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KATH MANAGEMENT STATEMENT ON WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES

The Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL) has curtailed water supplies to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) over the past 10 days due to some operational challenges including a major damage to its main pipeline serving the hospital.

To mitigate the impact of the curtailment on the operations on clinical services, KATH management initiated a number of alternative arrangements because the yields from the existing boreholes and the reservoirs at the hospital have not been able to meet the demands of its operations during this prolonged period of water supply interruptions.

The alternative arrangements involve the use of water tankers from the hospital, the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS), the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly (KMA) and private operators among others to supply water to the hospital.

However, due to the sheer size of the hospital and its operations, staff and patient numbers, the current supply has been inadequate to meet its full needs.

The Hon. Minister of Health and Hon. Ashanti Regional Minister have also intervened and are currently coordinating arrangements to get more water tankers to join the current fleet of tankers to improve the supply of water to the hospital as an interim move to resolve the challenge.

In addition, as a result of KATH management's engagements with the GWCL, it is making arrangements to re-route water supply to the hospital through a different line as soon as possible.

Management wishes to reiterate that, at all times, it has taken steps to mitigate the adverse impact of the prolonged water supply challenges on the hospital's operations and hoped that with coming on board of the additional tankers and re-routing of supplies by the GWCL, the challenge would be addressed.

KATH further wants to appeal for a dedicated line from the GWCL as the current arrangements where it shares a line with several other areas in Kumasi has been problematic. There is also the need to expand the main reservoir of the hospital to improve the availability of water during such prolonged break in supplies.

Kath currently on the average has over 6,000 staff members, 4,000 medical and nursing students, 1,300 OPD patients, over 700 inpatients and countless number of visitors passing through premises on daily basis and needs the above referenced interventions to safeguard the availability of water for uninterrupted operations.

Thank you.

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