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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### URGENT CALL TO GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE DISTRIBUTION OF INPUTS TO FARMERS AS PLANTING SEASON BEGINS

With the onset of rains, SEND GHANA and its partners call on the government to expedite the distribution of agricultural inputs to farmers under the government's flagship agricultural transformation initiative, the Feed Ghana Programme.

Information gathered from farmers in the Northern, Oti, Volta and Bono East regions shows that they are yet to receive seeds, fertilizers, and other inputs. Further checks with the Departments of Agriculture also reveal that most Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) have not received these inputs. This delay can affect planting, derail the government's ambitions for the programme, and threaten food security.

Already, some farmers are hesitant to go into large-scale farming this year due to the glut experienced in the previous season, which left many of them unable to sell their rice and maize.

SEND GHANA also calls on the Ministry of Food and Agriculture to ensure that youth, especially young women, are prioritized in line with the Feed Ghana programme implementation modalities to address youth unemployment.

Government should also make information on the programme increasingly available to the public by providing regular updates on the modalities for accessing progress of and implementation. This will empower farmers with information to enable them access support under the initiative, while enabling civil society to monitor implementation, provide feedback, and hold government accountable.

The Feed Ghana Programme has the potential to enhance food security, reduce food inflation, create employment especially for youth and women, and promote agro-industrial development and exports. The success of this initiative depends on strengthened Agric governance at the local level and timeliness of the interventions. Without these, the government risk missing set targets and wasting public resources.

SEND GHANA is a policy research and advocacy organization dedicated to promoting good governance and the equality of women and men in Ghana. For over two decades, SEND GHANA has worked to strengthen livelihood security, agriculture, and nutrition outcomes in Ghana, particularly for smallholder farmers, women, and vulnerable communities. Through policy research, advocacy, and community engagement, SEND promotes inclusive agricultural development, sustainable food systems, and improved access to opportunities and resources that enhance incomes, food security, and nutrition.

Yours Faithfully



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*Vision: A Ghana where people's rights and well being are guaranteed.*

*The Mission of SEND is to promote good governance and the equality of women and men in Ghana.*



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