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### **AYA CALLS FOR CALM, DIALOGUE, AND URGENT ACTION TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE DELIVERY AT KOMFO ANOKYE TEACHING HOSPITAL**

The Asante Youth Association (AYA) has been closely monitoring recent developments at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) and wishes to express its deep concern over the growing tensions and uncertainty surrounding the facility.

As an association committed to the welfare and development of Asante and Asanteman as a whole, we believe the current situation reflects not only a challenge in crisis management but also the unfortunate influence of ego and power struggles among key stakeholders.

KATH is not merely a hospital serving the Ashanti Region. It is a major referral facility that serves Asanteman and several other regions across Ghana. Therefore, any disruption to its operations affects thousands of ordinary citizens who depend on the hospital for life-saving healthcare services.

We wish to remind all stakeholders that when two elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers. In this case, the ordinary Ghanaian patient is the one who bears the consequences of prolonged disagreements and tensions. Those involved in the current impasse have access to alternative healthcare options and institutional protections, but the average citizen does not.

AYA therefore calls for calm, restraint, and constructive engagement among all parties involved.

Having examined the issues, we believe that while the CEO and his management team of KATH could have handled aspects of the matter more effectively through internal mechanisms and behind-the-scenes engagement, the response from the Health Minister, instead of helping to resolve the situation, has unfortunately muddied the waters and further complicated an already sensitive matter. We believe crisis management within the health sector requires cool heads, careful dialogue and solutions driven by reason rather than emotion or demonstrations of authority and power.

At the same time, we see this development as a wake-up call to the central government and policymakers regarding the enormous pressure currently placed on KATH. The hospital continues to carry a burden that exceeds what any single facility should be expected to handle.

It is worth recalling that successive governments, particularly during the first administration of President John Dramani Mahama, envisioned the Ashanti Region as a healthcare hub. This vision led to the establishment of major healthcare projects such as the Afari Military Hospital, Kumawu Hospital, and Sewua Hospital. Many of these facilities have reached advanced stages of completion, with some requiring only minimal work before becoming fully operational.

AYA believes that the argument that these hospitals cannot be commissioned because they are not completely finished is untenable. No hospital is ever completely finished. Even long-established



institutions such as KATH and Korle Bu Teaching Hospital continue to undergo development, expansion, and procurement activities decades after their establishment.

We therefore call on the Government of Ghana, the Ministry of Health, the Ghana Health Service, and all relevant stakeholders to rise above partisan considerations and prioritize the health and well-being of Ghanaians. Sickness does not recognize political affiliations or political colours, and healthcare delivery must never become a casualty of political disagreements.

We further urge the Ghana Health Service to play a more proactive and independent role in ensuring that all healthcare projects, including the Agenda 111 initiative which was started by the immediate past administration and other existing facilities, are completed and operationalized. This will significantly reduce the overwhelming pressure on KATH and improve healthcare access for residents of the Ashanti Region and the many other regions that depend on the hospital.

AYA also takes this opportunity to make a humble appeal to the hardworking medical doctors and healthcare professionals at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital. We acknowledge the immense pressure under which they work daily and appreciate their sacrifices and dedication to saving lives.

While we understand their frustrations, we respectfully plead with them not to lose hope in the people they serve. The actions or inactions of some policymakers and politicians should not result in the suffering of the ordinary citizens whose lives depend on their expertise and care. Our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children look to them for hope during moments of illness and distress.

We therefore encourage all healthcare professionals at KATH to continue engaging through appropriate channels while maintaining their commitment to patient care, even as efforts are made to resolve the current challenges.

The Asante Youth Association remains committed to supporting every effort aimed at restoring calm, protecting healthcare delivery and ensuring that the health needs of Asante and Asanteman and ordinary Ghanaian citizen remain the foremost priority.

A healthy population is the foundation of a strong and prosperous nation.

**Signed,**

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