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## **Republic Bank (Ghana) PLC Strengthens Commitment to the Volta Region with Strategic Visit and Development Initiatives**

**Ho, Volta Region, Ghana, Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025** – Republic Bank Ghana, a leading financial institution renowned for its innovation and people-first approach, continues to demonstrate its commitment to inclusive national development with a high-level engagement in the Volta Region aimed at driving agricultural transformation, economic growth, and financial inclusion.

The Managing Director of Republic Bank, Dr. Benjamin Dzoboku, led a delegation on a courtesy call to the Volta Regional Minister, Hon. James Gunu. The visit underscored Republic Bank's dedication to national development. It focused on exploring opportunities to support agriculture, enhance local enterprises, and provide tailored financial solutions that uplift the socio-economic fabric of the region.

Also at the meeting was H. E. Gabriel Tanko Kwamigah-Atokple, a Council of State Member and a respected advocate for regional advancement.

Dr. Dzoboku was accompanied by Mr. Ferguson Ofori-Atta, Chief Finance Officer; Ms. Irene Enyonam Quaye, Ho Branch Manager and two other members of staff, Angela Ghassoub and Ama Gyemfuah Tiekue from the Ho Branch.

H.E. Kwamigah-Atokple shared his reflections on the visit, saying, "As someone whose own business has grown with the support of Republic Bank, I am passionate about partnering with the Bank to replicate this success across the Volta Region. This visit is a strategic step towards identifying opportunities in agriculture and local enterprise development that can unlock economic potential, improve livelihoods, and elevate the standard of living for our people, which remains dear to me. On behalf of the people of the Volta Region, I extend heartfelt appreciation to Republic Bank for its untiring support and vision, as well as for the establishment of a branch in the region. The future is in agriculture, and the Volta Region is open and ready for Corporate Ghana to invest, collaborate, and grow," he added.

During the engagement, the Regional Minister, Hon. James Gunu, highlighted several key areas in urgent need of financial intervention, including agricultural mechanization and rice production in the Tongu, Ketu North, and Northern belts of the region and the provision of tailored mortgage products. Dr. Dzoboku, on behalf of Republic Bank, affirmed the Bank's strong interest in collaborating with regional stakeholders to develop bespoke financial products and services that support these critical sectors.

"As a bank committed to national transformation, Republic Bank is eager to contribute meaningfully to the growth of the Volta Region. We see agriculture not just as a sector, but as a foundation for sustainable economic development and livelihood improvement," said Dr. Dzoboku. "We are particularly keen on initiatives that drive impact at the grassroots level." He added.

### **Support for Healthcare Development**

Following the meeting with the Regional Minister, the Bank's delegation conducted a needs assessment at the Ho Teaching Hospital, where Republic Bank pledged support to address some of the institution's immediate needs, further cementing its commitment to community well-being and social investment in line with SDG-3 (Good Health and Well-Being), which the Bank has endorsed. The delegation was warmly received by Mr. George Tetteh, Hospital Administrator, and Mr. Kwasi Dzamedo, Finance Director, both of whom expressed appreciation for the Bank's visit and interest in supporting the hospital's operations.

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### **Upcoming Mortgage Clinic – Expanding Access to Housing Finance**

As part of its broader plan to deepen financial inclusion and empower families in the Volta Region, Dr. Dzoboku hinted at Republic Bank's plans to host a Mortgage Clinic in the region later this year. The clinic will provide tailored guidance and access to Republic Bank's market-leading mortgage facilities – the most affordable on the market – to help more individuals and families own their homes.

Commenting on this initiative, Dr. Dzoboku stated, "At Republic Bank, we believe everyone deserves a place to call home. Our upcoming mortgage clinic is a strategic step to bring our affordable housing solutions closer to the people of the Volta Region. This is part of our mission to make dreams of homeownership a reality, while contributing to the region's social and economic development," he mentioned.

### **Looking Ahead**

Republic Bank's presence and continuous investment in the Volta Region, since the official launch of its branch in Ho in January this year, demonstrates a clear and consistent commitment to regional transformation. The Bank remains focused on building strong, impactful partnerships with local and regional stakeholders to unlock the full economic potential of the Volta Region and continue to support businesses in the area.

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The Bank's parent company, RFHL, is the largest and most profitable independent Bank in the English-speaking Caribbean, having served the region for over 187 years with a total Asset base of over USD 18.5 billion at the end of the 2024 financial year. The Bank focuses on four SDG goals – Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education, Clean Water and Sanitation and Climate Action as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility under its umbrella initiative Power to Make a Difference (PMAD).

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Dr. Benjamin Dzoboku, Managing Director, Republic Bank (Ghana) PLC, exchanging pleasantries with Hon. James Gunu, Volta Regional Minister



Dr. Benjamin Dzoboku, MD, Republic Bank (Ghana) PLC (left), H.E. Gabriel Tanko Kwamigah-Atokple, Council of State Member (middle), and Hon. James Gunu, Volta Regional Minister (right).

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