

Adansi Asokwa District Assembly Trains 67 Persons with Disabilities in Fish Farming

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The Adansi Asokwa District Assembly, through its Disability Fund Management Committee and the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development, has organised a one-day Fish Farming Training Programme for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and their family members at Ayokoa Pewodie community.

Held in collaboration with the Fisheries Commission, the training formed part of the Assembly's ongoing drive to diversify livelihood support for vulnerable groups beyond direct cash disbursements, equipping participants with practical skills in tilapia and catfish farming as a sustainable income-generating venture.



The programme drew a total of **67 participants** — 21 males and 46 females — comprising Persons with Disabilities and members of their households from communities across the district. Attendance was supported by sign language interpreters for participants with hearing impairments, while family members and volunteers assisted those with visual and physical disabilities to ensure full participation.

What Was Covered

Resource persons from the Fisheries Commission led facilitator-style presentations, backed by demonstrations and open discussion, on five key areas:

- **The benefits of fish farming** — as a low-capital, flexible livelihood option that can be adapted to different physical abilities through measures such as raised ponds or tanks.
- **Starting a fish farming business** — covering site selection, pond and tank construction, sourcing quality fingerlings, feeding, and record-keeping.

- **Fish health and disease management** — recognising signs of sick fish, prevention, and when to call in Fisheries Commission officers.
- **Marketing strategies** — building buyer relationships, timing sales, value addition through smoking/processing, and group marketing.
- **General success tips** — starting small, farmer associations, biosecurity, and linking up with support schemes such as the District's Disability Fund.



Participants engaged facilitators directly with practical questions on topics ranging from start-up costs and harvesting timelines to whether persons with mobility challenges could realistically manage a farm. Facilitators confirmed that, with adaptations like raised tanks and family support for heavier tasks, fish farming is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Questions on funding drew clarification that livelihood support requests, including for fish farming, can be submitted through the Disability Fund's established application process.

Participant Feedback

Many attendees said it was their first formal training in fish farming and described the content as practical and easy to follow. Participants expressed appreciation for the accessible delivery — including sign language interpretation — and called for:

- Start-up support such as fingerlings, feed, and tank construction materials
- Periodic follow-up visits from Fisheries Commission officers
- Regular refresher and advanced training sessions

- Formation of PWD fish farmer groups for peer support and joint marketing

Looking Ahead

Building on the training's outcomes, the organisers recommended follow-up technical visits, start-up support for committed participants, formation of PWD farmer associations, continued accessibility accommodations in future programmes, and stronger links with financial institutions to support participants who wish to scale up.

The Adansi Asokwa District Assembly says the programme reflects its broader commitment to inclusive economic empowerment, and it is hoped that, with continued collaboration with the Fisheries Commission, the training will translate into real livelihood gains for participating households.