

Ghana Secures \$30 Million Grant from China to Construct Aflao Market

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The Government of Ghana has secured a \$30 million grant from the People's Republic of China to construct a modern market at Aflao, fulfilling a key campaign pledge by President John Dramani Mahama.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, announced the development on his official X (formerly Twitter) account, stating:

“On the express instructions of President John Mahama, the funds will be used to construct a modern market at Aflao, consistent with his promise during the 2024 electioneering campaign.”

He noted that Ghana had previously received a similar grant from China during the Mills-Mahama administration, which financed the construction of the iconic Kotokuraba Market in Cape Coast.

“I signed on behalf of the Government of Ghana, while the Chinese Ambassador to Ghana, His Excellency Tong Defa, signed for the Chinese Government,” Mr. Ablakwa stated.

The new Aflao market, described as a befitting and modern facility, is expected to boost economic activity, improve livelihoods and strengthen trade integration between Ho and Lomé.

Located in one of West Africa's busiest trading enclaves, the project is seen as a major step toward transforming the area into a regional commercial hub.