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'I AM AWARE' LEADS DISCUSSION ON PUTTING RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE AT THE HEART OF DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY

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The Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) under its social accountability project **'I am Aware'** has organised a two-day Data workshop in Tamale in the Northern region to engage Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) in an in-depth discussion on ways to improve access to, use of human development and socio-economic data in Ghana that can help improve advocacy around many of the developmental challenges facing the country.



The representative from the Ghana Statistical Service making a presentation on the legal frameworks that support the work of the Statistical Service to the theme.

The workshop, themed *'Access to data for informed evidence-based advocacy to influence policy-making in Ghana'* brought together key advocacy activists from CSOs/NGOs and representatives from the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) improve interest in the use of data on public services for development advocacy;

particularly in improving availability and access to human development data and exploring different ways of putting data at the heart of Ghana's quest to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Project Team Leader and Research Officer at CDD-Ghana, Mohammed Awal explains 'the discussion will also identify existing obstacles and challenges to accessing social and human development data and provide a platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences about how to improve the collection, processing and dissemination of data for informed evidence-based advocacy to influence policy-making in Ghana'.

He added that 'we will also document key outcomes and recommendation from presentations on innovative ways to collect and share data, and disaggregate in a manner that makes advocacy meaningful'.



The two-day workshop comprised key presentations and plenary discussions on topical issues regarding the state of data availability, access, challenges, opportunities and emerging prospects towards improving access to key social and human development data in Ghana. The target participants for the workshop were drawn from the Upper East, Upper West and Northern regions.

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