

## Kenya Katoo, Banda-Ahenkro<sup>1</sup>

Kenya Katoo is named for the woman Adjua Kenya who was the one to come to this place. It is not an independent house; rather, it is a branch of a family centred at Adadiem known as Mgbõle ("Friends" in Nafaanra). The male and female heads of the house live at Adadiem. Kenya Katoo is represented at the palace via their house in Adadiem.

The house has special duties to perform in funeral rites on the death of the paramount chief. At such a time, the house in Ahenkro plays host to all the well-wishers who come together as family from Adadiem. The family provides a sheep for sacrifice as well as money toward the funeral expenses. The family is one of the inheritors of the Royal House, so they have a share in the possessions of the chief. They came to have this role as a result of their ancestor Boadum. Tolɛ Boadum was a nephew to the then Paramount Chief Sie Lõngõ. When coming from a place between Adadiem and Jinini, Boadum did not travel on with the Paramount Chief because he had many children which made traveling difficult. He decided to stay in Adadiem where he established a cassava farm. His sister traveled on with the others and started the Adjua Kenya sub-house in Ahenkro.

For some time after, Boadum remained in Adadiem and the Chief did not hear from Boadum. The Chief sent word that Boadum should come to the place where the Paramount Chief was staying. Boadum refused on the grounds that he had established a farm but had not yet harvested his crops. From that time the family remained in Adadiem. Today the family of Boadum do not provide candidates for the paramount stool; however, they formerly did. They attribute their exclusion from succession to Boadum staying behind in Adadiem. Despite their exclusion from holding the stool, they retain the right to inherit from the Paramount chief.

### Male Heads of Family

1. Boadum  
[did not know successors until last 4 heads]
2. Dabla
3. Pɛɛ
4. Kofi Guuri
5. Shie Kwabena

### Female Heads of Family

1. Yaawa
2. Adwoa Chiwa
3. Afua
4. Kenya
5. Yajo Kahaa
6. Ama Donkor
7. Adwoa Bõdõm (recently deceased in 1986)

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