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SMART SURVEYORS FOR LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT

CHALLENGES IN A NEW REALITY

### Waste Management and Urban Sanitation Challenges in the Mining Communities of Tarkwa, Ghana— Opportunities for Private Sector Participation

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# **OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION**

Introduction

- Study Area
- Materials/Methods

Results/Discussions

Conclusions/Recommendations

## **INTRODUCTION**

- Some Mining Communities like PHMA are experiencing rapid urbanization and associated waste disposal and sanitation problems (among others).
- Surface waters are polluted by mining (galamsey).
- Waste disposal situation adding to threats of groundwater pollution, public health safety and sustainability problems for such growing mining communities.
- State/Public Agencies unable to handle situation alone. Inadequate funding and logistics. No Sorting, Recycling and Engineered Landfilling. Waste collection is about 40% with 60% left piling up within communities.
- Focus of Presentation is to give overview of situation on ground and invite Private Sector (local and international) to explore for investment and offering support.

## **STUDY AREA**

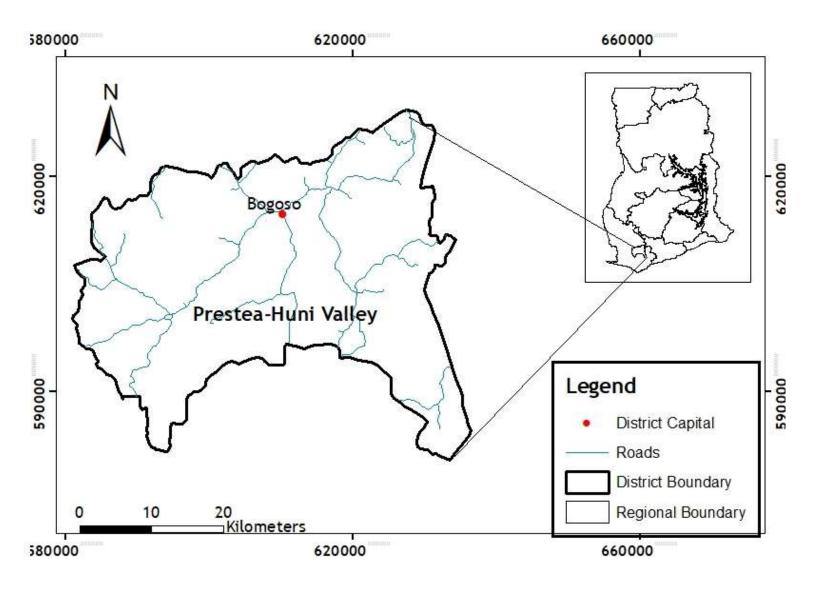


Fig 1 Map Showing Location of Study Area (PHMA) within Ghana

# **D. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

- Field materials:- hand-held GPS receivers, tapes, field books, digital cameras and interviews.
- Office materials:- computers, scanners, printers, etc.
- Software:- microsoft office suite, photoshop CS4, ArcGIS.
- Data:- coordinates of waste dumps, town layout plans, topographic maps, field photos and extracts from interviews and other observational records.
- Methods:- review of relevant literature and documents, interviews and discussions with relevant stakeholders, field visits and observations, construction of cartographic database, generation and analysis of Landfill (Waste dump) maps, waste materials, etc..

**Table 1 Sample of the Point and Attribute Data on Waste Dump Sites** 

	Location/ Area	Coordinates (m)		Remarks/Attributes
		Eastern	Northern	Remarks/Attributes
	Daga Street	608973	615773	Road Accessible, with collection containers services; within town,
	Boga Street	008973	013773	Good maintenance and sanitation conditions
				Road Accessible, no collection containers; within town, low
	Town Counsil Park	608931	615331	maintenance and sanitation conditions, close to public latrine
				Road Accessible, no collection containers; within town, poor
	Hassankrom	610160	615466	maintenance and sanitation conditions, very close to residential houses
				Large wastedump; road accessible, no collection containers; within
	Tuobodom	595095	600355	town, low maintenance and sanitation conditions, close to houses
				Road Accessible, no collection containers; outskirt of town, poor
	Heman Akromato	596180	602535	maintenance and sanitation conditions; near to buildings
	Gyantekrom	617060	593045	Community Wastedump, no collection containers; poor maintenance
				and sanitation conditions
				Community Wastedump with Container services by PHMA but stays
	Compound-Kesse	616557	592947	overfilled for weeks; low maintenance and sanitation conditions
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	Nzemafokrom	616232	592551	maintenance and sanitation conditions
				Road Accessible, no collection containers; near main market within
	Market Area	625951	609379	town, fair maintenance and sanitation conditions
	Ntiakokrom	625439	609890	Road Accessible, no collection containers ; within town, low
				maintenance and sanitation conditions
	Fante New Town	619524	605071	Road Accessible, no collection containers; outskirt of town, poor
				maintenance and sanitation conditions
	Bosomtwe Jhs	620559	604169	Road Accessible, no collection containers; near to school, low
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Fig. 2a Example of Waste Dump Sites Situation in Study Area













Fig. 2b Examples of Recoverable Materials from Waste Dumps in Study Area

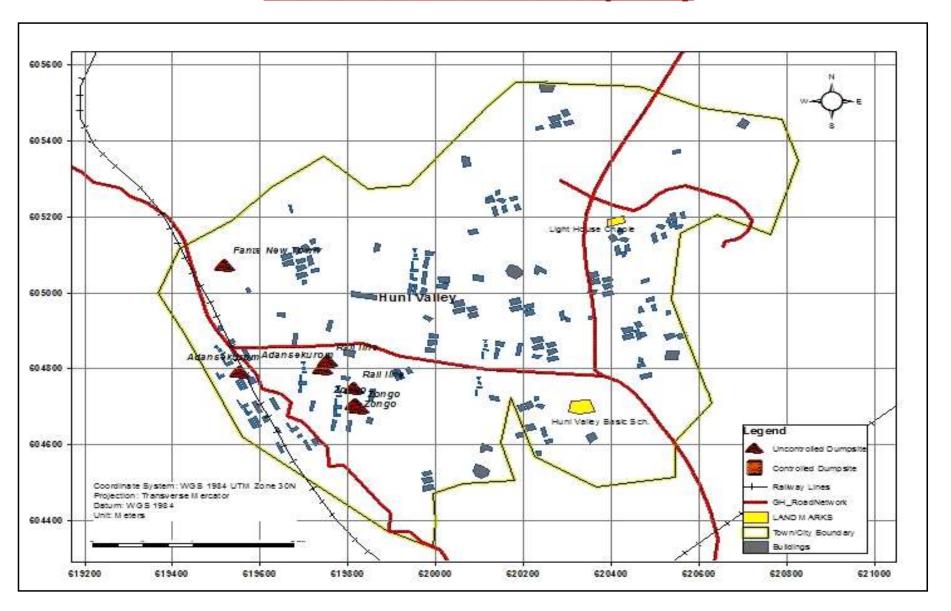
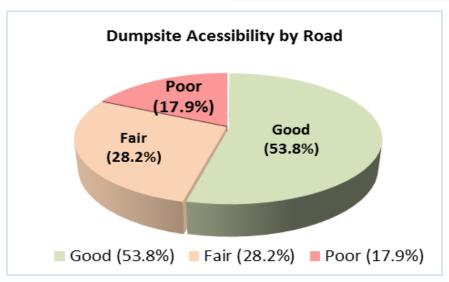
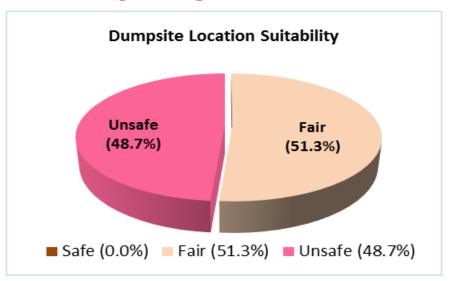
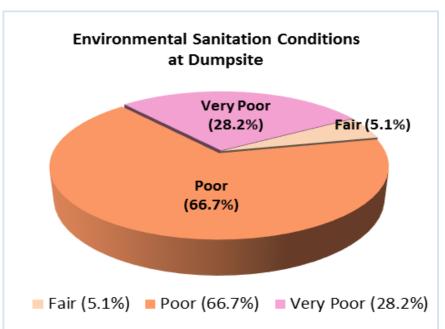


Fig. 3 Example of Waste Dumps Distribution Maps in Study Area (PHMA)







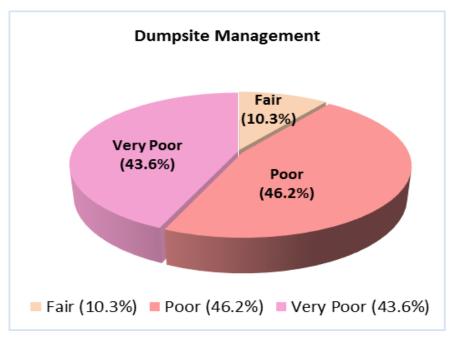


Fig. 4 Waste Disposal Assessment at Some Communities in Study Area (Hunivalley-Damang)

## **CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The maps, graphs, photos and tables show locations, sanitation conditions, recyclable materials and other attributes of waste disposal situation in study area.
- The growing waste generation, disposal and sanitation problems are beyond public sector to handle.
- Situation calls for and offers opportunities to private sector investors and institutions to explore to make profit and lend support.
- Mining companies in affected communities must provide significant and visible support in waste disposal as part of their corporate social responsibilities.