. **Abandoned and uncompleted projects:** Since 2012, Ghana's College of Education landscape have accumulated a significant number of stalled academic and residential projects. Strategic investments should therefore prioritise completing existing infrastructure, strengthening faculty, enhancing teaching and learning resources.



In light of this evidence and considering Ghana's estimated GH¢16 billion annual education financing gap, the decision to establish a new College of Education in Jomoro Municipal does not reflect prudent prioritisation of scarce public resources.

Eduwatch therefore calls on the Ministry of Education to reassess the justification for establishing a new College of Education in Jomoro Municipal and prioritise optimising the capacity and resourcing of existing Colleges of Education, including removing admission quotas to expand intake where need is established.

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