



PEACE & DEVELOPMENT

TAMALE METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY

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Dear Co-Chairs,

APPLICATION TO JOIN THE SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Tamale Metropolitan Assembly intends to declare its commitment to joining the Sub-National Program of the Open Government Partnership (OGP). The Assembly is one of the Six Metropolitan Assemblies in Ghana and the capital City of the Northern Region of Ghana with a population of 409,216 people. The Assembly was established by a legislative Instrument (L I 2068) after the carving out of the Sagnarigu Municipal Assembly in 2012.

The Assembly is the highest political and Administrative Authority in its areas of jurisdiction and mandated by the Local Governance Act, (Act 936) of 2016 to ensure the Overall Development of the under its jurisdiction. The Assembly achieves this mandate by planning and executing development programs meant to improve the living standards of its people.

Chapter 20 of the Constitution of Ghana, Article 240-2(e) states that “to ensure accountability of Local Government Authorities, people in particular Local Government Areas shall as far as practicable be afforded the opportunity to participate effectively in their governance” In the same vein, the Local Governance Act, 936 has mandated Assemblies in Ghana to involve the citizens in their activities to achieve inclusive governance founded on transparency, probity and accountability.

It is in the fulfilment of the above mandate that the Assembly is constrained for which reason we intend to join the Open Government Partnership. Our Planning and Budgeting Process is not participatory enough to achieve the much needed transparent and accountable governance. Our Budgeting and Fee Fixing Process leaves out the required Citizen participation and the Functional Relationship between the Assembly Members and the General Public is weak.

It is for the above reasons that we wish to join the Open Government Partnership to tap into the wealth of knowledge and experience of other partners to develop a comprehensive action plan to address the issues of participation, transparency and accountability in the delivery of our services.

Recognizing the strategic objective of the open Government Partnership which is based on the idea that governments should be more transparent, inclusive, participatory and accountable to citizens and the object of governance is to address the needs of the people in a more efficient manner, the Tamale

Metropolitan Assembly is fully committed to join the Partnership and will co-create an action plan with detailed and concrete steps to achieve a more inclusive and participatory governance

With a good political leadership under the current Metropolitan Chief executive and a total of 18 Departments, the Assembly is well positioned with the requisite human resources to develop and implement open Government Programs and the Local Action Plan. We equally have a number of funding sources including the Internally Generated Funds, the District Assemblies Common Funds and other Development Grants to support the implementation of a Local OGP Action Plan.

The Assembly therefore looks forward to benefiting from the vast numbers of opportunities that this partnership presents particularly in the areas of capacity enhancement for staff to strengthen their ability to deliver inclusive and participatory services and funding for specific activities in the Local Open Government Programs. We further hope to tap into the experience of other Sister Cities through the peer exchange programs, mentorship and networking opportunities that OGP has. We are optimistic of a successful collaboration with selected Civil Society Organisations in our quest to achieve a more inclusive, open and transparent governance and therefore wish to reiterate our full commitment to joining the Partnership

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Thank you



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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Tamale Metropolitan Assembly is an integral of part of local governance system of Ghana and contributed immensely to local governance activities in the Metropolis with the support of other stakeholders such as civil society organization. For this reason, Northern Accelerated Intervention for Development (NAID) wishes to lend it maximum support to the Assembly to qualify for the **Expression of Interest to join the Open Governance Partnership (OGP) Local 2024 cohort**

Among the good works the Assembly does are the establishment of Client Service Office with trained staff to received complaints from the public, open register for the complaints and respond to them appropriately. Through the support of UNICEF, the Assembly is implementing the Urban Sanitation Programme with Participatory Rural Appraisal Tools such as Transect Walk, Community Mappings and Focus Group Discussions to engage the communities in the project implementation.

Since 2009, NAID as a civil society organization demonstrated extensive community advocacy on governance and social accountability through radio, television, face-to-face meeting in the area of water, sanitation, hygiene, health, land administration and natural resources governance for the communities in the metropolis and beyond and to hold the duty bearers accountable for their stewardship.

The organization has personnel of skillful and rich background in Social Accountability tools for Africa and Certified by World Bank Institute.

For any follow-up information kindly contact Mohammed Saani Iddrisu through email: naidghana@gmail.com . Looking forward to a successful application from Tamale Metropolitan Assembly.

Best regard,

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