

## **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GENDER DESK OFFICER**

The Gender desk officer is responsible for formulating, Designing and implementing Women's Programme of the National Association of Teachers-GNAT

Work done at the Gender Department from 2002 to date includes the following:

1. Formulating of a gender policy for GNAT
2. Production and Printing of Supplementary Readers for schools (Six thousand copies distributed to more than 20 deprived schools)
3. Production of the Supreme Newsletter (for women)
4. Production of calendar for members
5. Organized various Workshops for Adult Training and Capacity Building for both men and women
6. Written Brochures to educate and sensitized members on sensitive issues like
  - a. Violence at School
  - b. Child Trafficking
  - c. Child Labour
  - d. Cervical Cancer
  - e. Menopause
  - f. Girl-Child Education

The Gender Department Coordinates the GNAT HIV/AIDS Programme as additional responsibility

7. Conducted a Baseline Survey and findings published
8. Counselling Centres establishes in five (5) pilot districts – Hald/Assini Elubo, Dormaa Ahenkro, Bole, Obuase and Aflao
  - a. A big Counseling Centre has been opened at the GNAT Headquarters Secretariat to take care and Support teachers who need help and those who are living with HIV/AIDS
9. Skill Training organized for 103 Orphans of Teachers who are unemployed
10. Societies formed and some districts have registered the societies and assisted them with funding
11. HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy drafted for Teachers
12. Training of Trainers for more than 500 teachers
13. Written and Produce brochures on brochures on HIV/AIDS
  - a. The Gender Dimension of HIV/AIDS
  - b. Psychological Care for Persons Living with HIV/Aids
  - c. Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT)

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