

# WomenTrust empowers women through literacy programme

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**W**OMENSTRUST, a non-governmental organisation, yesterday held the 6th edition of its adult literacy graduation ceremony for 20 women beneficiaries of the adult literacy programme aimed at empowering women

through literacy.

The graduands, who joined a growing group of over 400 women who had been trained in Ga, Twi, and Ewe, also formed part of a cohort of 90 who advanced from local language instruction to basic English literacy.

The adult literacy programme lasted for one and a half years.

During the first six months, the graduands were taught the Twi and Ewe languages, and later the English 1 and English 2, where they were equipped with vocational skills such as bread making and liquid detergent production.

In addition, they were also equipped with entrepreneurial skills such as beads and soap making as part of the programme for a period of one and a

half years.

The graduation ceremony was held on the theme, "Empowering Women: Thriving Communities."

Speaking at the event, the Executive Director of WomensTrust, Mr Willibald Kafui, said, "this programme is a clear example of how literacy, when paired with economic empowerment, transforms not just individuals but entire communities."

He said that WomensTrust, based on its mission to support underprivileged girls and women through education, skills training, and financial empowerment, had supported over 2,000 women with micro loans in past years.

In addition, Mr Duho said that WomensTrust had also ensured that more than 2,500 girls had stayed in school through its scholarship programme with over 30 women graduating from the university in various fields such of journalism and forensic science.

However, he noted that stronger collaboration was needed to ensure the mission of WomensTrust was achieved, and therefore appealed to key stakeholders, including the office of the Member of Parliament of Trobu Constituency, Mrs Gloria Owusu, to support the organisation with the need- ed logistics.

Mr Dohu also appealed to the Municipal Chief Executive (MCE) of the Ga North Municipality Assembly, Mr Akwetey Agbo, to consider Women-

sTrust for any district-level funding or collaboration as well as the Ga Traditional Council to assist in reviving Ga language among adult learners.

The Municipal Chief Executive (MCE) of the Ga North Municipal Assembly, Mr Agbo, in a speech read on his behalf by the Head of Social Welfare and Community Development, Mr Roland Anafu, commended the graduands for balancing work with education.

He further urged them to make an impact in society through the knowledge they had obtained through the adult literacy programme.

Meanwhile, a total number of 52 scholarship beneficiaries from public schools in the Ga North Municipality were also inducted into the WomensTrust scholarship programme for young girls.

The Scholarship Administrator, WomensTrust, Mr Bismark Gyabah, urged the scholarship beneficiaries to believe in themselves, stay curious, and give back to society.

He also commended stakeholders, including the parents of the scholarship beneficiaries, for supporting their dreams and encouraging them to stay in school.

Certificates and start-up kits were presented to the 20 women while stationery was presented to the scholarship beneficiaries during the graduation and induction ceremony.



• Mr Willibald Kafui Duho (middle) with the graduands showing their certificates after the graduation ceremony Photo: Ebo Gorman