

Feeding Cities

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Presentation Outline.

Techiman is growingly becoming a food Hub in Ghana.

The role of Municipal Policies Towards the Sustainable Transformation of Food Systems



Introduction

Techiman is the capital of the Bono East Region.

Techiman is strategically located between the Northern and Southern part of Ghana, making it an ideal trading hub.

The Techiman market which has been nicked-named as the “West African’s commodity market” is one of the largest agricultural produce markets in the country.

Techiman is commonly referred to as the "Food Basket of Ghana"



Food distribution – Maize

The region is one of the largest producers of maize in the country.

Most of the maize produced is distributed through the Techiman Market.

With the strategic location of Techiman Market, traders from Kumasi, Takoradi, and Cape Coast purchase maize from Techiman Market.

Poultry farmers and livestock feed processors purchase maize from the Techiman Market.



Food distribution – Maize Cont.

Some of the West African Counties such as Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Togo and Niger at times purchase maize from Techiman Market and other district in the Region.

In fact, the secretary for Ghana Maize Traders and Marketers Association is in the Techiman Market.



Food distribution – Yam

Techiman is noted for early yam production.

Farmers in Fiaso and its Environs in the Techiman Municipality start harvesting fresh yam from May.

About 80% of the early fresh yam is exported to countries such UK and USA.

Some yam exporters in Accra pre-finance the production and farmers pay back to them in kind.



Food distribution – Cassava

The municipality produce a lot of cassavas.

The cassava produced is either sold raw or processed into gari and cassava chips.

The gari is mostly sold to 2nd cycle schools in the country and also to some of the West African Countries.

Marketing of other Staples

Marketing of staples from vegetable to fruits such as mangoes and citrus is found in Techiman Market.

It must be emphasized that in 1983 where there was famine in Ghana due to drought, there were staples in the Techiman Market.

Techiman market operations take place from Tuesday through Friday every week of the year, attracting traders from around West Africa.

The role of Municipal Policies Towards the Sustainable Transformation of Food Systems

Local governance Act, 2016 (Act 936) puts Regional Department of Agriculture under the Regional Coordinating Council and District Department of Agriculture under the District Assembly.

As such staff of Regional Department of Agriculture and District Department of Agriculture are staff of Local Government Services but not staff of Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

Act 936 mandate District Assemblies to develop its Developmental Agenda through the Coordinated Agenda of the Government.

The role of Municipal Policies Towards the Sustainable Transformation of Food Systems Cont.

There are Five (5) major roles of District Assemblies towards Sustainable Food Systems.

Policy: Under Act 936, District Assemblies operates through sub-committees. Every Assembly that is Agrarian has Agricultural Sub-Committee. Projects, Programmes and By-laws towards sustainable Food System is routed through Agric. Sub-committee to Executive Committee and to General Assembly for approval.

Facilitation: Under this role District Assemblies provides the enabling environment such as construction of markets, construction and improvement of farm/feeder roads and access to utilities.

The role of Municipal Policies Towards the Sustainable Transformation of Food Systems Cont.

Networking: Assemblies lobbies for programmes on sustainable food systems with Donor Agencies, Ministries and actors in the agricultural value chain.

Provision of Technology: The core mandate of the District Department of Agriculture is the provision of crops, livestock and aquaculture technological packages to actors along the agricultural value chain for sustainable food security.

Collaboration: The Assembly collaborate with Donor partners, NGOs/CSOs and all actors along the agricultural value chain to implement programmes and projects towards sustainable food systems. On this, the Assembly collaborated with FoN to implement ReDIAL Project.

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