

## Temante



We visited Temante on 16 December 2016 and talked to villagers including Unit Committee member, Kwame Kumah.

We were told that around six hundred people, divided into sixty households, live in the village. The people are farmers, growing yam, cassava, corn, plantain, cocoyam, mango, cocoa and vegetables such as carrots and garden eggs (aubergine). The land is very fertile so there is little hunger.

### Water

The village has piped water, which is sold from standpipes. Not everyone can afford it, so the remainder use water from the Hanen Stream, which we were told is very good.

### Sanitation

There is no sanitation in the village other than an ancient, smelly, over-full, traditional pit latrine. Most people practise open defecation, which will eventually lead to pollution of the Stream, if it has not already done so.

### Educational

The village has a Junior High School and a Primary School. The schools do not have enough classrooms for all the pupils and some are divided into two.

Mr Kumah believed that around half the population could speak English.

## Health

The nearest clinic is at Kumaru. The main sicknesses are malaria, waist pains from carrying heavy loads on the head, hernia and diarrhoea.

## Institutions

There is a Committee of Chief Elders but, since the position of Chief was vacant when the visited, the Queen Mother was standing in for him. Six people sit on the Unit Committee but the community do not feel this is enough to provide for all the work necessary, so they have added an extra person and were waiting for the Queen Mother to nominate a second.

The Unit Committee is currently supervising construction of a new traditional latrine and is building a school block.

There is no Water and Sanitation committee, but there is a Parents and Teachers' Association, and Temante shares an assemblyman (local authority councillor equivalent) with Nkwanta village.

## Miscellaneous

Religions including Pentecostal, Methodist, Seventh David Adventists, Muslims and traditional are represented in the village.

There are five shops and a football club.

## History

The people originated in the Kenkiyira area, in the Central Region, but came to Temante to escape from the frequent wars. Initially they settled in Old Temante but the land was poor so eventually they came to this place. They are all Ashantis and there are no settlers from the north among them.

## Wish List

- a. A school
- b. Latrines (they feel embarrassed when visitors come and there are no latrines for them to use. Also, they believe the absence of latrines leads to a lot of illnesses).



