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# **M&E Activities implemented in FY2017: Lessons Learned**

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## Brief Description of Your Project

The USAID/Ghana Feed the Future Agriculture Policy Support Project (APSP) is a five-year project, 2014 to 2018

**Project Goal** is to increase the capacity of the Government of Ghana, the private sector, and civil society organizations to implement evidence-based policy formation

The capacity of the Government of Ghana to identify, develop and implement agriculture policies is rather weak; policies are not based on empirical research and civil society lacks the technical and advocacy skills to effectively engage with government on agriculture policy formulation and implementation

# Brief Description of Your Project

THE PROJECTS MAIN STAKEHOLDERS ARE:

The project is implemented in collaboration with three main stakeholders to improve the enabling environment for private sector investment in Ghana's agriculture

- Ministry of Food and Agriculture
- Ghanaian research organizations
- Ghanaian Civil society & Private Sector Organisations

## Brief Description of Your Project

- ❑ **Strengthening the Agriculture Policy Process in Ghana in Partnership with MoFA and other MDAs**
  
- **The project has worked with GOG through MDAs to move forward in policy formulation with about 25 pieces of agricultural and Nutritional enabling environment policies**
  - Assistance to METASIP / SAKSS Nodes
  - Technical Assistance to GOG Units in Logistical and Capacity Building support
  - MoFA Policy Unit, M&E Unit,
  - WAID
  - Statistics, Research, & Information Directorate (SRID)
  - PPRSD
  - Ghana Seed Inspection Division
  - Crop Services Directorate
  - Ghana Irrigation Dev. Authority
  - METSI (Bio-safety Authority)
  - Lands Department
  - Etc.

# Brief Description of Your Project

- ❑ Enhanced High Quality Research Capacity and increased the availability of rigorous policy analysis capacity for evidence-based policy making through:
  - Grants to Four Research Institutions to conduct Policy Studies
    - **Faculty of Agribusiness & Communication Sciences** - University for Development Studies
    - **College of Agriculture & Natural Sciences** - University of Cape Coast,
    - **Crops Research Institute** - Council for Scientific Research & Industrial Research
    - **Science & Technology Policy Research Institute** - Council for Scientific Research & Industrial Research
  - The Research Institutions have **completed a total of 23 Policy Research Studies and Assessments** is to increase the capacity of the Government of Ghana, to implement evidence-based policy formation

## Brief Description of Your Project

The project is working with Civil society organizations in Ghana to support Agriculture Policy Platforms for strengthening mutual accountability by:

- Awarding Grants to **over 20 Civil Society Organisations** (including Gender groups) for Policy Advocacy and Public-Private Policy Dialogues
  - ✓ Increasing awareness among stakeholders on Ghana's Agriculture Policies
  - ✓ Close the gap between policymakers and agriculture sector stakeholders
  - ✓ Contributions to agriculture policymaking at the district-level
- Assisted in the formation of a private sector umbrella Organisation for the seed sector– The National Seed Trade Association of Ghana (**NASTAG**)

## M&E Activities Implemented in FY 2017

- M&E Activities implemented between October 2016 and September 2017:
  - M&E Plan Review and update
  - Project Team Building Event to review progress & Finish Strong
  - Mid-Term Performance Evaluation by USAID / METSS
  - Knowledge sharing Events – Brown Bags,
  - Agriculture Policy Research Summit
  - Etc.



# Lessons Learned

- **Lesson 1**
  - ❑ Political-will of duty bearers and other stakeholders is essential for a POLICY PROJECT to succeed
- **Lesson 2**
  - ❑ M&E persons should periodically review project M&E Plans, updates PIRS.
  - ❑ M&E persons should review project indicators you come to meet in a project, make your criticisms, and suggest changes if necessary