

# ARCC *Progress* Report

# 2026

EDITION ONE

KUMASI, GHANA

ASHANTI REGION

DR. FRANK AMOAKOHENE

REGIONAL MINISTER

*Driving transformation across health, culture, trade, infrastructure and education in the Ashanti Region of Ghana.*

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# Investing in the *People* Who Serve

*Ashanti Regional Minister Dr. Frank Amoakohene has rolled out targeted initiatives aimed at improving the well-being, health and working conditions of staff at the Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council (ARCC). A motivated and healthy workforce is essential to delivering the region's ambitious development agenda.*

## Commissioning of On-Site Sickbay / Clinic

**Dr. Amoakohene** officially commissioned a new sickbay (clinic) on **September 8, 2025**. Equipped with essential medical logistics and staffed by a resident nurse, it provides immediate access to basic healthcare for staff, addressing minor ailments and health emergencies on-site. The Minister described it as a direct response to the health needs of dedicated civil servants, emphasizing a healthy work environment as foundational to productivity.

## Recent Briefing on Sickbay Impact (27 April 2026)

At a management meeting on **27 April 2026**, the resident nurse delivered a detailed briefing on the facility's operational performance. The briefing highlighted cases managed, interventions undertaken and referrals made to higher facilities.

The nurse reported a significant reduction in absenteeism, faster recovery times and improved staff morale since the clinic became fully operational.

**Dr. Amoakohene** expressed satisfaction and directed further enhancements to the facility.

A key decision was to align the sickbay's operations with the Government's **Free Primary Healthcare initiative**, expanding services across all RCC affiliate institutions — enabling routine health checks including blood pressure, temperature, BMI and blood sugar directly at workplaces.

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MANAGEMENT DECISION, 27 APRIL 2026



DR. AMOAKOHENE AT THE SICKBAY COMMISSIONING — SEPTEMBER 8, 2025



THE FULLY EQUIPPED SICKBAY FACILITY AT ARCC PREMISES

# Empowering *Excellence* in the Workforce



STAFF ACTIVELY ENGAGED DURING THE CORPORATE TRAINING PROGRAMME — FEBRUARY 19, 2026

The Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council (ARCC) on **Thursday, 19th February** organized a corporate training program for its Staff, aimed at enhancing productivity, personal effectiveness and workplace performance.

The session began with brief opening remarks from the Chief Director, **Mr. Michael Owusu Amoako, Esq.**, who encouraged the Staff to actively engage with the training and apply the lessons to improve service delivery.

The Guest Speaker, **Dr. Pascal Brenyah**, a Global Human Capital Expert, Executive and Youth Coach, led an interactive session under the theme **“Do Not Die Before Your Time.”** His presentation focused on stress management, time management, work ethics, emotional intelligence and healthy living.

**Dr. Brenyah** shared practical tips for maintaining good health, managing workplace pressure and achieving balance across all dimensions of life; professional, physical and emotional. He emphasized that emotional intelligence is critical in fostering effective leadership, teamwork and sound decision-making, noting that self-awareness and self-control significantly impact productivity and institutional growth.

Participants also undertook self-evaluation exercises and gap analysis assessments designed to help them identify personal strengths and areas for improvement. The training forms part of the Council's broader strategic agenda to strengthen staff capacity, boost productivity and promote a disciplined and results-oriented workforce.



DR. PASCAL BRENYAH, GLOBAL HUMAN CAPITAL EXPERT, DELIVERING THE KEYNOTE

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## Training Themes Covered

- ♦ Stress Management
- ♦ Time Management
- ♦ Work Ethics
- ♦ Emotional Intelligence
- ♦ Healthy Living
- ♦ Self-Evaluation & Gap Analysis Assessments

# Ashanti-Fest 2026 — Culture, Creativity & Unity

*A flagship achievement: the highly successful Ashanti-Fest 2026 — a multi-sectoral festival that unearthed talent, celebrated culture and promoted unity across the Ashanti Region.*

## Street Art Festival — 21 & 22 March

Young Visual Arts students from senior high schools across the **Ashanti Region** transformed the pillars and walls beneath the Asokwa Interchange into a living canvas of culture and creativity. As part of the Ashanti-Fest 2026 celebrations, students created stunning murals depicting the **Asantehene Otumfuo Osei Tutu II**, Adinkra symbols, kente patterns, and other iconic elements of Ashanti heritage.

The Street Art Festival, hosted directly by **Dr. Frank Amoakohene**, embodies his vision to “be a transformative force in governance and public service, driving policies and initiatives that promote youth inclusion, accountability and sustainable development.” By providing students a prominent public platform, the initiative directly addresses one of the minister’s core priorities: giving young people the support they need to thrive.

Through this festival, students gained practical skills in mural painting — perspective, colour theory at scale, teamwork under public view and deadline management; experiences rarely available in standard classroom settings. The project built their confidence, professional portfolios and cultural pride while opening pathways to careers in fine arts, graphic design, cultural tourism and the creative economy.

This focus on youth artistic development aligns with the minister’s broader agenda of youth inclusion, seen in his recent partnership with the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** to mainstream adolescent and youth priorities into the region’s development planning.

*“History will be kind to our young talents” when they are given the right platform and leadership backing.*

DR. FRANK AMOAKOHENE, ASHANTI REGIONAL MINISTER



EJISU SENIOR HIGH TECHNICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS CREATING LARGE-SCALE MURALS — ASHANTIFEST 2026



STUDENTS MASTERING COLOUR THEORY AND CULTURAL SYMBOLISM ON PUBLIC WALLS

# Ashanti *Trade Expo 2026*

**300+**

Businesses from all 47 Districts

**7**

Days of Trade &amp; Commerce

**Apr 6-12**

Expo Duration 2026

**1st**

Maiden Edition

## “Unlocking Business Opportunities in the Golden Heart of Ghana”

On **Monday April 6, 2026**, the maiden Ashanti Trade Expo 2026 was officially opened by the Ashanti Regional Minister and the Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry. The week-long expo ran under the inspiring theme “**Unlocking Business Opportunities in the Golden Heart of Ghana.**”

**Dr. Frank Amoakohene** declared it a platform where **culture, commerce and innovation converge to create real opportunities for the region’s people**. Over 300 businesses from all 47 districts exhibited products — from premium Kente fabrics and gold jewelry to agri-processed goods, timber, textiles, cocoa and cutting-edge manufacturing solutions.

In her keynote address, **Elizabeth Ofose-Adjare**, Minister for Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, reaffirmed the government’s commitment to making Ghana a top investment destination. She spotlighted the **Feed the Industry Programme**, the **Women and Youth in Business Empowerment Forum** and the **Pitch-to-Win Enterprise Growth Challenge**.

She also urged participants to leverage Ghana’s hosting of the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat**, describing the expo as a direct gateway for local SMEs to access continental and international markets.

**Dr. Amoakohene** highlighted major infrastructure underway to boost trade flows, including progress on the **Bonkra Inland Port** and the resumption of the **Suame Interchange** — positioning Kumasi as Ghana’s automotive and industrial corridor.

*“The government of President Mahama declared from day one that Ghana is open for business... Events like this Expo are a living expression of that resolve.”*

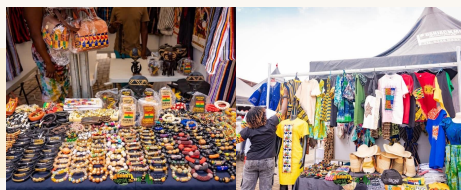
ELIZABETH OFOSU-ADJARE, MINISTER FOR TRADE, AGRIBUSINESS AND INDUSTRY



OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY — DR. AMOAKOEHENE AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AT THE ASHANTI TRADE EXPO 2026



MINISTER ELIZABETH OFOSU-ADJARE TOURING EXHIBITION STALLS



KENTE CRAFTS & BEADWORK ON DISPLAY

FASHION & TEXTILES FROM 47 DISTRICTS

# Keeping *Otumfuo* & Traditional Leaders Updated

## Strengthening Partnership with Otumfuo Osei Tutu II

Ashanti Regional Minister **Dr. Frank Amoakohene** maintained regular high-level engagements with **His Royal Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II**, the Asantehene, and other traditional leaders, providing briefings on key projects and initiatives across the region.

These courtesy calls underscore a deliberate approach: ensuring that traditional authorities, who serve as custodians of the land and voices of their people, remain central partners in the region's accelerated development agenda.

## Major Road Infrastructure Briefing — April 10, 2026

On **April 10, 2026**, **Dr. Amoakohene** led a high-level delegation to Manhyia Palace, including **Roads and Highways Minister Kwame Govers Agbodza**, Deputy **Alhassan Suhuyini**, and **Deputy Defence Minister Ernest Brogya Genfi**. They briefed Otumfuo on the proposed **198.7-kilometre Accra-Kumasi Expressway**, rehabilitation of the existing highway, the Suame Interchange, and other "Big Push" road interventions.

The Asantehene received detailed updates on timelines, expected impacts and alignment with broader regional growth objectives. The Minister also engaged the **Ashanti Regional House of Chiefs** to align development priorities with community needs.

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ARCC GOVERNANCE APPROACH, 2026

### Areas Briefed to Otumfuo

- **Health & Education Infrastructure:** Agenda 111 hospitals (Sewua, Afari), VAMED projects, KATH Maternity Block, KNUST Medical Centre, GETFund classroom blocks.
- **Urban Regeneration:** Kejetia Market Phase 2, Krofrom Market, Prempeh I International Airport expansion, Kumasi Garden City restoration.
- **Local Projects:** District-level interventions funded through DACF and other sources.



DR. AMOAKOEHENE IN AUDIENCE WITH OTUMFUO OSEI TUTU II AT MANHYIA PALACE



HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WITH OTUMFUO — APRIL 10, 2026

# Big Push *On Track* — Kumasi Road Inspections

Ashanti Regional Minister **Dr. Frank Amoakohene** joined **Minister for Roads and Highways Hon. Kwame Gormah Agbodza** and his Deputy **Hon. Alhassan Suhuyini** on **28th April, 2026** for a comprehensive on-the-ground inspection of key “Big Push” road projects across the Ashanti Region. The high-level monitoring tour focused on critical ongoing works aimed at easing chronic traffic congestion in Kumasi.

Suame Interchange. The Roads Minister announced updated timelines: the local road component (Phase 2) and Suame Post Office overpass are targeted for completion by **end of October 2026**, while the full three-tier interchange is scheduled for **October 2028**. Government has injected **GH₵3 billion** into related Kumasi road network works to accelerate delivery.



MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS INSPECT BIG PUSH ROAD PROJECTS — 28 APRIL 2026 KUMASI OUTER RING ROAD — ARAB CONTRACTORS GHANA LTD ACTIVE ON SITE

## Key Projects Under Review

### Suame Interchange and Ancillary Works

Multi-tier Suame Interchange progressing with updated timelines. Local road component (Phase 2) and Suame Post Office overpass targeted for October 2026. Full three-tier interchange scheduled for October 2028. GH₵3 billion injected into related Kumasi road network works.

### Santasi-Ahodwo-Asokwa Dual Carriageway

Ongoing dualization and expansion works designed to improve traffic flow in the bustling Kumasi metropolis. Progress on lower and upper sections received close scrutiny for quality, timelines and safety standards.

### Kumasi Outer Ring Road

A flagship project expected to redirect heavy traffic away from the city center and unlock development in peri-urban areas. Sections inspected for progress and quality compliance.

### Broader “Big Push” Initiatives

Updates also provided on sections of the Accra-Kumasi Expressway and rehabilitation work on major highways linking the region to the national network.

# Education as the *Cornerstone* of Regional Development

*The ARCC, under the leadership of Regional Minister Dr. Frank Amoakohene, continues to place strong emphasis on education as a cornerstone of regional development, working to improve access, quality and relevance across the region’s 43 Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies.*

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| <div></div> <div><b>Infrastructure: GETFund &amp; DACF Projects</b></div> <div>A flagship effort in 2026 is the commencement of <b>77 GETFund projects</b> focused on educational infrastructure — classroom blocks, school rehabilitations and ancillary facilities. Complementing this are <b>over 300 DACF projects</b> strategically distributed to tackle education gaps.</div> | <div></div> <div><b>Open Field Library Initiative</b></div> <div>Dr. Amoakohene launched the <b>Open Field Library</b> at Asokwa Interchange Gardens as part of <b>AshantiFest 2026</b>. The outdoor library provides free public access to books, complemented by free public WiFi (<b>Ashanti Connect</b>) for digital learning. The Ghana Library Authority has expanded the concept across the region.</div> | <div></div> <div><b>Scholarships for Vulnerable Learners</b></div> <div>During AshantiFest 2026, Dr. Amoakohene announced scholarships for <b>50 street-connected boys</b> and vocational skills training for <b>50 young people</b>, directly targeting at-risk youth to reintegrate them into the education system.</div> |
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OPEN FIELD LIBRARY AT THE ASOKWA INTERCHANGE GARDENS — ASHANTIFEST 2026 THE OUTDOOR LIBRARY WITH FREE PUBLIC WIFI (ASHANTI CONNECT) — KNOWLEDGE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

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| <div><b>77</b></div> <div>GETFund Projects Commenced</div> | <div><b>300+</b></div> <div>DACF Projects Distributed</div> | <div><b>50</b></div> <div>Scholarships — Street-Connected Boys</div> | <div><b>50</b></div> <div>Vocational Training Slots</div> |
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*The initiative encourages residents, students and youth to read in a convenient public space — fostering a reading habit, reducing excessive screen time and making knowledge accessible beyond traditional library walls.*

ARCC, OPEN FIELD LIBRARY INITIATIVE, ASHANTIFEST 2026