

ACTIVITY PERFORMANCE REPORT OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT 2023

G SHEP Training backstopping and monitoring

SHEP is an acronym which stands for “Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion”. It was developed in Kenya through a technical cooperation project by JICA which started in 2006 and succeeded in increasing farmer’s income. Eastern region started the G-SHEP Approach on 30th January, 2023 with Fanteakwa North district been the model districts whiles Kwahu East, Kwahu South and Yilo krobo are satellite districts.

The year under review brought, staff of the Department of Agriculture, the Regional SHEP Team, Satellite Districts and Farmers to be trained by the Central SHEP Team on various topics including:

- How to Conduct Sensitization Workshop
- Gender Awareness Training
- Participatory Baseline Survey
- Market Survey
- Target Crop Selection
- Crop Calendar Making
- Planning
- Nutrition

This year Yilo Krobo has been selected as the model district whiles Lower Manya, Upper Manya and Akwapim North to expand the G-SHEP activity in the Eastern Region.

Specific achievements of the Regional G-SHEP activities

The market survey training enlightened farmers to produce and meet market demands and preferences.

Through the training, farmers have been equipped with the knowledge and skills to select commodities and varieties to produce for the market based on their competitive advantage.

The capacity of the regional and district SHEP teams has been built to extend the technologies to FBOs and farmers across other districts.

Based on the transfer and use of technologies by FBOs and farmers in the minor season, the impact was felt in increased incomes as a result of management of cost of production, increased yield, reduced post-harvest loss, and selling at a good price for profit.

Some beneficiary farmers have started practicing the less salt and oil in food. Other parents have also started preparing pudding (“mpotompoto”) for their infants because of its sweet taste and no pepper.

Regional SHEP team specially acknowledges the IPM interventions and strategies provided during SHEP training and cultivation practices.



Picture showing stakeholder engagement with DCE and DCD for Fanteakwa North, Central, Regional and District SHEP Team

SUCCESS STORIES OF G-SHEP ACTIVITY IN FANTEAKWA NORTH DISTRICT BENEFICIARY FARMERS PERSPECTIVE

“Due to the training received from G-SHEP I conducted the market survey and realized that commodities like carrots, sweet pepper and Okra have a good market price during the lean season”.

“Initially, carrots cultivation was “rumored” to be very difficult to cultivate and many of us have no knowledge about cultivating and managing it” but now I have acquired the knowledge and skills in cultivating carrots.

The Agricultural Extension Agent replicated the carrot demonstraion in Ayigbetown with Biakoye Farmers Group who also expressed interest in growing carrots. After successfully growing the carrots and selling, farmers have decided to get a bigger land to expand carrot growth in Ayigbetown this year.



The Carrot Success Story at Apaah & Ayigbetown all in the Fanteakwa North district



Step-Down Nutrition Training at Ayigbetown in the Fanteakwa North

