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Kwarkye Gyedu Thompson since October 2018 has been a doctoral student at the Institute of Ethnology at Goethe University in Frankfurt (M) Germany. His doctoral studies in supervised by Prof Dr Hans Peter Hahn and funded by the Andrea von Braun Foundation. Before becoming a doctoral student, Kwarkye studied for his Bachelors in Political Science at the University of Ghana and a Masters in a field in Anthropology called Human Security at Aarhus University, Denmark.

His doctoral research is exploring the roles of women leaders in ensuring human security at the local governance in Ghana. Using ethnographic methods and techniques, the research is divided into two folds [Primary and Secondary objectives]. With the primary objectives, Mr Kwarkye aims at tracing the historical perspectives that undertones women leaders among the Nawuri in northern Ghana. More so, the aim is to understand their contribution to Ghana's democratic dispensation. The secondary objective on the other hand which is dependent on the primary objective aims at exploring the kind of relationship that is established at the local levels between women leaders and other stakeholders (formal government structures, NGOs, Civil Society Groups etc) and how to empower these women to maintain their significance at their respective areas of jurisdiction.

### **List of Publications**

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