PLANT CLINICS BRING HOPE TO FARMERS

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The scheme takes a market-based approach and is enabling farmers participating and benefiting, the scheme is a symbol of increased resilience in the country.

The scheme works through the linking of farmers to processors. Farmers are linked to processors in order to get the true value of their produce, previously farmers used to sell the cassava to middlemen at lower prices and later the processors used to buy the cassava at a higher price.

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The scheme is chosen and announced at the start of the year by the Food Security Committee. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

In her statement, she asked farmers to continue with their hard work and provide food security for their families. She further advised farmers to continue to support vulnerable communities, in particular women, through their organisations and networks.

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