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The Role of National Agricultural Co-operatives in the Post COVID-19 Era



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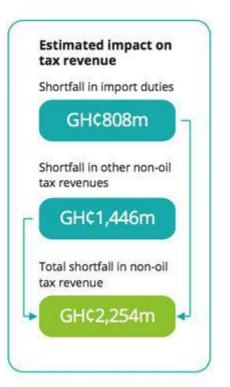
Impact of COVID-19 on Ghana's Economy

Impact on the Ghanaian economy

Impact on GDP Growth Ghana's estimated GDP growth is set to plummet from a target of 6.8% to about 2.6% in 2020 Ghana GDP growth 2.6%











Effect of Covid-19 on Agriculture Co-operatives

- □export restrictions due to:
- -boarder closure
- -Internal restrictions on movements
- from major urban centers.
- ☐ Difficulty accessing inputs & logistics

Accra, Tema, Kasoa and Kumasi under partial lockdown

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President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo Friday night imposed a partial lockdown of Accra, Tema, Kasoa and Kumasi, effective 1am on Monday, 30th March, in a further bid to contain and halt the spread of the Coronavirus pandemic.



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GLUT

- Arising from close down of schools, restaurants and boarders,
- ✓ typically poultry products and egg



COVID-19 Pandemic: Over 500,000 eggs glut in various farms and markets across the country (20-5-20)







Glut & Post harvest Loses

- Post harvest losses and gluts in the rural area and scarcity in urban centers due to lockdown in major towns and export disruption.
- Logistic









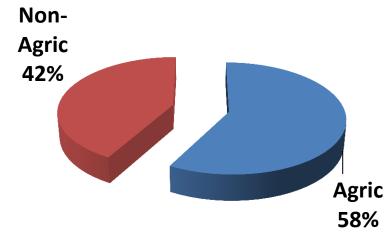
Post COVID-19 Intervention by National Agricultural Co-operatives

• Expanding coverage of agricultural Co-ops to include small holders

• Though Agriculture Co-ops represent 58% of Co-op movement in Ghana, almost 63% of all farmers in Ghana exist as smallholders

• Actively promoting unionization to strengthen the apex bodies and expand social support systems

Employment







Post COVID-19 Intervention by National Agricultural Co-operatives

POLICY

- Advocate for policy reforms
- channeling of state agricultural intervention initiatives through Co-ops:
- ✓ Planting for Food and Jobs (fertilizer & seed distribution program)



Cooperatives Council calls on political parties to promote cooperatives









Post COVID-19 Intervention by Co-ops

Re-capitalization

- Identify ways of mapping agricultural co-ops to financial co-ops for low-interest credit facilities (base rates and lending rates in Ghana are very high)
- Strengthening database and actively promote virtual networking for efficient linkages with non-agricultural Co-ops (eg. Transport & logistics)



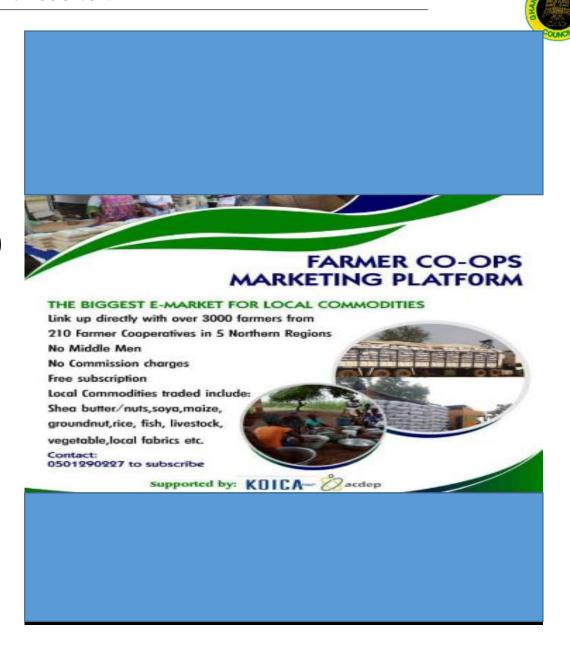




Online Marketing

 The GCC and partners initiated an electronic marketing platform for 140 Farmer Co-ops.

This initiative could be expanded







Community Intervention & Social Contribution

 Kaare Women Co-op trained and adopted over 400 widows into cooperatives.

Job creation for vulnerable in Community









Cooperative- "All of us" are stronger than "Any of us"







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