GHANA NPC recommendations

A total of 8 key recommendations to address deficiencies and/or opportunities in the NPC area of Ghana's seed system have been developed by the assessment team and vetted with stakeholders. The recommendations are roughly, but not strictly, listed in order of importance or recommended sequencing.

Recommendation #1: **Seed planning and coordination team**
Description
Support effort to constitute and roll out a functional unit or team under the MOFA to carry out seed system planning and coordination. The team should be supported to have the necessary skills, experience, structure, clear mandate or charter, and pluralistic composition required to fulfill its mandate.
Key determinants of costs
The associated costs include hiring an expert to develop the structure, mandate, or charter for NSP&C

Recommendation #2: **Institutional support for seed planning and coordination**
Description
Develop and implement sustainable funding and resource plans for MOFA staff to carry out seed planning and coordination responsibilities effectively. These responsibilities should include inclusive stakeholder gatherings, data collection and analysis, and long-term seed system planning
Key determinants of costs
The associated costs include 1) hiring an expert to carry out training of NSP&C staff, 2) gathering data

Recommendation #3: **Clear information for stakeholder decision-making**
Description
Develop an online seed sector platform that brings together information on seed (e.g., seed varieties, agrodealers, agrochemicals, seed industry contacts, key downloads) and invest to keep the platform up to date and relevant
Key determinants of costs
The associated costs include 1) cost of developing a seed sector platform 2) yearly hosting cost, the cost for industry data collection, and 3) maintenance cost

Recommendation #4: **Intra- and inter-Ministry communication and coordination**
Description
Strengthen the capacities of existing units within the Ministry of Agriculture Livestock, Fisheries, and Cooperative to improve communication and coordination with each other (intra-Ministry), and to improve communication and coordination with relevant units in other Ministries (inter-Ministry, e.g., Industry and Trade, border control, treasury/payments, etc.) Increase the quality and frequency of all government interactions related to seed system development.
Key determinants of costs
Cost of training NSP&C staff on communication skills; cost of convening meetings between intra-Ministry and inter-Ministry;

Recommendation #5: **A stronger enabling environment for private sector participants**
Description
Undertake training to build MOFA capacity to understand and implement various approaches to improving the enabling environment for private sector investors and participants in the national seed sector. This training should include enhanced understanding and implementation of smart subsidy and relief programs.
Key determinants of costs
Costs of training on how to design and implement smart subsidy

Recommendation #6: **A stronger enabling environment for private sector participants**
Description
Institute functional, two-way multi-stakeholder dialogue regularly to discuss industry issues and development
Key determinants of costs
Costs of convening meetings with stakeholders

Recommendation #7: **Seed strategy**
Description
Support MOFA to develop, communicate, and implement a clear and concise medium and long-term seed strategy
Key determinants of costs
Cost of hiring an expert to develop a seed strategy; cost of convening a meeting with stakeholders to validate the seed strategy

Recommendation #8: **Seed demand forecasting**
Description
Support the MOFA to adopt and implement an economically robust framework for seed demand forecasting to facilitate stakeholder decision-making. Establish a baseline for seed volumes for key crops as part of this effort. Build capacity in the team responsible for carrying out the annual forecasting exercise and support communication of results.
Key determinants of costs
Cost of training;