



OIL PALM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF GHANA

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OPDAG Applauds Government's US\$500 Million Oil Palm Financing Window A Bold Step for Rural Industrialization, Traceability and Job Creation

The Oil Palm Development Association of Ghana (OPDAG) warmly commends the Government of Ghana, and the Honorable Minister for Finance, Dr Cassiel Ato Forson, for the far-reaching announcement in the 2026 Budget of a dedicated US\$500 million Oil Palm Development Finance Window.

This decisive commitment reflects the Government's recognition of the oil palm sector as a strategic pillar for economic transformation, industrialization and large-scale job creation across Ghana's agricultural value chain.

Delivered under the new National Policy on Integrated Oil Palm Development (2026-2032), the initiative includes:

- A long-tenor, concessionary financing facility with a five-year moratorium on principal and interest.
- Funding support covering up to 70% of project costs for plantations, processing and value-addition facilities.
- A national target of cultivating 100,000 hectares of new plantations and generating over 250,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- A clear focus on sustainability, out-grower schemes and value-addition to build a globally competitive oil-palm economy.

OPDAG observes that this policy direction is timely, given that Ghana produces approximately 300,000 metric tonnes of palm oil annually against a national demand of over 400,000 metric tonnes—leaving a deficit of more than 100,000 tonnes. Closing this gap will reduce imports, conserve foreign exchange and strengthen rural livelihoods.

As part of our commitment to strengthening governance, transparency and global competitiveness in the oil-palm sector, OPDAG is collaborating with Royvia Plus



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International Limited, promoters of the DJER Traceability System—a state-of-the-art digital solution from Japan with a world standard system designed to enhance traceability, monitoring, and security across agricultural supply chains.

The DJER System introduces end-to-end traceability for oil-palm production, from plantation through processing, storage, transport and export. This technology will support Ghana's compliance with international market requirements, reduce illicit trade, facilitate quality assurance, and strengthen investor confidence in the sector.

OPDAG is optimistic that the integration of digital traceability solutions such as the DJER System will complement Government's financial intervention and significantly boost efficiency, transparency and value creation across the oil-palm industry.

OPDAG stands ready to collaborate with Government, financial institutions, development partners and private-sector actors to ensure successful implementation of this landmark facility.

We further encourage all stakeholders to embrace innovation, adopt sustainable practices, and integrate digital tools to accelerate the growth of a modern, competitive and globally compliant oil-palm industry.

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