

The National Seed Trade Association of Ghana (NASTAG) has signed a fixed grant agreement with the ACDI/VOCA Ghana Market Systems Resilience (MSR) project to the tune of **GHS 1,314,705.60**. The 24 – month project (June 2023 – June 2025) titled **“Strengthening the Seed and Agro Input Systems to enhance productivity and livelihood of smallholder farmers in Ghana”** seeks to strengthen agricultural systems that will result in greater productivity, efficiency, and investment in goods and services that drive agriculture-led economic growth ultimately increasing household incomes for a better and more fulfilling life for smallholder farmers in Northern Ghana.

To achieve the goal of the project, a few milestones were put together **(based on what the Project decided to support)** to aid in activity implementation. These milestones are;

- 1. Four (4) training workshops for internal quality control managers on internal quality control guidelines in the Project’s Zone of Influence (ZOI) organized.**
- 2. Two (2) sensitization workshops on Seed Reform Documents organized.**
- 3. Two (2) annual National Seed Business Fora to enhance seed industry players knowledge on Seed Legislation and the Government of Ghana’s established standards and procedures for development and distribution of quality seeds with Ghana MSR ZOI facilitated.**
- 4. Twelve (12) district level seed and inputs fairs organized in collaboration with other donor partners with MSR Activity fully supporting four (4) of such.**

The milestones will be achieved in collaboration with key stakeholders within the seed sector and partnerships with Government agencies as and when necessary.

On completion of the implementation of these activities is expected to contribute to the overall expected outcome of the MSR Activity Implementation as follows;

- Strengthened seed input systems, technology development and supply chain.
- Increased use of seed structured markets.
- Strengthened national and regional level agricultural sector system functioning.
- Increased commercialization and availability of improved seeds.
- Increased operational capacity of local seed market systems.
- Increased access to focus agricultural value chain knowledge/ information.
- Improved operational efficiency of SMEs along the seed value chains.
- Increased quality of produce by smallholder farmers.
- Increased availability and transparency of market information.
- Strengthened capacity for farmers and other focus agricultural value chain actors, including gender and persons with disability.
- Strengthened public and private partnerships in agriculture.