Since the beginning of the year, the Tain district has recorded some major bushfires which have destroyed some key properties.

In order to curtail the spread of bushfires in other parts of the district, two environmentally concerned NGOs, Concern Universal and SODIA, in collaboration with Information Services Department (ISD) and other partners have intensified the district wide campaign to avoid bush fire occurrences.

Addressing a community durbar at Badu-Bepoyease in the Tain district, the district fire officer, Mr. K. Oppong, noted a number of bush fire cases recorded in the district and said that, the district lost 440 hectares of its vegetative cover as well as properties.

He bemoaned that bushfires have affected rainfall pattern in the region and stressed that it will be difficult for a district with close to 82 per cent of its population being farmers to alleviate poverty through farming in such poor weather condition.

The fire officer therefore urged the communities to take anti-bushfire education seriously to help curb the frequent occurrence of bushfires since the Fire outfit has not got enough logistics to work with.

At Adamu near Badu, the community leaders suggested to the Tain dDstrict Assembly to institute an award scheme to honour communities and individuals who distinguish themselves to prevent bushfires.

Maame Adwoa Maanu, a native of Adamu, who has been a victim of bushfire destruction, urged the youth to join anti-bushfire volunteers in the community to manage bushfires.

The district NADMO officer, Mr. David Gyau, in a note read on his behalf, urged the community to practice tree planting and avoid indiscriminate clearing of trees for charcoal burning.

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