

## Nkujua



Nkujua is located about halfway down the main north-south road from Mpantuaase to Aframsso in the District (local authority area) of Sekyere Central.

We visited the village on 28 July 2015 and spoke to community members. They told us the village had some 500 inhabitants, divided into 60 households, and that they were farmers growing crops including plantain, groundnut, yam, cassava, carrots, corn and mangoes. There was enough land for their needs, and the soil was fertile, they said. They sold any surplus at Nsuta market.

### **Water and Sanitation**

They have one borehole in the village, which is in working order. They also draw water from the Oyimaye and Kyerinfia streams.

There are a few household latrines in the village but most people practice open defecation. There is no rubbish tip. People just discard litter where they stand.

### **Education and Health**

Nkujua has a kindergarten, primary school and junior high school. Some six hundred attend, including children from neighbouring villages.

We were told that the most common sicknesses are 'malaria and fever,' and the nearest clinic is at Nsuta. Occasionally a serious problem arises if women have difficulties giving birth, since the Nsuta clinic is far away.



## **Organisation**

Nkujua Village has a Committee of Chief and Elders, an elected Unit Committee and a Parent-Teachers' Association. The village's official Unit Committee (village council) also covers Didaso, Galiba, and Fawoman villages. This is much too large an area for an effective Unit Committee, however the government legislated to extend Unit Committees over four or five villages, and to provide that only members of its own political party should be members. The village realised at the time of the legislation that such committees wouldn't work well. It therefore set up its own, internal, apolitical Development Committee. Its functions include settling disputes, ensuring footpaths are kept clear, providing for new communal latrine pits to be excavated when the existing ones are full and helping in the schools. All these committees work well together.

An Assemblyman (UK local authority councillor equivalent) represents the village at District level. He does not live in Nkujua, and simultaneously represents four or five other villages.

## **Religion**

Villagers belong to the Pentecostal, Seventh Day Adventists, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic churches, and some are Muslims.

## **General**

The community consists of members of many different tribes who originally came south from Burkino Faso. This is evident from the structure of their houses, which are made of mud bricks with wooden struts and thatched roofs.

Among the tribes represented in Nkujua are Ashantis, Dagomba, Kokomba, Frafra, Grusi, Daghati and Sisala.

## **Wish List**

The village wished it could have a clinic and household latrines.

