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Iduapriem Commissions 20-bed Communicable Diseases Unit for Tarkwa-Nsuaem Municipality

AngloGold Ashanti Iduapriem Mine has commissioned a 20-bed fully resourced Communicable Diseases Unit for the Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipality at the Apinto Government Hospital.

The facility, which was refurbished at a cost of GH¢300,000, will serve as an isolation centre for management of COVID-19 cases in the municipality.

The project covered the provision of washrooms, improvement in ventilation within the block to prevent cross-infection, and expansion of rooms for the comfort of patients and healthcare workers.

The Mine further used the occasion to present assorted essential medical supplies valued at about GH¢1.2 million to help in the fight against COVID-19 in the municipality. The items included: 100 beds, 30 monitors, 80 drip stands, 3 ventilators, 30 infra-red thermometers, 20 air conditioners, Hydroxychloroquine, Dexamethasone, Anticoagulants, Antibiotics (intravenous) and Immune boosters, among others.

Delivering a speech at a brief ceremony to commission the facility, the Managing Director of Iduapriem Mine, Samuel Boakye Pobee, emphasized the need for residents to abide by the COVID-19 safety protocols to prevent further spread in the municipality.

He mentioned that in line with the company's emergency response plan, there had been several interventions including donations of PPEs and medical equipment to high-risk areas even before the support for an Isolation Center.

He, therefore, reiterated the Mine's commitment to working actively to mitigate health risks in the workplace, and to respond to community health issues in the areas where it operates.

On his part, Municipal Chief Executive for Tarkwa Nsuaem, Hon. Benjamin Kessie commended the Mine for the timely intervention, given the scarce resources available for managing COVID-19 cases in the municipality. He appealed to residents to observe all safety protocols for Covid-19 to prevent further spread of the Coronavirus in the municipality.

The Municipal Health Director, Caroline Effah Otoo, was grateful to the Mine for the generous response and immense contributions, over the years, towards providing quality healthcare in the Municipality. She gave firm assurance that the facility will be put to good use in the fight against COVID-19 and beyond.

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ABOUT IDUAPRIEM MINE

AngloGold Ashanti (Iduapriem) Limited operates the Iduapriem Mine in the Western Region of Ghana, about 17km southwest of Tarkwa. Iduapriem Mine started operation in June 1992 as the Ghanaian Australian Goldfields Limited. It also became part of the AngloGold Group in 2004 following the business combination with Ashanti Goldfields Limited in 2004. It is an open-pit operation comprising the Iduapriem, Teberebie, Ajopa, and Ajopa South West mining leases covering an area of 137km² concession and encompassing 19 communities. The Mine provides employment to about 2500 people, all being Ghanaians. Iduapriem Mine was adjudged the 2019 Mining Company of the Year at the sixth edition of the Ghana Mining Industry Awards under the auspices of the Ghana Chamber of Mines.

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