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# THE RURAL WAVELENGTH

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



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Despite being vibrant agrarian communities producing cocoa, palm oil, kola nuts, cassava, maize, yam, cocoyam, and livestock, farmers continue to face significant challenges, including **poor road networks, limited access to electricity and potable water, post-harvest losses, animal diseases, inadequate storage and processing facilities, and weak agricultural extension support.**

The visit provided a valuable opportunity to listen directly to community members and identify critical areas for intervention. Addressing these challenges requires collaborative, inclusive, and sustainable actions involving government, development partners, and community stakeholders.





## JDPMCS PLAN TO REVITALIZE AGRICULTURE IN OKUA COMMUNITY

In its continued commitment to reaching more marginalized rural farming communities and promoting sustainable agricultural production, **the Rural Development Programme (RUDEP) of JDPMC** conducted an assessment visit to Okua Community in Odo-Otin Local Government Area. The visit aimed to evaluate the current state of agricultural production and develop an action plan to address the challenges limiting productivity and improve farmers' livelihoods.

However, agricultural productivity in the area is constrained by several factors, including poor access roads to farmlands, inadequate labour-saving tools, pest and disease infestations, marketing challenges leading to significant post-harvest losses, livestock theft, and high animal mortality rates.

Members of the farmers' group expressed their appreciation for the timely intervention and engagement by the RUDEP team. They noted that the proposed interventions would help bridge the gap created by the absence of government agricultural extension services, thereby strengthening agricultural productivity and enhancing food security within the community.





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A major highlight of the training was the emphasis on the importance of biosecurity measures in preventing and controlling livestock diseases. The facilitators identified common breeding mistakes among the farmers, including inbreeding, indiscriminate mating, and the premature breeding of gilts. These practices were discussed extensively, and participants were encouraged to adopt proper breeding techniques to improve the genetic quality and performance of their herds.

The training also addressed the improper administration of veterinary drugs, a practice that can lead to antibiotic residues in pork and other animal products. Farmers were educated on the correct use of veterinary medications and the potential public health risks associated with drug misuse. By promoting responsible animal health management, the training not only supports increased livestock productivity but also contributes to the production of safer food and the protection of consumer health.