Government has released twelve pick-ups and five station wagons all valued at GH¢1.3 million to Regional Coordinators of the Ghana School Feeding Programme and the National Secretariat.

According to the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Acquinas Quansah, the vehicles are aimed at improving the mobility of the Coordinators for the effective monitoring of the programme.

There are currently one-point-three million school children under the programme and the number is expected to increase to one-point-five million next year.

Mr. Quansah expressed hope that the vehicles will be used to effectively monitor the quality and quantity of food provided to school children under the programme.

When asked why some local farmers were not benefiting from the programme, Mr. Quansah explained that some caterers realised that prices of foodstuffs from some of them were higher than those on the market therefore they did not buy directly from them.

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