
A Short Bio of His Royal Majesty Togbega Kwaku Ayim IV
Paramount Chief of Ziavi Traditional Area and First President of the Ziavi Traditional Council

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Introduction

His Royal Majesty **Togbega Kwaku Ayim IV** (1945–2024) was a visionary Paramount Chief of the Ziavi Traditional Area, an accomplished educationist, and a respected national leader in traditional governance. Enstooled on **8th June 1986**, he dedicated **38 years of service** to his people, becoming the **longest-reigning Paramount Chief of post-independence Ziavi**. His reign is widely regarded as a period of social transformation, educational advancement, cultural renaissance, and peacebuilding, not only for Ziavi but also for the Volta Region and Ghana as a whole.

Contributions to Chieftaincy and Traditional Leadership

Togbega Kwaku Ayim IV was a **custodian of Ewe culture and traditions**, yet progressive in his outlook and affairs. His leadership in chieftaincy included:

- Serving as **Founding President of the Ziavi Traditional Council** (2018–2024), which institutionalised governance structures and enhanced unity among chiefs and queen mothers in the Ziavi Traditional Area
- Membership in the **Asogli Traditional Council** from 1987 to 2018, where he played a vital role in the Standing, Judicial, and Research Committees, and represented the President of the Council on countless occasions.
- Becoming the **first Paramount Chief of Ziavi** to attain **permanent membership of the Volta Regional House of Chiefs** (2015–2024).
- Chairing the **Education Committee of the House**, and serving on its Judicial and Research Committees, where his knowledge of customary law and arbitration greatly strengthened the institution.
- Leading numerous arbitration panels and chieftaincy cases brought before the Volta Regional House of Chiefs and successfully chairing the **Kpando Chieftaincy Dispute Resolution Committee (2021)**, which restored harmony to the area.

His reputation as a **fair, wise, and peace-driven leader** made him a sought-after voice in regional and national traditional affairs, conflict resolution and peace-building activities. He was the august chair for many events and ceremonies, both local and national, that took place in the Volta region.

Contributions to Education

As a professional educationist and specialist in inclusive education, Togbega dedicated over **40 years of active service** to the **Ghana Education Service** and beyond. His contributions include:

- Pioneering **inclusive secondary education** for visually impaired students as the first Resource Teacher at **Okuapeman Secondary School** (1984–1988).
- Serving as **Head of Rehabilitation**, School for the Blind, Akropong, where he developed braille textbooks and resources for blind and visually impaired students.

- Establishing and championing **Ziavi Senior High/Technical School (ZISTECH)** in 2014, which was later absorbed into the Ghana Education Service in 2021.
- Advocating tirelessly for **education for children with disabilities** and initiating community-based programmes to identify and enrol them in schools.
- Serving as **Chairman of the Board of Directors for ZISTECH, School of Hygiene, Ho**, and on other educational and community boards, where he influenced policy and institutional growth.
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Through these efforts, Togbega left an enduring mark on **special education, vocational training, and youth development** in Ghana.

Here's a focused summary of **Togbega Kwaku Ayim IV's contributions to religion and the development of religious institutions in Ziavi**:

Togbega's Contribution to Religion and Religious Institutions

His Royal Majesty **Togbega Kwaku Ayim IV** was a devout Christian and a lifelong member of the **Evangelical Presbyterian (E.P.) Church, Ghana**, where he served both locally and nationally, receiving many awards and citations for his service and contribution.

- **Active Church Member and Leader:** Togbega played an active role in the activities of the E.P. Church, Ghana throughout his life. He worshipped with congregations in Ziavi, Ho, Klefe, and Akropong, and was instrumental in establishing the **Akropong E.P. Church** in the late 1990s.
- **Support to Religious Growth in Ziavi:** Under his leadership, Ziavi became a centre of vibrant Christian life. He supported the Roman Catholic Church, facilitating the first-ever Sacramento in Ziavi in 1990, and encouraged harmony among all denominations in the community.
- **Church Centenary Celebrations:** He played a pivotal role in the **100th Anniversary of the E.P. Church in Ziavi Dzogbe (1998)**, which was celebrated with national recognition.
- **Strengthening Religious Institutions:** Togbega consistently mobilised community and church members to support infrastructure development, religious events, and spiritual growth. His home and leadership provided moral backing and visibility to the work of churches in Ziavi.
- **National Roles in the Church:** He served on the **Shepherds Centre for the Aged** of the E.P. Church, supporting the welfare of elderly members, and regularly attended national synods, rallies, and commissioning services.

Through his commitment, Togbega strengthened the foundations of religious life in Ziavi, promoted inter-denominational unity, and ensured that religious institutions contributed meaningfully to the **spiritual, social, and cultural development** of the community.

Governance, Peace, and Development

Under his reign, Ziavi witnessed a transformation in infrastructure, social services, and governance:

- **Electrification, water, and roads:** He mobilised citizens and resources to secure electricity, potable water, and improved road access to Ziavi.

- **Ziavi Health Centre:** He led the establishment of a health facility, now under the Ghana Health Service, providing vital healthcare access to his people.
- **Dututudoza Festival:** He instituted this annual festival as a platform for communal fundraising, cultural expression, and developmental planning.
- **Strengthening local governance:** He introduced quarterly meetings of the Ziavi Traditional Council and revived **ZICODA (Ziavi Community Development Association)**, ensuring sustained community mobilisation for progress.
- **Cultural renaissance:** He revitalised the **Avazorli Union**, uniting Ewe communities around shared heritage and development.
- Served as an **Appointee in the HO Municipal Assembly** (2008-2012), where he served on the Assembly Education Committee and contributed to making education infrastructure development a priority in his community and beyond.

At the regional and national levels, Togbega represented Ghana on **international cultural and development missions**, including a **delegation to Ningxia Province, China**, helping to contribute to inter-regional cooperation.

Legacy and National Impact

His Royal Majesty Togbega Kwaku Ayim IV will be remembered as:

- A **champion of education**, particularly for the disadvantaged.
- A **pillar of peace and conflict resolution**, whose mediation skills prevented and resolved disputes.
- A **cultural leader and reformer**, who balanced tradition with progressive community development.
- A **statesman in traditional governance**, who strengthened institutions and advanced the role of chieftaincy in national development.
- A **knowledgeable and forward-looking traditional leader**, the one who speaks and there is silence.

Through his vision and service, Togbega not only uplifted Ziavi but also left a lasting impact on the **Volta Region and the Republic of Ghana**. His life is a testimony to **leadership anchored in service, wisdom, and dedication to the common good**. He was great in service and will forever be remembered as a leader of his kind among his peers and communities.

May his Soul rest in Eternity!
