



# GINGER BLIGHT EPIDEMIC CONTROL TASKFORCE

**EMERGENCY & RECOVERY**

**TECHNICAL & RESEARCH**

**CAPACITY & PRODUCTIVITY**

**MARKETING & INDUSTRY**

## ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Activities Conducted**
- **Emergency & Recovery (E&R) Committee**
  - List of affected ginger farmers received from FCT, Plateau and Kaduna states.
  - Lists received harmonized with lists from Nigerian Ginger Associations
  - Validation of the list would be done by random field sampling, to be supported by World Food Programme (WFP)
  - Kaduna State Media Corporation (KSMC) is available for the dissemination of information to farmers
  - Budget for relief materials for affected farmers finalised and shared with the secretariat
- **Marketing & Industry Committee**
  - No update from the committee
- **Technical & Research Committee**
  - 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.
  - **Pending:** a technical statement on the disease and the way forward
- **Capacity & Productivity Committee**
  - GBECT website - <https://gingertaskforce-ng.net/#> is active, however, it is yet to go live. Minor edits and updates to be made.
- **Secretariat**
  - Liaised with Chairpersons of committees on ongoing and pending activities
  - Followed up with E&R committee on the budget for relief materials
  - Liaised with IITA on the website development – provided information and pictures for the website

## ACTION POINTS AND PRIORITIES

S/N	Action Point	Responsible	Timeline
1	Hold a general meeting with the committees to get a comprehensive update on the status of activities	Secretariat	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
2	Submit an official position on the disease	Technical & Research Committee	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
3	Consider rapid multiplication options for next season	Capacity & Productivity Committee	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
4	Plan for “formalising the ginger seed system” and share support needed. Also consider if the Market & Industry committee should be involved in this.	Capacity & Productivity Committee	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
5	Validate list of affected farmers	WFP	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
6	Launch the Ginger Blight Epidemic Control Taskforce so that communication to the public can commence	Secretariat	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
7	Obtain approval for the distribution of relief items and commence distribution	E&R Committee	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

All dates to be confirmed by the Chairperson of each Committee



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GBECT Taskforce Secretariat  
Date: 6th March, 2024

NOTICE BOARD: WEEK 9 & 10