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AMO PROGRAMME ACQUIRES NEW MACHINERY TO BOOST PRODUCTION.

AMO Programme has expanded its production capacity with the installation of three new woodworking machines at its workshop in Abepotia. The equipment, which includes a belt sander, scroll saw, and cross-cutting machine, arrived on July 30. It was installed on August 2, and staff orientation on how to use it was completed on August 7.

The new machines are expected to significantly enhance the precision, speed, and efficiency of producing locally made wooden learning materials for schools.

According to the organisation, this upgrade will allow for faster order fulfilment, improve material quality, and the development of more intricate, child-friendly designs.

As AMO celebrates its 30th anniversary, the organization says the equipment upgrade comes at a pivotal time, aligning with its mission to serve more schools, educators, and communities with hands-on educational resources.

The acquisition was made possible with support from the ABACUS Foundation, which facilitated the timely delivery of the machines.

“This investment strengthens our production capacity and enable us to continue providing quality learning tools for children across Ghana and beyond,” said Kwaku Kwakye, Production Manager at AMO.

VAT EXEMPTION

AMO PROGRAMME ANNOUNCES VAT EXEMPTION ON ITS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOLLOWING NaCCA ACCREDITATION.

AMO Programme is pleased to announce to all its valued customers that, with immediate effect, purchases of AMO's educational materials will no longer include Value Added Tax (VAT).

This important change follows the recent accreditation of AMO's products by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA), which was granted on MAY 2, 2025, confirming that AMO's materials meet national curriculum standards.

As a result, under Ghana Revenue Authority regulations, AMO Programme is now officially exempted from charging VAT on its approved learning resources.

This means our learning materials have become more affordable and pocket-friendly. “AMO Programme is committed to making learning affordable to all, and we welcome this news”. – Coordinator, AMO Programme.

A LIFE DEDICATED TO EDUCATION - MEET MS. VIDA BARBARA NTOW (BOARD MEMBER).

Ms. Vida Barbara Ntow, a distinguished educator and advocate for Early Childhood Education (ECE), has concluded an impressive career spanning over three decades within Ghana's education sector. She began her journey in 1989 after graduating as a Cert 'A' teacher from the Presbyterian College of Education, Aburi. Over the years, she served in several teaching roles in Dunkwa-On-Offin and Koforidua before advancing her studies in Special Education and Home Economics at the University of Education, Winneba.

Ms. Ntow's dedication saw her rise steadily through the ranks from teacher to administrator, and ultimately, to the national level. After completing her MPhil in Special Education in 2008, she transitioned to administrative roles, first at the Regional Education Office in Koforidua and later at the GES Headquarters in Accra. There, she served as the Director for Early Childhood Education, where she led major reforms and programs aimed at strengthening the ECE sector.



She is credited with developing key national resources including the Early Childhood Education Policy Framework, KG National INSET Package, and Family Community Engagement Guidelines. Her work also involved extensive national training initiatives, international conference participation, and forging partnerships with both government and non-government stakeholders.

In her later years of service, Ms. Ntow developed a close working relationship with AMO Programme. As a board member, she was instrumental in bringing AMO Programme on board for the Lively Minds

program in Northern Ghana, ensuring the provision of quality, locally produced learning materials.

"What keeps me going is the belief that one day, government will fully support and patronize locally produced materials from AMO Programme for all KG schools in the country making play-based learning a true reality."

She retired from active service in 2023, leaving behind a legacy of innovation, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the future of Ghana's children.

AMO PROGRAMME HOSTS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OFFICIALS

The AMO Programme on August 20, 2025 welcomed Madam Adisa Tessa, Director for Early Childhood Education, and Madam Hannah Owusu Adutwumwaa, National Early Childhood Programme Officer, as part of a working visit to the organisation's facilities.

According to the Director, having heard about AMO Programme's work in supporting early childhood learning, she wanted see it firsthand. During her tour, she interacted with staff, observed the production process and examined the variety of teaching and learning materials developed by the organisation. She highlighted that such tools are not only creative and durable but also vital for shaping the foundation of children's education in Ghana. She expressed her amazement about the quality and relevance of AMO Programme's products.

The two officials commended AMO Programme's innovation and consistency in producing high-quality teaching and learning materials for young learners. They described the materials as both durable and impactful in enhancing early childhood education across Ghana.





Speaking during the visit, Madam Adisa Tessa noted that the organisation's resources are not only well-crafted but also sustainable. *"These materials are very nice, and it will take a long period before they get damaged."* she said.

Madam Hannah also expressed satisfaction with AMO Programme's commitment to early learning, stressing the importance of strong partnerships between the government and private organisations to strengthen the foundation of education in the country.

The visit concluded with smiles and words of encouragement, as the officials praised AMO Programme's efforts in giving children not just tools for learning, but also the joy of discovery.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT- YAW OSEI, PRODUCTION STAFF

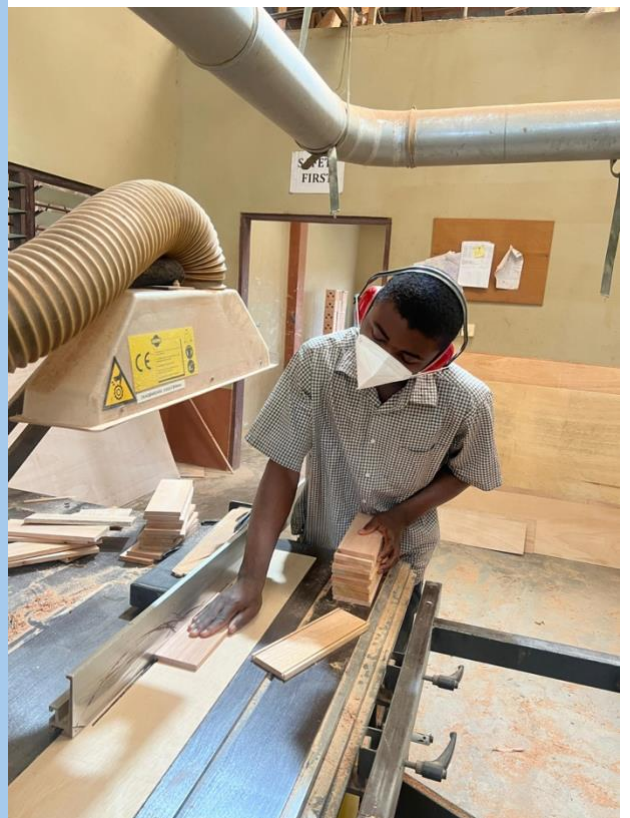
Yaw Osei, a skilled woodworker with 4 years of experience with AMO Programme, continues to contribute to the organisation's growth.

"Joining AMO Programme has given me more experiences to do lots of things I couldn't do before," said Osei. "It gave me not just the skills to succeed in my ways, but also a sense of purpose and pride in what I do."

Osei began his woodworking journey in right after school. Since joining the organisation, he has developed deep expertise in woodworking and has become one of the organisation's most experienced and respected craftsmen.

Over the years, he has contributed to the production of high-quality educational materials used in schools across the country. His hands-on knowledge and commitment to excellence have also made him a mentor to many younger artisans within the organisation.

For Osei, the drive to succeed comes from a desire to give back to his community and provide a better future for his family.



With his 4-year milestone, Osei continues to be a dedicated staff member to AMO Programme, sharing his insights and helping to shape the next generation of skilled woodworkers.

"My motivation comes from seeing how my work contributes to education," he expressed. "When I create educational materials, I know they are making a difference in classrooms. That keeps me doing more, knowing that I am part of something bigger than just a skill."