

## LOYAL FRIENDS OF PROF NAANA JANE OPOKU AGYEMANG

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We as members of the loyal friends of Prof Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang, will like to appeal to H.E John Dramani Mahama, the N.D.C National Executives and N.D.C Council of elders to kindly re-appoint Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang as the party running mate for the second time.

This our call is as a result of the good work Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang did for the N.D.C in the 2020 election and for mother Ghana. It is our strong conviction and humble pleasure that the party should consider to re-appoint her as the 2024 running mate.

Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang has an unwavering optimism in whatever she does and she comes out the best. Therefore, we as members of this group are in a state of turbulence regarding the manner in which some persons within the party seeks to challenge her re-appointment. But we believe that any other person apart from Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang can only be catalyst.

We therefore, hope that the N.D.C National Executives, H.E John Dramani Mahama, the N.D.C Council of elders and all those who matter in the appointment of the party's running mate to treat this our request in tranquility and relish.

Prof. Naana Jane contribution in the recent by-election in the Assin-North constituency was something we must recommend. Prof. Naana Jane spend a week earlier in the Assin-North constituency along with the NDC women wing to make sure we re-capture power in the constituency.

Let us also look at the critical role Prof Naana Jane played in the 2020 election in the Central Region as compare to the 2016 election in the same region. We want every NDC member, every Ghanaian to understand the effort Prof Naana Jane made to assist H.E John Dramani Mahama in the 2020 election.

### CENTRAL REGION

2016	2020
Nana Addo : 496,668 representing 53.22%	Nana Addo: 602,111 representing 52.71%
John Mahama : 405,262 representing 43.43%	John Mahama: 524,034 representing 45.87%
Difference between the two figures is 91,406	Difference between the two figures is 78,077

Looking at the figures, you realize that our defeat in the Central Region in the 2020 election was seriously reduced as compared to the 2016 election figures.

### BACK GROUND OF PROF. NAANA JANE OPOKU AGYEMANG

Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang was the first female vice chancellor of University of Cape Coast. She is the female who occupied this position in Ghana.

Prof Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang was minister of education who excelled in the ministry. She was the brain behind progressive free S.H.S and the E blocks across the length and breadth of country. Prof Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang was the running mate to H.E John Dramani Mahama in the 2020 general election. She assisted H.E John Dramani Mahama in so many ways to generate or obtain about 47.36 percent in the 2020 election as compared to 44 plus in 2016 general election.

Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang's sterling records as Minister of Education is a healthy mixture of innovative policy initiatives, quality outcomes and massive infrastructural development.

- She successfully championed many reforms such as the conversion of polytechnics into technical universities.
- Upgrading colleges of Education into tertiary institutions.
- Reducing teacher absenteeism from 27% to 7%.
- Introducing the unprecedented private BECE.



- Leading negotiations with the world bank which secured for Ghana the flagship Secondary Education Improvement Project and the African Centres of Excellence Initiative resulting in the establishment and funding for the West African Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI), the West African Centre for Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogen (WACCBIP) both at the University of Ghana and the Regional Water and Environmental Sanitation Centre (RWESC) at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).
- Abolishing the quota system at the colleges of Education which led to enrollment increasing from 9,000 to 15, 400 thereby creating more teaching opportunities for the youth.
- Ensured teachers were automatically posted without national Service and Licensure Examinations.
- Upgrading facilities at 50 less endowed senior high schools.
- To improve retention and transition rates, she oversaw the distribution of bicycles, school bags, mathematical sets, solar lamps, calculators and textbooks to some 155, 781 pupils.
- Increased the capitation grant by 100% for 11,650 public basic schools in 75 deprived districts.
- Constructed 25 district education offices.
- Introduced the progressively free S.H.S policy which was targeted at 458,700 poor and vulnerable students.
- Distributed 787,485 free school uniforms to deprived districts across the country.
- Initiated the construction of 124 community day senior high schools and completed 50 at the time of handing over.
- Administered the skills development fund which saw some US\$50 million worth of grants being awarded to 646 businesses and 93,446 employees / members of trade associations and farmers based groups.
- Secured funding from African Development Bank under the Development of skills for Industry Project (DSIP) which was utilized for the construction of 13 modern and well equipped technical institutes across the country.
- Upgraded the facilities in all the 38 colleges of Education.



- Supervised the competition of the university of Health and Allied Science at Ho.
- Secured funding and initiated work on the University of Environmental and Sustainable Development in the Eastern Region.
- Students loan beneficiaries increased from 13,833 in the year 2012 / 13 academic year.
- Upward review of the student's loan from GH¢650-GH¢1600 two semesters to GH¢2000 for same period.
- Introduced the student's loan plus to cater for students who gain admission but face financial handicap in raising the initial time bound registration fees.

These are many few innovative policy initiatives, massive infrastructural development and quality outcome achievement and reforms she initiated as the Minister for Education.

In conclusion, we will like to state that if Prof. Naana Jane Opoku Agyemang's re-appointment is continuously being like she is a purge, we will have no choice but to consider picketing the national party head office.

We are strongly convinced that when she re-appointed as running mate for John Dramani Mahama going into 2024 general elections, a lot she can transform when NDC formed the next government come January 2025.

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