

## **2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **Speech by the Regional Health Officer, representing the Regional Director of Health, Western Region (Mr. David Yaro)**

I am representing the Regional Director of Health Services, Western Region.

The Regional Director of Health services could not be here with you because of another equally important official assignment in Accra. The director received a late invitation yesterday, to participate in an official programme in Accra today.

The directorate is particularly happy for the support the regional health services has received and continues to receive from you and other NGOs. The support has been in the form of skills sharpening, knowledge improvement and direct financial support for some programme interventions.

We will however urge the Coalition to focus some attention in the area of infrastructure improvement and development, equipment provision including vehicles and ambulances in particular.

Recently, the directorate conducted a survey on the state of physical structures in some facilities and hospitals in the region. The survey findings were not the best. Most of our health care facilities are collapsing, with leaking roofs and crying for paint. Most of our facilities lack basic emergency obstetric and other diagnostic equipment. It is our hope that you give the latter request the maximum attention in your continued collaboration with the health sector. On this note, I wish you a successful Annual General Meeting.

Thank you