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PRESS RELEASE

GHANA DISTRIBUTES OVER 13 MILLION TREE SEEDLINGS - 2024 EDITION OF GREEN GHANA DAY

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June 13, 2024. – Accra. The Government of Ghana through the Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources and the Forestry Commission, in collaboration with their stakeholders, have distributed a total of **13,875,286 seedlings**, representing about 39% above the 10 million planting target for the 2024 Edition of the Green Ghana Day.

The target for 2024, was to plant 10 million seedlings across the country. In July 2024, inter-sectoral teams will be constituted to undertake field verification and validation of the actual number of seedlings planted.

With this high number of seedlings distributed, the Forestry Commission is confident that this year's target of planting 10 million tree seedlings will be exceeded.

In all, 13 out of the 16 regions were able to distribute seedlings above their respective planting targets. Greater Accra, Upper East and North East Regions, however, distributed below their planting targets. Inadequate rainfall in the North East Region as well as some parts of the Upper East Region, did not warrant large-scale planting so the Commission focused on some limited ceremonial planting to mark the occasion. In the Greater Accra Region, there was a high preference for ornamental, fruit and shade tree seedlings, rather than timber and multi-purpose seedlings. However, our supplies could not meet their demand.

The planting targets and seedling distribution figures are presented in the table below:

NO	REGION	PLANTING TARGET	SEEDLINGS DISTRIBUTED	ACHIEVEMENT %
1	Ahafo	900,000	1,004,922	142%
2	Ashanti	2,100,000	4,170,552	199%
3	Bono	750,000	1,767,111	236%
4	Bono East	110,000	177,920	178%
5	Central	600,000	1,142,839	190%
6	Eastern	700,000	992,002	112%
7	Greater Accra	840,000	524, 241	62%
8	North East	500,000	16, 725	3%
9	Northern	500,000	580,656	116%
10	Oti	100,000	177,920	178%
11	Savannah	500,000	526,372	105%
12	Upper East	500,000	418,440	84%
13	Upper West	500,000	794,334	159%
14	Volta	100,000	154, 130	154%
15	Western	200,000	238,782	119%
16	Western North	1,100,000	1,144,724	104%
	TOTAL	10,000,000	13,875,286	

The following is a breakdown of the categories of tree seedlings distributed:

Timber – 11,623,348

Fruit – 941,867

Multipurpose – 836,460

Shade – 355,150

Ornamentals – 118,461

Total – 13,875,286

We urge the public who have planted the seedlings to nurture and protect them till they mature. The public can also contact the Forestry Commission for technical advice about the nurturing and protection of seedlings planted. We thank all those who in diverse ways contributed to the overall success of the 2024 Edition of Green Ghana Day.

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