

District Directorates of Agriculture Take Delivery of PFJ Pickup Vehicles

The Minister for Food and Agriculture Hon. Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto on Monday 11th of June 2018, officially handed over 216 number Nissan double cabin pickups to the Districts Offices of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. This was done at a short ceremony at the Engineering Directorate of the Ministry in Accra. The initiative forms part of government efforts to support and increase the effectiveness of extension delivery system for the agriculture sector in the country.

Speaking at the presentation Dr. Akoto said, agriculture in Ghana, has assumed a new importance under the administration of H. E. President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo. The vision of the president to transform Agriculture has been expressively articulated and given expression in plans, policies, programmes and strategies formulated and designed to achieve the desired objective of transformation. The flagship programme driving this transformation agenda is “Planting for Food and Jobs Campaign”, which was launched in April, 2017 by the President. One year after piloting the PFJ the results have been positive and encouraging.

The Sector Minister underscored that fact that, the positive results of PFJ have reinforced the President’s unwavering conviction that Agriculture holds the key to Ghana’s economic transformation. ‘Critically, Government believes that, providing the needed logistics and improving the efficiency of Agric Extension Officers will facilitate and yield the needed results for the PFJ project’ this, he added.

Hon. Eric Kusi, DCE for Adansi Fomena, who received the vehicles on behalf of the Districts, expressed gratitude to Government and the Agric Sector Minister for the kind gesture. He also assured Government that the vehicles would be used for the intended purpose to increase productivity in the sector.