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TOWARD ESTABLISHING A GHANA MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FERTILIZER PLATFORM: INSIGHTS FROM STAKEHOLDER AND NETWORK ANALYSIS

This policy brief presents the result of research¹ conducted to understand stakeholder dynamics in Ghana's fertilizer value chain in preparation for the launch of a multi-stakeholder platform that addresses fertilizer value chain challenges. With 36 interviews conducted among various actors, the stakeholder analysis and network analysis results follow.

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INTRODUCTION

to improve food security and reduce poverty and inequality, provided appropriate fertilizers are adopted. Notwithstanding several programs targeted to increase fertilizer use by farmers, the average fertilizer use in West Africa remains low, hindering the region's ability to achieve sustainable agricultural growth and food production. In view of this, a multi-stakeholder platform is being proposed to bring stakeholders in the fertilizer value chain together to share resources and ideas for addressing the value chain by identifying the key stakeholders involved and their roles. This will ensure that all essential stakeholders are engaged in the platform and that any marginalized group is subsequently empowered and well represented.

ESSENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS IN GHANA'S FERTILIZER VALUE CHAIN

The research shows that many government agencies have a great deal of interest and much power in the value chain compared to private sector actors, which generally have a lot of interest but not much power. However, governmental bodies (e.g., the Ministry of Food and Agriculture's [MOFA] Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate and MOFA's Statistics, Research, and Information Directorate) and research institutions lack the needed resources to carry out their activities (Figure 1). Similarly, private

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