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Ghana is in a new era of using Information Communication Technology (ICT) for government service delivery. This comes in the wake of the overall agenda to digitize the economy to improve efficiency and coverage. The internet's rapid growth in recent times has driven many governments to add electronic commerce to their operations to enhance value for money in their spending. Electronic Government Procurement popularly referred to as e-GP is a comprehensive process in which governments use ICT (including the Internet) to establish agreements for the acquisition of goods, works and services. Since the mid-1990s, many governments have actively adopted e-GP tools such as Web-based proposal requests and Internet bidding, digital signatures for procurement documents, reverse auctions, electronic ordering, automated procurement systems, and purchasing cards among others. In Ghana, the implementation of the e-GP forms part of a wider Public Financial Management Reforms (PFMR) Programme.

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2. Accra Psychiatric Hospital	64. East Mamprusi Municipal Assembly
3. Achimota Hospital	65. Eastern Regional Hospital
4. Ada East District Hospital	66. Effia-Kwesimintsim Municipal Assembly
5. Agona West Municipal Assembly	67. Ejura Government Hospital
6. Agortime-Ziope District Assembly	68. Electoral Commission Of Ghana
7. Ahafo Ano-North Municipal Assembly	69. Enchi College Of Education
8. Ahanta West Municipal Assembly	70. Enchi Government Hospital
9. Aircraft Accident And Incident Investigation And Prevention Bureau	71. Environmental Protection Agency
10. Akenten Appiah-Menka University Of Skills Training And Entrepreneurial Development	72. Essam Government Hospital
11. Akrofuom District Assembly	73. Fair Wages And Salaries Commission
12. Akuapem South Municipal Assembly	74. Financial Intelligence Centre
13. Akuse Government Hospital	75. Fisheries Commission
14. Al-Faruq College Of Education-Wenchi	76. Food And Drugs Authority
15. Amansie Central District Assembly	77. Forestry Commission
16. Anyaa Polyclinic	78. Ga West Municipal Hospital
17. Asante Akim South Municipal Assembly	79. Gambaga College Of Education
18. Asokwa Municipal Assembly	80. Gbewaa College Of Education
19. Asonomanso Government Hospital	81. Ghana Aids Commission
20. Assin Foso Municipal Assembly	82. Ghana Airports Company Limited
21. Asunafo North Municipal Assembly	83. Ghana Book Development Council
22. Atiwa East District Assembly	84. Ghana College Of Pharmacists
23. Atiwa West District Assembly	85. Ghana College Of Physicians And Surgeons
24. Atua Government Hospital	86. Ghana Commodity Exchange
25. Audit Service	87. Ghana Communication Technology University
26. Awutu Senya East Municipal Assembly	88. Ghana Cylinder Manufacturing Company
27. Babile Polyclinic	89. Ghana Education Service (Hq)
28. Bank Of Ghana	90. Ghana Enterprise Agency
29. Bawku Municipal Assembly	91. Ghana Exim Bank
30. Bawku West District Assembly	92. Ghana Free Zones Authority
31. Bekwai Municipal Hospital	93. Ghana Geological Survey Authority
32. Berekum East Municipal Assembly	94. Ghana Grid Company Limited
33. Bia East District Assembly	95. Ghana Health Service - Hq
34. Bibiani Anhwiaso Bekwai Municipal Assembly	96. Ghana Highway Authority
35. Bibiani College Of Health Sciences	97. Ghana Institute Of Journalism
36. Birim Central Municipal Assembly	98. Ghana Institute Of Languages
37. Birim South District Assembly	99. Ghana Institute Of Management And Public Administration
38. Bole District Hospital	100. Ghana Integrated Aluminium Development Corporation
39. Bolgatanga Midwifery Training College	101. Ghana Investment Fund For Electronic Communications
40. Bolgatanga Technical University	102. Ghana Investment Promotion Centre
41. Bongo District Hospital	103. Ghana Library Authority
42. Bosome Freho District Assembly	104. Ghana Meteorological Agency
43. Bui Power Authority	105. Ghana National Gas Company Limited
44. Builsa North Municipal Assembly	106. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation
45. Bureau Of Ghana Languages	107. Ghana National Service Scheme
46. Cape Coast Technical University	108. Ghana Reinsurance Plc
47. Central Regional Co-ordinating Council	109. Ghana Revenue Authority
48. Central Regional Health Directorate	110. Ghana Shippers' Authority
49. Central Tongu District Assembly	111. Ghana Standards Authority
50. Centre For Plant Medicine Research	112. Ghana Tourism Authority
51. Civil Service Training Centre	113. Ghana Tvet Service
52. Coastal Development Authority	114. Ghana Water Company Limited
53. College Of Health Science Yendi	115. Greater Accra Regional Hospital
54. College Of Nursing And Midwifery Nalerigu	116. Guan District Assembly
55. Commission On Human Right And Administrative Justice	117. Gushegu Municipal Assembly
56. Community Health Nurses Training College - Tamale	118. Ho Municipal Assembly
57. Controller And Accountant General Department	119. Ho Polyclinic
58. Council For Scientific And Industrial Research	120. Hohoe Municipal Assembly
59. Daffiama-Bussie-Issa District Assembly	121. Institute Of Local Government Studies
60. Department Of Social Welfare	122. Internal Audit Agency
61. Dormaa Central Municipal Assembly	123. Jaman North District Assembly
62. Dr. Hilla Limann Technical University - Wa	124. Jasikan Municipal Assembly
	125. Kade Government Hospital
	126. Kadjebi District Assembly

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128. Kasoa Polyclinic	190. National Petroleum Authority
129. Keta Municipal Assembly	191. National Road Safety Authority
130. Keta Municipal Hospital	192. National Sports Authority
131. Ketu North Municipal Assembly	193. National Teaching Council
132. Ketu South Municipal Assembly	194. New Abirem Government Hospital
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134. Kibi Government Hospital	196. Nkoranza South Municipal Assembly
135. Ko Polyclinic	197. Nkwanta North District Assembly
136. Koforidua Technical University	198. Nkwanta South Municipal Hospital
137. Kpando Municipal Assembly	199. North Tongu District Assembly
138. Krowor Municipal Assembly	200. Northern Electricity Distribution Company Limited
139. Kumasi Technical University	201. Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipal Assembly
140. Kumbungu District Assembly	202. Nsawam Government Hospital
141. Kwabre East Municipal Assembly	203. Nuclear Regulatory Authority
142. Kwadaso Municipal Assembly	204. Nurses And Midwives Training College - Tamale
143. Kwahu Afram Plains North District Assembly	205. Nurses Training College - Ho
144. Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly	206. Nurses Training College Damongo
145. Kwahu East District Assembly	207. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Of Ghana
146. Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology	208. Nursing And Midwifery Training College
147. Lands Commission	209. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Asankrangwa
148. Law Reform Commission	210. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Bole
149. Ledzokuku Municipal Assembly Hospital	211. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Hohoe
150. Lekma Polyclinic	212. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Koforidua
151. Lower Manya Krobo Municipal Assembly	213. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Korle Bu
152. Mampong Government Hospital	214. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Kpembe
153. Maternal And Child Health Hospital	215. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Sekondi
154. Mfantseman Municipal Assembly	216. Nursing And Midwifery Training College- Tarkwa
155. Minerals Commission	217. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Teshie
156. Minerals Income Investment Fund	218. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Twifo Praso
157. Ministry Of Chieftaincy And Religious Affairs	219. Nursing And Midwifery Training College Zuarungu
158. Ministry Of Communications	220. Nursing Training College Sampa
159. Ministry Of Defence	221. Obuasi Government Hospital
160. Ministry Of Education	222. Obuasi Municipal Assembly
161. Ministry Of Employment And Labour Relations	223. Oda Government Hospital
162. Ministry Of Energy	224. Office Of The Attorney-General And Ministry Of Justice
163. Ministry Of Environment Science Technology And Innovation	225. Office Of The Head Of Civil Service
164. Ministry Of Finance	226. Office Of The Head Of The Local Government Services
165. Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development	227. Office Of The Registrar Of Companies
166. Ministry Of Food And Agriculture	228. Offinso College Of Education
167. Ministry Of Health Headquarters	229. Okere District Assembly
168. Ministry Of Information	230. Old Tafo Municipal Assembly
169. Ministry Of Parliamentary Affairs	231. Oti Regional Health Directorate
170. Ministry Of Railways Development	232. Peki Government Hospital
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172. Ministry Of Tourism Arts And Culture	234. Pharmacy Council
173. Ministry Of Transport	235. Presby Women College Of Education- Aburi
174. Ministry Of Works And Housing	236. Presbyterian College Of Education- Akropong
175. Ministry Of Youth And Sports	237. Pru East District Assembly
176. Mion District Assembly	238. Psc Tema Shipyard Limited
177. Mother And Child Hospital Kasoa	239. Psychiatric Nurses Training College Ankafu
178. Mount Mary College Of Education	240. Public Interest And Accountability Committee
179. Nanumba North Municipal Assembly	241. Public Procurement Authority
180. National Commission For Civic Education	242. Public Records And Archives Administration Department
181. National Commission On Culture	243. Public Sector Reform Sec
182. National Communications Authority	244. Public Utilities Regulatory Commission
183. National Development Planning Commission	245. Quality Control Company Limited
184. National Film And Television Institute	246. Regional Health Directorate Ghana Health Service
185. National Information Technology Agency	247. Regional Health Directorate Tamale
186. National Insurance Commission	248. Rent Control Department
187. National Labour Commission	249. Right To Information Commission
188. National Peace Council	250. Sagnarigu Municipal Assembly
	251. Savelugu Municipal Hospital
	252. Sda College Of Education-Asokore Koforidua

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 254. Sefwi Wiawso Municipal Assembly
 255. Sic Life Company Limited
 256. Social Security And National Insurance Trust
 257. Sogakope Hospital
 258. South Dayi District Assembly
 259. St Annes Hospital Damongo
 260. St. Joseph Hospital Jirapa
 261. St. Teresa's College Of Education
 262. St. Theresa's Hospital-Nandom
 263. St. Vincent College Of Education
 264. Suame Municipal Assembly
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 266. Sunyani Municipal Assembly
 267. Takoradi Technical University
 268. Tamale Central Hospital
 269. Tamale College Of Education
 270. Tamale Technical University
 271. TDC Development Company Limited
 272. Techiman Municipal Assembly
 273. Tema General Hospital
 274. Tetteh Quarshie Memorial Hospital
 275. Tree Crop Development Authority
 276. Tumu College Of Education
 277. University For Development Studies
 278. University Of Ghana
 279. University Of Health And Allied Sciences
 280. University Of Mines And Technology

281. University Of Professional Studies Accra
 282. Upper Denkyira West District Assembly
 283. Upper West Akim District Assembly
 284. Volta Regional Hospital
 285. Volta River Authority
 286. Wa Municipal Hospital
 287. Wassa Akropong Government Hospital
 288. Wassa Amenfi Central District Assembly
 289. Wassa Amenfi East Municipal Assembly
 290. Wesley College Of Education
 291. West Akim Municipal Assembly
 292. West Gonja District Assembly
 293. Yendi Municipal Assembly
 294. Yilo Krobo Municipal Assembly
 295. Zabzugu District Assembly

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Hello Readers, welcome to the May-June 2023 Edition. The enactment of the Public Procurement Act 2003 (Act 663) has streamlined Ghana's public procurement process and is now fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory.

In this edition, we will look extensively at the newly introduced e-GP system in Ghana mainly known as the "Ghana Electronic Procurement System (GHANEPS)". GHANEPS is a web-based, collaborative system, developed in accordance with the requirement of public procurement laws, to facilitate public procurement processes in Ghana. This system offers a dynamic environment for carrying out procurement of all categories, complexity or value.

GHANEPS supports processes of procuring goods, works, consultancy, non-consultancy and disposal of assets. The system supports various public procurement procedures including user registration, tender notification, tender preparation and submission, online tender evaluation, contract awarding, creation and management of catalogue, creation and management of framework agreements and payments.

Many countries around the globe are adopting electronic procurement systems to improve public sector governance and move beyond the traditional procurement system. Recently Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Rwanda, Tunisia, Ghana, Korea, United States and India, etc. are some countries that have adopted and implemented the e-GP system in the world. Through a World Bank-sponsored initiative, Ghana became the first country within the West Africa Sub Region to establish Electronic Government Procurement in 2019. The adoption of the e-GP has generated many benefits for both the government and procurement practitioners.

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The electronic procurement system has enhanced a lot of benefits to these countries. According to the World Bank, the adoption of the electronic procurement system has brought about the reduction in associated cost benefits of lower managerial complexity, lower prices and a headcount reduction in the purchasing process.

Besides streamlining the process, faster cycle times have led to a significant increase in revenue generation for the country and prospective firms because products reach the market faster, allowing firms to capture market share by being the first to market.

The electronic procurement system has reduced maverick or unauthorised procurement, organized reporting information, and tightened integration between procurement functions and back-office systems. As a result, the supply chain has become more controlled, key data is managed more effectively, and organizations can now make high-quality purchases.

These benefits are expected to accelerate the rate of adoption of these technologies once the uncertainties that remain around Electronic procurement are reduced to levels that encourage significant resource commitments leading towards higher process efficiency and effectiveness.

This edition aims to inform our readers about the concept, implementation, and benefits of the Electronic Procurement system in Ghana and across the globe. Keep reading...

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INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: GHANEPS

Starts from Pg. 2 **Background:**

The system for e-GP in Ghana is known as **GHANEPS** (Ghana Electronic Procurement System). Its implementation originates from June 2011 when PriceWaterHouse Coopers (PwC) was engaged as consultants for the systematic development of an e-GP in Ghana. They developed the strategic plan for the implementation. In 2017, a firm was chosen through an international competitive tendering process to partner with the government in providing a system with full end-to-end e-GP functionalities. The application was developed with the input of five pilot Government Entities. The five selected entities were the Department of Feeder Roads, Ghana Cocoa Board, Ghana Health Service, Koforidua Technical University and Tema Metropolitan Assembly. On 30th April 2019, Vice President His Excellency Dr Mahamudu Bawumia launched **GHANEPS**. The first phase (I) of the implementation culminated in a six-month pilot run with the five entities. In November 2019, the Phase II of the implementation was initiated, with the objective of rolling the system out to all government entities in Ghana. As part of the rollout, public entities and the private sector are sensitized, trained, and supported in the use of the system. The Roll-Out is being carried out in a phased approach and is targeted to be completed by the end of this year.

Benefits

Many African countries are adopting electronic procurement systems to improve public sector governance and move beyond traditional, paper-based procurement. In recent times, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Rwanda, and Tunisia are some of the countries that have adopted and implemented e-GP in Africa. Ghana became the first country within the West Africa Sub Region to establish e-GP in 2019. Ghana's adoption of the e-GP can generate benefits for both government, procurement practitioners as well as the private sector. According to the World Bank, the electronic procurement system will improve governments' ability to generate data and analyse performance in capital budget spending in *real-time*, thus increasing transparency in government procurement. The use of the Open Data Contracting System helps improve efficiency and effectiveness, subsequently leading to achieving *Value for Money* and the detection of corruptive collusive, fraudulent, and coherent practices. The implementation of e-GP leads to lower prices of goods, works and services because of increased competition. Increased competition also creates opportunities for small businesses which were previously unavailable in the manual public procurement process. In addition, e-GP streamlines the procurement

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processes leading to massive minimization in the public procurement space.

Implementation Status and Achievements:

Currently, over 750 public entities have been engaged from 13 regions across Ghana and are in various stages of the roll-out. 176 training sessions have been organised for the entities with over 6,000 of their staff taking part, this includes 3,018 Procurement Officers. For the private sector, 96 training sessions have been organised, with 3,029 companies participating.

There have been over 1,500 tenders posted through the system so far, with 2,070 suppliers responding to them and an average of 18 suppliers per tender. The tenders have led to 97 framework agreements and 1,101 awarded contracts with a value of GHS 72,480,311.80. In terms of users, 712 entities have been set up on the system with 6,796 users. There are also 24,435 suppliers registered on the system.

Usage

For GHANEPS to deliver its objectives and benefits, it must be widely used by public entities after the roll-out. Therefore, as we approach the completion of training and setup of all entities on the system, we are turning our attention to usage enforcement. While GHANEPS usage has steadily increased, we have observed with concern that the pace is slow. As part of usage enforcement, the government will start several measures in the coming months to ensure optimum usage. Among these measures is integrating GHANEPS with the Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) to limit supplier payments in GIFMIS to procurement conducted through GHANEPS. Suppliers, Contractors, and Consultants on GIFMIS will risk not getting their payment processed when they conduct procurement outside GHANEPS. Another measure to be introduced is the refusal of the processing of any request to PPA from public entities who do not use the system. The Government is also working with Donor partners to refuse the disbursement of funds to Entities that do not conduct their procurement through GHANEPS.

The public will receive more information about the measures in due course.

Notice to Suppliers

The Private Sector is a critical actor within the public procurement space and is therefore a key stakeholder in the implementation of GHANEPS. Service providers (Suppliers, Contractors, and Consultants) have been an integral part of the roll-out from the beginning. There are free training sessions provided for service providers. Service

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providers also participate in the day-in-a-life sessions which are organised for entities.

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) would like to emphasize the need for the private sector to be trained and is hereby calling on all service providers who are yet to participate to take advantage of upcoming training sessions.

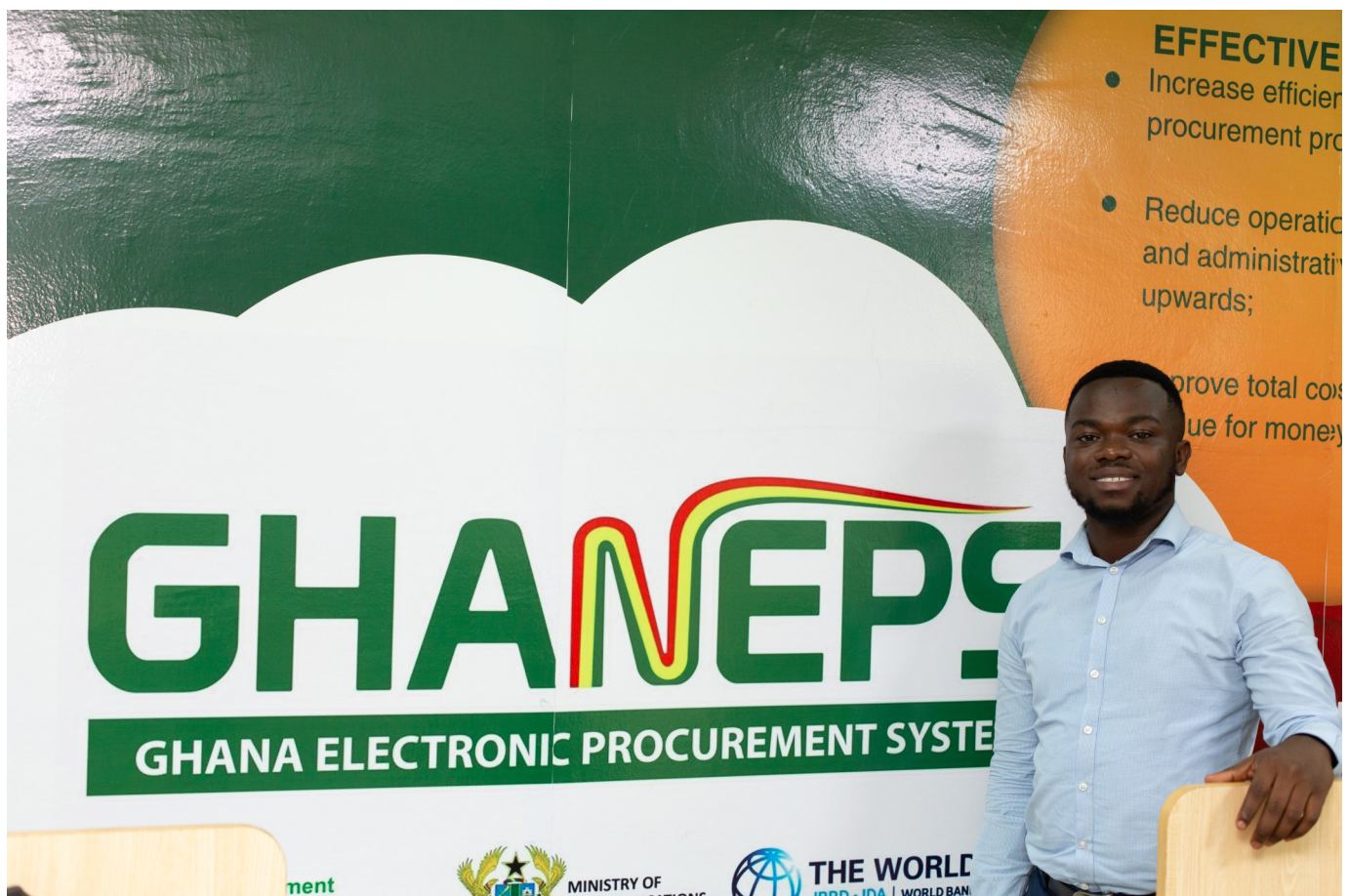
Visit www.ppa.gov.gh website, or call the helpline (0551858858, 0551866866, 0551866668, 0551866688, 0551858855, 0551858588) to find out more about the ongoing training sessions.

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GAMBIA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY VISITS GHANA



A 13-member delegation from the Gambia Public Procurement Authority (GPPA) visited Ghana from Monday 5th June through Wednesday 14th June 2023 to study Ghana's Electronic Procurement System (GHANEPS).

The study tour took place in Sunyani, the Bono Region, the PPA Head Office and the GHANEPS Secretariat.

The deputy CEO of PPA, Mr Kwame Prempeh, said he was delighted that the PPA had been chosen as the final destination of their study tour after visiting Rwanda and Nigeria.

“Many African countries are adopting electronic procurement systems to improve public sector governance. By the end of this year, GHANEPS will be the only way to conduct procurement in Ghana. Ghana’s adoption of electronic procurement will generate enormous benefits for the government, procurement practitioners as well as the private sector. Both regulatory authorities will also have the opportunity to exchange best practices and share lessons learned from the visit” Mr. Kwame Prempeh stated.

According to the Director General of the GPPA, Ghana was chosen as part of the study tour because it has

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successfully implemented efficient and effective e-procurement systems.

“The objective of the Study Tour is to learn and benefit from the experiences of countries with a proven record in transforming and modernizing their procurement systems through setting up effective project governance structures and implementing e-procurement” he stated.

The delegation was made up of the Director General of the GPPA, Phoday M. Jaiteh, the Executive Secretary of the Gambia Competition & Consumer Protection Commission, Amadou Ceesay, a procurement specialist of the Gambia Fiscal Management Development Project, Ngenarr Sosseh, Director Compliance & Procurement Practices, Samba Tambura, Procurement Officer – Directorate of the Public Procurement, Isatou Mbenga, Finance Manager (GPPA), Ebrima Darboe, Human Resource Manager (GPPA), Alieu Y. Kah, Principal IT Officer (GPPA), Foday Jorh, Principal IT Officer (GPPA), Alieu Bangura, Principal IT Officer (GPPA), Mamadou Jallow, Senior Compliance Officer (GPPA), Jamila Maame Esi Odoom, Audit Supervisor (GPPA), Mustapha Njie, and Compliance Assistant (GPPA), Muhammed Sawaneh

As part of the activities for the study tour, the delegation participated in a five-day training on GHANEPS in Sunyani, a two-day presentation on PPA's activities, a visit to the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), and a visit to the GHANEPS Secretariat.



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Photos from GHANEPS launch



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GHANEPS Training -Tamale



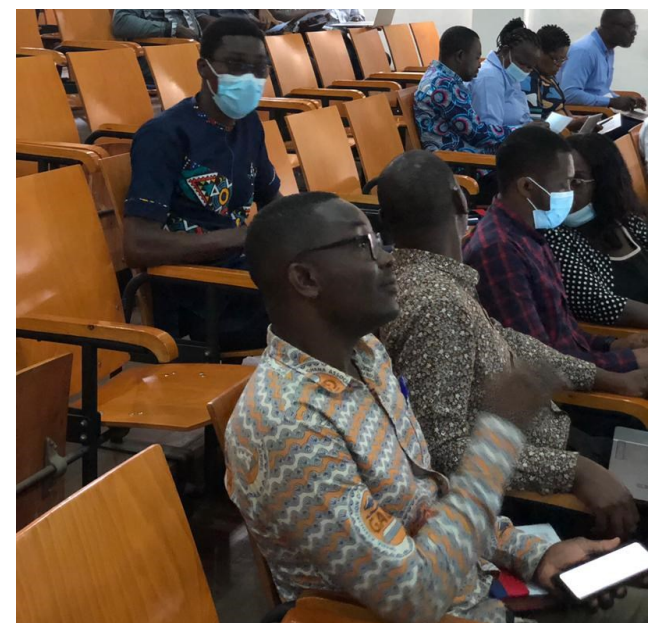
GHANEPS Training - Sunyani



Session with Vice Chancellors Ghana– Cape Coast



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GHANEPS Training at University of Cape Coast



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