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PRESS RELEASE

MINISTER FOR HEALTH COMMENDS NRSC FOR EMERGENCY FIRST AID POSTS

The National Road Safety Commission has on Friday April 5, 2019 launched the 2019 National Easter Campaign themed '**Stop Road Traffic Accidents Now**' at Ankamu near Apam in the Central Region. The event which also out-doored eight (8) Emergency First Aid Posts was attended by several government officials including the Transport Minister, Hon. Kwaku Ofori Asiamah who launched the Campaign and inaugurated the First Aid Posts.

The Minister for Transport explained that within the *framework of the National Road Safety Strategy III, the National Road Safety Commission planned to strengthen national capacity for post-crash care for victims of road traffic crashes and thankfully out of strong advocacy they got the World Bank to Install eight fully equipped First Aid Posts at strategic locations (crash prone areas) along the national road network in addition to training of respondents/volunteers*.

In a statement read on behalf of the Minister for Health, Hon. Kwaku Agyemang Manu, he recalled the sorry state of our national ambulance fleet and reiterated government's programme to import some 275 ambulances through the Development Authorities. He described the Emergency First Aid Posts as '**a very creative and commendable initiative from the National Road Safety Commission**' and further encouraged a dialogue aimed to '**replicate this initiative across the various or critical Districts, Municipal and Metropolitan Assemblies for the greater good of the citizens**'.

The eight emergency posts are located on the Accra-Kumasi, Accra-Takoradi and Accra-Aflao corridors. The three corridors are critical for our national road safety efforts, they accounted for 25.19% of fatalities in 2016. While we extend our appreciation to the World Bank for funding this project in full, it is our expectation that, the Ghana Red Cross Society who have assumed the responsibility of managing the posts, will do well to sustain the interest from our development partners.

Thank you

Kwame Koduah Atuahene
Head of Communications.

PROJECT LOCATIONS

| Road Corridor | Location | Targeted Hospital |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Accra – Kumasi Highway (4No.) | Asuboi | Nsawam, Suhum, Kyebi, Koforidua |
| | Nsutam/Bunso Junction | Kyebi, Koforidua |
| | Asankare | Enyiresi, Nkawkaw |
| | Juaso | Juaso, Konongo, Agogo |
| Accra – Aflao Highway (2No.) | Toje | Ada, Sogakope |
| | Nogokpo | Akatsi, Aflao, |
| Accra – Takoradi Highway (2No.) | Okyereko | Winneba |
| | Apam Junction | Apam |