

She said the SHARPER project, when well implemented, would add momentum to the success stories of HIV and TB in Brong-Ahafo Region. *GNA*

Thursday, we will be launching a new initiative in Garu, in the Upper East Region to promote the use of LPG as alternative source of energy for rural dwellers”.

## Govt urged to invest in manufacture of orthopaedic materials

From Alberta Sarpong, Koforidua

**T**HE President of the Movement Orthopaedic Trauma Education (MOTEC) Life, a U.K-based organization, Dr. Ofori-Atta has called on the government to invest in the manufacture of orthopaedic-based materials to treat trauma cases.

Dr. Ofori-Atta, who is an executive member of the World Orthopaedic Concern (WOC) said such investment would help flush out expired and fake materials



*Dr. Ofori Atta*

used in treating injuries.

“Ghana is blessed with much minerals which when managed well, can support the project,” he stressed, noting that most doctors in the country have gained the necessary skills and techniques abroad in treating orthopaedic and trauma cases but lacked the appropriate materials to treat such victims.

Dr. Ofori-Atta noted that Ghana has no trauma centre, adding that it has caused the lives of many victims whenever there was an accident.

Dr. Ofori-Atta was speaking at a two day workshop organised by St. Joseph’s Hospital, in Koforidua, for surgeons in the country to exchange ideas with international surgeons to improve health care delivery.

The authorities of St. Joseph’s Hospital invited General and Trauma surgeons across the country, indicating that the purpose of the workshop was to equip Ghanaian doctors with the needed skills to improve on their trauma care.

He noted that participants can also take home the principle of management of common open and closed fractures of the limbs.

According to him, trauma is a key killer disease but the public seeks to pay more attention to HIV/AIDS, typhoid, and other similar diseases other than trauma, which has caused the lives of many.

The President of MOTEC appealed to the government to give immediate attention to trauma since it is a fast killing disease.

He urged doctors to be fully prepared, use guidelines and make sure the needed equipment for the operation are available.

Dr. Andrew Irwin, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon, for his part, noted that the plan of the country’s health care must go hand in hand with the needed equipments in order to improve on health care delivery.



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