

## **FDA ORGANISES TRAINING FOR THE GHAFTRAM MEMBERS IN THE CENTRAL REGION**

As part of its mandate to uphold Public Health and Safety, the Central Regional Office of the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), in collaboration with the Ghana Federation of Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association (GHAFTRAM), on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, organized a one day training programme for its members.

The training was necessitated by observations made by the FDA during facility inspections at manufacturing sites of some Herbal Medicine producers in the Central Region.

The program was chaired by Professor Augustine Ocloo, the Director at the Centre for Plant Medicine Research and also, a member of the FDA Governing Board.

The welcome address was delivered by Nana Obiri Yeboah, a member of the FDA's Governing Board. Also present at the programme were Mr. Emmanuel Yaw Kwarteng, Head of the Herbal Department at the FDA; Mr John Odai-Tettey, the FDA's Central Regional Head as well as the National and Regional GHAFTRAM Presidents, Nana Kojo Odum Eduful and Mr. John Kofi Sackey.

Some of the topics that the participants were educated on included Microbial Contaminations of Herbal Products and Sources, Preservation and formulation of herbal products, Good Manufacturing Practices and Labeling Requirements.

In total, over three hundred (300) members of GHAFTRAM from twenty-two (22) districts in the Central Region were trained.



## **FDA TAKES PART IN A SENSITIZATION DURBAR FOR REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS ON POST NATIONAL MVIP LAUNCH**

Following the negative publicity against the implementation of the Mosquirix malaria vaccine, the Central Regional Health Directorate organised a Regional level post MVIP Launch stakeholder engagement to allay the fear of, and to better inform the public on the benefits of the malaria vaccine as a complementary tool to combat the menace of malaria.

Messages were delivered by

- The Central Regional Director of Health Services  
The Central Regional Head of FDA and
- A WHO Representative

A short sketch was played to get the audience appreciate the entire concept.

