

## Anogya



We visited Anogya on 13 January 2020. The Chief and Elders were all absent, so we interviewed a group of community members.

We were told that some three hundred people live in the village, which is divided into twenty-five households. They consist mainly of people from the Dagomba tribe, originating from countries around Tamale in Northern Ghana. They came here about forty years ago to escape climate change and to search for good farmland and were eventually joined by members of the Twakossi tribe, whose lands straddle Ghana's north-eastern border with Cote d'Ivoire.

Most of the community speak Twi, the majority Ghanaian language, as well as their own tribal language.

Anogya is slowly growing in size year on year. Sometimes the villagers' families visit them from the north, and at least once a year they go back to their original village. The community are farmers and grow cowpeas, cassava, millet and rice. The harvest is good and they sell any surplus at Ejura Market. There is no hunger in the village.



### **Water, Sanitation and Power**

Dagomba is provided by a borehole installed by the local authority some ten years ago. Before this, the community drank highly polluted water from the River Ntom.

The village has no latrines. Everyone practises open defecation. They also dump rubbish indiscriminately and have no communal dumping site. Knowledge of hygiene is non-existent.

There is no electricity in this area, but we saw that some of the homes have solar panels on their roofs. Some people can apparently watch television.

### **Health**

Principal sicknesses are malaria and diarrhoea. We were told that everyone becomes ill with a water-related disease about ten times a year. The children have all been vaccinated. When they get sick, people go to Asubuasu Clinic and the community nurse visits each month.

### **Wish List**

The village wish list is for a second borehole and 'a communal latrine.' Ashanti Development only funds household latrines, but the community has never seen such things and communal latrines are therefore the height of their expectations.

