



## **PARTNERSHIP TO TACKLE FOOD INFLATION: FERTILIZER DONATION**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) (and Answers)**

**Question 1:** Did the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) create a new intervention in the agricultural sector for the donation of fertilizers to farmers in Nigeria?

**Answer:** No, the Central Bank of Nigeria has not initiated any new intervention but has rather donated fertilizers from the remnants of its stock, which were blended under its previous interventions in the agricultural sector. These fertilizers are now being donated to farmers across the country through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security. This decision is aimed at supporting domestic agricultural production rather than allowing the fertilizers to remain unused and go to waste. We anticipate that the fertilizers will ultimately support our overall objective of price stability which is being challenged by rising food inflation.

**Question 2:** Why were the fertilizers released to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and not directly to the farmers?

**Answer:** As stated by the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria on several occasions, the CBN is realigning its focus towards its core mandate of ensuring monetary and price stability, thus stopping its direct involvement in development finance interventions. The CBN will, however, support relevant organizations that possess the expertise and capacity to

intervene directly. Consequently, the CBN made the decision to donate the fertilizers to Nigerian farmers through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, which possesses the institutional knowledge and infrastructure to effectively distribute the fertilizers to the last mile. This partnership was aimed at supporting the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security's efforts to enhance food productivity and security, ultimately curbing food inflation and reinforcing the CBN's pursuit of price stability.

**Question 3:** What is the quantity and value of the donated fertilizers?

**Answer:** The CBN donated 2.15 million bags of various blends of fertilizers, valued at over N100 billion at current market prices. Each bag of fertilizer is 50 kilogrammes. Details and quantity of the various blends donated are provided in the table below.

S/No.	Fertilizer Type	Quantity (50kg Bags)	Quantity (MT)
1	NPK 20-10-10	545,000	27,250.00
2	NPK 27-13-13	542,200	27,110.00
3	NPK 15-15-15	378,091	18,904.55
4	UREA	635,444	31,772.18
5	SSP	50,000	2,500.00
	TOTAL	2,150,735	107,536.73

**Question 4:** Were the fertilizers sold to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and if so, at what price?

**Answer:** No, the fertilizers were not sold; they were a donation to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

**Question 5:** How will the fertilizers be distributed to farmers across the country?

**Answer:** The CBN will proffer recommendations on the most efficient distribution mechanisms to ensure that the donation reaches the most relevant end-users. As the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security possesses the requisite expertise

and capacity in these matters, they will be responsible for ensuring the fertilizers reach the farmers in the most efficient and effective manner.

**Question 6:** At what price would the fertilizers be sold to Nigerian farmers?

**Answer:** The fertilizers are donations from the CBN to Nigerian farmers, so they will be distributed free of charge to farmers across the country.

**Question 7:** How will farmers access the fertilizers in their respective States?

**Answer:** The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security is managing the distribution modalities, eligibilities, and requirements.