

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Supporting Ghana's Socio-Economic Transformation Drive; REACH Hands Over Equipment to Partners.**

**Wa, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, REACH Project – The Resilience Against Climate Change (REACH) Project held a brief ceremony to hand over Agriculture and Information Technology equipment worth over GHS 3 million to its partners in Ghana's Upper West Regional capital, Wa.**

Harnessing synergies between development cooperation, partnerships and enhancing public sector management and service delivery is key in creating opportunities for all. One such way to ensure quality service delivery in the provision of requisite infrastructure to enhance planning processes of the local government structures.

In order to achieve this, 591 Information Technology Equipment have been procured for 14 District Planning Coordinating Units (DPCUs) in North-West Ghana and partners at the national level. The equipment includes 56 Laptops, 112 Personal Computers, 84 Mobile Tablets and 70 Printers. The rest are 112 Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) systems, 14 Cameras, 70 Projectors, 70 Global Positioning Systems (GPS) devices and 3 video conferencing devices. Provision of these equipment will aid in effective planning and strengthening of linkages between the District Assemblies.

Additionally, two (2) tractors have been handed over to the Damongo Agriculture College and the Babile Agriculture Research Station respectively to facilitate the promotion of climate-smart agricultural practices through the training of Agricultural Extension Agents (AEAs) and farmers.

The IT equipment were handed over on behalf of the REACH project by the European Union's Head of Cooperation, Massimo Mina and Team leader of the project, Rita Weidinger to the respective beneficiary groups. Also, in attendance for the ceremony were the Upper West Regional Coordinating Director, National and Regional Project Coordinating Units, Regional and District Departments of Agriculture, among others.

The gesture reinforces the European Union's (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development's (BMZ) commitment to support the socio-economic drive of Ghana, particularly in North-West Ghana, a major driving force for rural development.

REACH is an EU and BMZ co-funded project that seeks to establish an inclusive, environmentally friendly planning process at the Community and District level and promote sustainable agricultural methods. The project is implemented jointly

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