



Asanko donates hygiene products to schools in Amansie West, South

From Daniel Kenu, KUMASI

ASANKO Gold, a mining company, yesterday presented quantities of hand and personal care products to 21 schools in the Amansie West and Amansie South districts in the Ashanti Region to help keep the students and teachers safe from COVID-19.

The schools comprise 19 junior high schools (JHSs) and two senior high schools (SHSs).

The items included 46 fully mounted Veronica buckets, 113 gallons each of hand sanitiser and liquid soap, 5-litre dispensing bottles as well as 2,000 reusable nose masks.

The SHSs that benefited from the donation are Esaase Bontefufuo and Manso Edubia.

Expenditure

The Executive General Manager of Asanko, Mr Charles Amoah, said the company had so far spent GHe200,000 in the fight against COVID-19.

"I want to place on record that we are not done yet and won't rest until the pandemic is over," he said.

He said he was optimistic that the intervention would go a long way to keep the disease out of schools in the Amansie South and West districts.

"The supplies are geared towards making our schools safe and for the students and teachers to return and continue with academic work

"It will, I believe, also make it easier for

heads of the schools to ensure strict adherence to the COVID-19 protocols," Mr Amoah added.

Preparations

The Headmistress of Esaase Bontefufuo SHS, Ms Margaret Oye Koranteng, told the Daily Graphic, in an interview, that the items had come at a good time as final-year and Gold Track students were reporting to school yesterday.

She said the students were slow in turning up, but she was sure that having received some hygiene products, their numbers were going to increase

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students would have reported," she said.

Ms Koranteng said there was enough room to accommodate the day students who are now to become boarders.

The story was not different at Manso Adubia where the Headmaster, Mr Alexander Y. Bediako, expressed optimism that the items would ease the fear any student might have about contracting the disease.