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## African American team ends visit

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**A 31-MEMBER African-American delegation from Washington DC in the United States of America has decided to support programmes to improve health care facilities in the country.**

Consequently, the delegation has donated \$1,000 to support sanitation programmes in two schools at Akwamufie in the Eastern Region.

Members of the delegation, made up of only females who toured Akwamufie and other parts of the country, yesterday, ended their visit with a meeting with the Gyaasehene of Akwamu Traditional Area, Nana Aku Brakatu Brempong II in Accra.

The leader of the delegation, Madam Valerie Papaya Mann said the group will help Akwamufie to address the problem of truancy among schools.

Explaining why his team selected Akwamufie, she said, she bumped into Nana Oye Boadu Akofena I the Gyaasehene of Akwamu in Washington

DC, in the USA and after making known her intention, Nana Oye advised her to mobilise support for her town.

Madam Mann, who expressed the team's desire to expand the project to other parts of the country said, "I am like a painter; I select my canvas, take my paint and brush and start painting a small portion at a time but at the end of the day I would have painted a very large area," she said.

She said a team of 100 members, comprising medical doctors, academics and health personnel, would, arrive later in the year to carry out a free and comprehensive health care, delivery exercise including the examination of children with HIV/AIDS.

The Gyaasehene thanked the visitors and pledged his support for the delegation in their endeavours.

He presented a certificate of recognition to the team. The delegation has since left for the USA.

• **Nana Brempong II and Valerie Papaya Mann in a handshake in group picture with the members. Picture by PATRIC FYNN.**