



# GINGER BLIGHT EPIDEMIC CONTROL TASKFORCE

**EMERGENCY & RECOVERY**

**TECHNICAL & RESEARCH**

**CAPACITY & PRODUCTIVITY**

**MARKETING & INDUSTRY**

## ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

### Emergency & Recovery (E&R) Committee

- o List of affected ginger farmers received from Plateau and Kaduna states
- o Validation of the list would be done by random field sampling, to be supported by World Food Programme (WFP)
- o The E&R committee included a buffer of 500 farmers in the budget to accommodate lists from other states that are yet to be received.
- o Relief materials to be distributed include rice, beans, maize, vegetable oil, tomato paste, and seasoning cubes. The committee proposes 50Kg each of the materials, as the distribution would be done only once.

### Market & Industry Committee

- o Planned implementation of a one-day national summit in Kaduna for ginger farmers and other stakeholders (between 500 – 700 participants).
- o The summit will feature technical sessions and side exhibitions of ginger products.
- o Proposed participants include farmers, processors, truckers, agents, aggregators, exporters, academia, research institutes, organized private sector, State Governments, and Ministries, Departments and Agencies

### Technical & Research Committee

- o Ginger seeds are sold in bags of 50kg, and the current market price ranges from N55,000 to N70,000 per 50kg bag.
- o Farmers may plant ginger in the coming season only if they have access to new land and sources of clean seeds. Otherwise, it is advisable that they plant cereals such as maize.

### Capacity & Productivity Committee

- o About 200 bags of seeds could be sourced from the Southeast and Gboko area in Benue state, as reported by Nwabudo Agro Seed Nig Ltd. This quantity needs to be confirmed and the health status determined.
- o There are no formal Seed Companies that are into ginger seed production at the commercial level. Efforts should be made to develop the formal seed system of ginger with the effective participation of the commercial seed companies to ensure an uninterrupted supply of clean, disease-free ginger planting materials going forward.

## PRIORITIES

- Launch the Ginger Blight Epidemic Control Taskforce so that communication to the public can commence
- Technical & Research committee to submit a position on the disease
- Emergency & Relief committee to submit a budget
- Capacity & Productivity Committee to look at rapid multiplication options for next season
- Capacity & Productivity Committee to plan for “formalising the ginger seed system” and share support needed. Also consider if the Market & Industry committee should be involved in this.



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