

# Transport Ministry hands over 14 vehicles to coastal MMDAs

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**T**HE Ministry of Transport (MoTI) has handed over 14 pickup trucks to selected metropolitan, municipal and district assemblies (MMDAs) to support activities at the yet-to-be completed fish landing sites and port projects ongoing at the coastal areas.

The vehicles are intended to help the beneficiary MMDAs to monitor and

maintain the facilities, some of which are to be completed in a few months.

The Deputy Minister of Transport in-charge of Maritime, Frederick Adom, symbolically handed over the keys of the vehicles to the MMDAs, while the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA), Elizabeth Sackey, assisted by other representatives of the assemblies, received the keys.

The handover ceremony, which occurred yesterday, was witnessed by the Deputy Minister of Transport in-

charge of Aviation, Hassan Tampuli; the Chief Director, Mabel Asi Sagoe, and other officials.

## Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries include the Nzema East Municipal Assembly, the Ahanta West Municipal Assembly, the Keta Municipal Assembly, the Komenda Edina Eguafo Abrem Municipal Assembly, the Abura-Asebu-Kwamankese District Assembly, and the Mfantseman Municipal Assembly.

The rest are the Ekumfi District Assembly, the Gomoa West District Assembly, the Efutu Municipal Assembly, the Gomoa East District Assembly, the Awutu Senya East Municipal Assembly, the Teshie Municipal Assembly, AMA and the Korle Klottey Municipal Assembly.

## Govt commended

Mr Tampuli, explaining how the fish landing sites and the port project would impact the industry, said the vehicles were to complement works at the coastal sites.

He said the ministry, through the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA), engaged consultants and contractors to develop 14 fish landing sites and ports with some complementary projects.

The deputy minister said the complementary projects were police

stations, schools, markets, toilet facilities, roads and fish mongering infrastructure.

He noted that the project was to give some level of social and economic meaning to the livelihood of the people within the communities along the coast.

"In order to keep and maintain these facilities, we needed to support the local authorities with the needed mechanisms.

"And that is why we are here today to hand over these vehicles to the local authorities to be used for monitoring of the facilities to ensure that they are well taken care of," he said.

Mr Tampuli added that with the exception of a few, the majority of the landing sites and ports were 100 per cent complete.

## Gratitude

Ms Sackey, on behalf of the beneficiary MMDAs, expressed gratitude to the government and pledged that the vehicles would be put to good use.

She said a means of transportation was very important for the effective running of institutions and, therefore, the presentation would aid in the smooth monitoring of the new landing sites and ports.



• Frederick Adom (2nd from right), Deputy Transport Minister in-charge of Maritime, symbolically handing over the keys to the vehicles to Elizabeth Naa Tawiah Sackey (right), CEO, AMA. With them are Hassan Tampuli (2nd from left), Deputy Transport Minister, and Mabel Asi Sagoe (left), Chief Director, Ministry of Transport