
NEWS

Fertilizer Subsidy and Agricultural Productivity in Senegal

AGRODEP has released a new [working paper](#), entitled “[Fertilizer Subsidy and Agricultural Productivity in Senegal](#)” was written by AGRODEP member [Abdoulaye Seck](#). This paper finds that Senegal’s fertilizer subsidy program is associated with increased efficiency among farmers and provides several policy recommendations to improve the efficiency of the subsidy program.

Decision to Export among Ghanaian Manufacturing Firms: Does Export Destination Influence the Entry Sunk Cost?

A second new [working paper](#), “[Decision to Export among Ghanaian Manufacturing Firms: Does Export Destination Influence the Entry Sunk Cost?](#)”, was authored by AGRODEP members [Francis Mulangu](#) and [Luke Olarinde](#). This paper examines why exporters have higher productivity than non-exporters, focusing specifically on the role played by the high sunk cost of export market entry as determined by export destination.

DEVELOPMENTS

AGRODEP Welcomes New Affiliate Members

The AGRODEP Management team has recently selected four new [affiliate members](#), bringing total affiliate membership to 24.

The Affiliate Membership program aims to increase members’ exposure to colleagues and experts outside of AGRODEP and the region. Affiliate membership is open to any AGRODEP member who moves out of Africa, qualified African researchers who live and work outside of Africa, and qualified African and non-African researchers working in international and CG centers within Africa. Affiliate members have access to AGRODEP’s resources and models, as well as opportunities to contribute to the Consortium’s activities through publications, training courses, reviews, etc. [Applications](#) for affiliate membership can be submitted at any time throughout the year.

FEATURED MEMBERS



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