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WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER WATCH

PROVIDING WEEKLY INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER MARKET

HIGHLIGHTS

The Fertilizer Watch is now fully endorsed by ECOWAS, UEMOA, and CILSS. The first issue analyzed the supply chain and available stocks of fertilizers. Each week, we will propose a new map to shed light on a different element. This issue features subsidies.

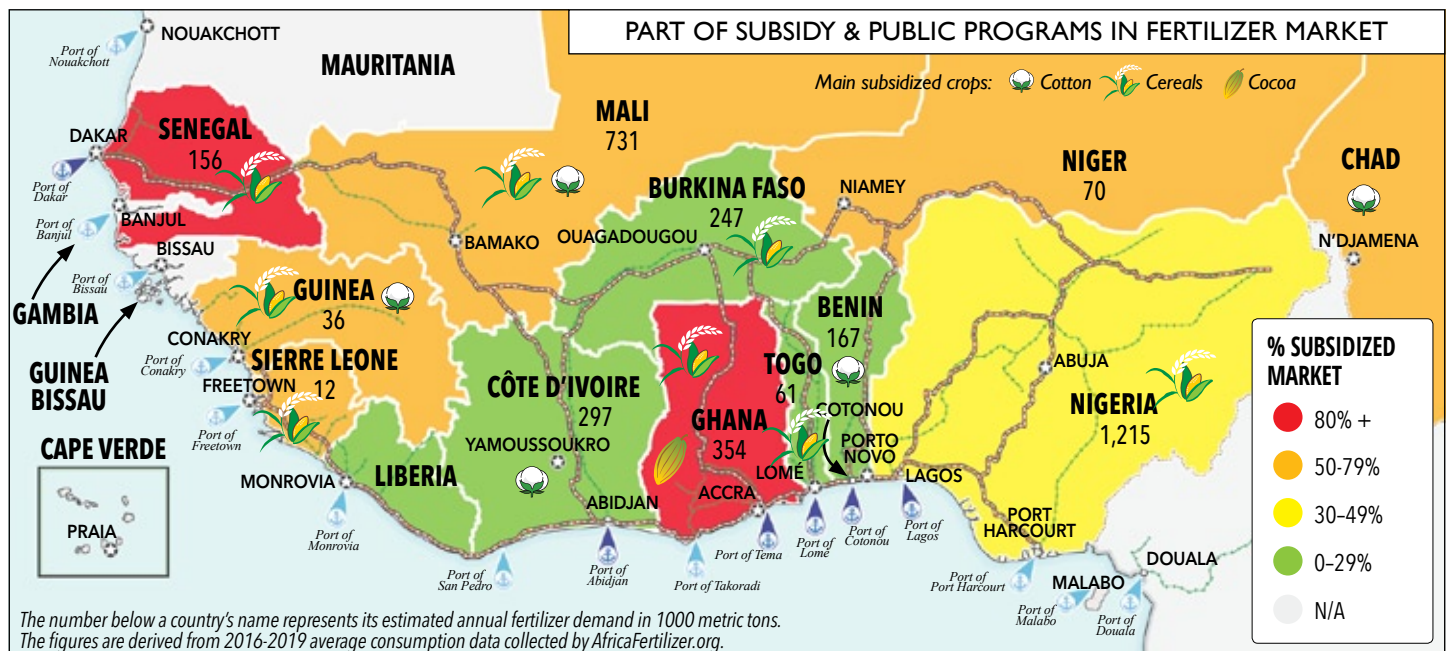
- **Fertilizer logistics: so far, so good.** The calls made at the ECOWAS Conference of Ministers of Agriculture on March 31 to ensure the free movement of essential products, including agricultural products and inputs, have been largely heeded.
- **Fertilizer stocks need to be built up rapidly,** as they are covering barely half of the estimated 3.5 million tons demand as of the end of March. With local demand weakening and emergency program on the horizon, incentives and financial guarantees to the private sector seem essential to ensure needs are well covered in the coming months.
- **Intervention programs need to be adapted,** and will have to be built around existing subsidy programs or group purchasing mechanisms capable of delivering fertilizers rapidly to small rice, maize, or cotton producers this year 2020 and 2021.

STATS

Country	Covid-19	Public Measures	Measures affecting fertilizer logistics (port to farm)	Fertilizer Market
BENIN				
BURKINA FASO				
CAPE VERDE				
CHAD				
CÔTE D'IVOIRE				
GAMBIA				
GHANA				
GUINEA BISSAU				
GUINEA				
LIBERIA				
MALI				
MAURITANIA				
NIGER				
NIGERIA				
SENEGAL				
SIERRA LEONE				
TOGO				

Little to no impact. Limited impacts Moderate impacts Strong impacts No data

COVID-19 SPREAD HEALTH MEASURES ECONOMIC MEASURES PORT OPERATIONS DOMESTIC TRANSPORT BORDER CROSSING AGRO INPUT RETAIL SHOPS FERTILIZER SECTOR RESPONSE PERCENT COVERAGE



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