

Name : Joseph Yieleh Chireh
Government Administration : J. E. A. Mills (1st Admin)
Designation: Minister of Local Government
Duration : 2009-2011



Joseph Yieleh Chireh (born 8 July 1954) is a Ghanaian pharmacist, barrister, diplomat and politician. He is the former Member for Parliament for Wa West. He served in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th parliament of the 4th Republic of Ghana. He is also a Member of the Pan-African Parliament.

Chireh was born in the Upper West Region of Ghana. He had his secondary school education at the Navrongo Secondary School in the Upper East Region where he studied for both his GCE Ordinary and Advanced level certificate.

He studied at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology from 1975 and obtained the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree in 1979. He proceeded to the Ghana School of Law in 2001 and qualified as a barrister in 2006.

Chireh is a member of the National Democratic Congress. He served as the Chairman of the Procurement Taskforce set up by the PNDC Government in 1991. As chairman he is credited with spearheading the investigations of procurement malpractices in selected Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) notable amongst them is the Ministry of Health, the Volta River Authority, Electricity Corporation of Ghana and also the former Post & Telecommunications Corporation.

He has served in different roles from Regional minister, Ambassador, Member of Parliament to Minister of Local Government and Rural development and also Minister of health.

Chireh joined the National Democratic Congress when it was formed in 1992 on the resumption of party politics in Ghana. He was appointed by Jerry Rawlings as Upper West Regional Minister in his government in 1993.

He served in that role from 1993 to 1997. He was subsequently made the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Algeria with concurrent accreditation to Tunisia, the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and Mauritania between 1997 and 2001. He subsequently served as member of parliament in the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th parliament from January 2005- January 2021.