



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES FOR THE HORTICULTURE SUPPORT AND VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 2021/2022

1 Background

The Horticulture Support and Value Chain Development Project entails the implementation of National Horticulture Support Programme and Horticulture Value Chain Development Scheme. The project will be implemented in the 14 Regions of Namibia. The purpose of the project is to ensure sustainable access, availability, use of essential farm inputs and capacity building of the small-scale horticulture producers. Furthermore, the project will support value addition through the establishment of cold storage facilities and agro processing units at strategic areas to ensure enhanced market-driven production and higher returns by producers and agro-processors. During 2021/2022 financial year, the project targets to benefit about 1000 small scale horticulture producers with an average production size of 0.01 to 0.5 ha through subsidy and technical services.

2 Programme Packages

2.1 Provision of subsidy on horticultural seeds

- Government will provide 50% subsidy on horticulture seeds based on maximum subsidy amounts in table 1.
- Producers will submit quotations to a maximum of 10 crop types drawn from the table 1.
- Seed quantities are calculated to cover maximum 0.5 hectares per crop type.
- The types of vegetables, quantities of seeds and maximum subsidy amounts are presented in table 1:

Table 1: Type of vegetable seeds and subsidy amounts

Type of vegetables	Quantity of seeds	Maximum subsidy amount (N\$) per seed type
Any vegetable seeds	100g	300.00
Cereal/Legumes	5kg	300.00
Butternuts	1kg	300.00
Pumpkins	1kg	500.00
Gem squash	1kg	500.00
Peas	2kg	450.00
Cultivated pasture seeds	5kg	500.00

2.2 Provision of subsidy on Fertilizers

- Government will provide 60% subsidy on fertilizer based on maximum subsidy amounts in table 2.
- Producers will submit quotations to a maximum of 8 x 50kg bags of fertilizer per annum as presented in table 2.
- Quantities of fertilizers are calculated to cover 0.5 hectares.
- Producers can consult MAWLR through the Agricultural Development Centres (ADCs) for advice on soil fertility and fertilizer requirements for horticulture production.

Table 2: Fertilizer types and subsidy amounts

Fertilizer (maximum 8 x50kg bags)	Maximum subsidy amount (N\$) per 50kg fertilizer type
Any fertilizer type	400.00

2.3 Provision of subsidy on Pesticides and herbicides

The government provides subsidy on plant pests and diseases.

- Government will provide 50% subsidy on pesticides and herbicides based on maximum subsidy amounts in table 3.
- Applicants will submit quotations to a maximum of 5 pesticides and 5 herbicides drawn from table 3.

Table 3: pesticides/herbicides and maximum subsidy amounts

Pesticides/herbicides	Maximum quantity pesticide/herbicides type	Maximum Subsidy (N\$) per 5L/1Kg pesticide/herbicides type
Any pesticide/herbicides (liquid)	5 L	500.00
Any pesticide/herbicides (powder/granules)	1 Kg	500.00

2.4 Provision of subsidy on irrigation materials and shade nets

- Government will subsidize producers at 65% based on the quotations to specified shade net, irrigation materials and tools per farming household as per table 4.
- Producers should submit quotations from a contractor with complete stand for tank.
- The packages and maximum subsidy amounts are presented in the table 4:

Table 4: Irrigation materials and garden tools

Component	Description	Maximum subsidy amount (N\$)
Materials necessary to complete the shade net installation.	Shade nets (maximum 0.1 ha)	15,000.00
	Maximum 50 poles (Max. 3.6 m) metal or wood	3,500.00
	Steel wire (min. 2.0mm X max. 2100m)	800.00
	Square tubes/angle irons (maximum 42)	8400.00
Sub-total (Shade net)		27,700.00
Garden tools	1 x Spade	65.00
	1 x Digging fork	65.00
	1 x Rake	65.00
	1 x Hand fork	45.00
	1 x Hand shovel	45.00
	1 x Hand hoe	45.00
	1 x Watering can	90.00
	1 x Wheel barrow	600.00
	1 x Knapsack sprayer	325.00
Sub-total (Garden tools)		1,345.00
Drip system	Complete irrigation (drip) system (max. 0.5 ha), Pipe (max 100m)	22,800.00
Tank	Max 5000 litre water tank with inlet/ outlet pipes, fittings, valves.	5,500.00
Stand for tank	Complete stand (including materials and labour)	6,000.00
Centrifugal or solar submersible water pumps	Solar modules (max 300 watt), HDPE pipe (max 100m), water/pressure (booster) pump and accessories	29,000.00
Sub-total (Drip system, Tank and Stand, Centrifugal or solar submersible water pumps)		63,300.00
Grand total	Complete package	92,345.00

2.5 Provision of subsidy on land preparations

Government provides subsidised tillage services through private service providers to a maximum of 0.5 hectare at N\$175.00.

2.6 Implementation modalities

- The funds for subsidy will be transferred to Regional Councils.

- Regions will create awareness on the project and register interested farmers, thereby creating a database of horticulture producers who will be eligible to benefit.
- The regions will convene meetings with retailers to identify and register retailers who will partake in project implementation.
- A producer will benefit from the subsidy on agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizer, pesticides and tillage services once yearly.
- Producer will benefit from the full irrigation materials and shade net packages once off or may opt to procure materials from the irrigation and shade net packages as need arises.
- The subsidy voucher will be issued to registered and approved farmers against the quotation obtained by the farmer
- The retailers will redeem the balance with the Regional Councils.

2.7 Requirements for Beneficiaries

- Namibian citizen.
- Producers certified by MAWLR (Agricultural Technicians)/AMTA as existing vegetable producers with a plot size ranging from 0.01 to 0.5 ha.
- The producers should have reliable water source (i.e. borehole, dam, rivers etc).
- Producers avail themselves for regular inspections on GAP compliance.
- Producers should undergo horticultural training program as per Namibia Training Authority (NTA).
- Producers to indicate production and marketing plans
- Preference will be given to women and youth as well as full time horticulture producers.

2.8 Requirements for Group (associations, cooperatives) excluding schools and churches

- Existing horticulture producer group (members should not have benefited as individual)
- List of members
- By-laws/Constitutions/Agreement
- Proof of land ownership/Letter from the Traditional Authority
- Producers to indicate production and marketing plans
- The producers should have reliable water source (i.e. borehole, dam, rivers etc).
- Producers avail themselves for regular inspections on GAP compliance.

2.9 Institutional Implementation framework

The government recognizes implementing arrangements that involve the coordination and collaboration with stakeholders as key success to the project.

- The Directorate of Agricultural Production Extension and Engineering Services (DAPEES) will oversee the implementation of the project in the regions, together with the implementing Regional Councils to ensure timely availing of subsidy budget for inputs, awareness creation, monitoring, and facilitate training including demonstrations, farmer information and field days.

- The Directorate of Agriculture Research and Development (DARD) will take a lead in all research related aspects of the project including soil analysis and fertility management options.
- The implementing Regional Councils shall be responsible for the payment of service providers based on Memorandum of Understanding between the MAWLR and the Regional Councils. The dedicated bank accounts with the Regional Councils shall be used for the implementation of the NHSP subsidy. The Chief Agricultural Scientific Officers (CASOs) should be signatories to the bank accounts as they are charged with the responsibility of ensuring the successful implementation of the project.
- Furthermore, the Regional councils shall provide financial reports and bank statements as proof of payments to service providers.
- Traditional Authorities shall support by creating awareness, mobilizing the youth and women to participate in the project.
- The MAWLR and the Regional Councils shall collaborate and utilize the service of private tractor owners, agro production input and irrigation material suppliers for the implementation of NHSP.
- The MAWLR shall register the beneficiaries at the respective ADCs.

2.10 Horticulture Support and Horticulture Value Chain Programme Budget 2020/21

The Horticulture Support and Value Chain Development Project received a budget of Eleven Million Namibian dollars only (N\$ 11,000,000.00) during the 2021/2022 financial year as per the budget breakdown in table 5 below.

Table 5: Budget allocation

Output 1: At least 1000 horticulture producers benefited from the subsidized agric. inputs	Amount (N\$000)
1.1 Provide subsidy to registered beneficiary	9,500
Output 2: Construction of value addition facilities	
5.1 Solar powered cold room and processing facility in Zambezi (Katima Mulilo)	1,500
Total	11,000

- A total of Nine million five hundred thousand Namibia Dollars (**N\$9,500,000.00**) will be transferred to the Regional Councils for the processing of subsidized inputs and services as in table 6 below:

Table 6: Regional budget allocations 2021/22

Regions	Balance brought forward 2020/2021	2021/2022 NHSP Budget	Final budget 2021/2022	Number of Horticulture Producers 2021/22
Zambezi	578,489.64	900,000.00	1,478,489.64	649
Kavango East	123,299.48	900,000.00	1,023,299.48	600
Kavango West	186,022.53	900,000.00	1,086,022.53	243
Ohangwena	343,394.77	450,000.00	793,394.77	175
Omusati	195,458.56	900,000.00	1,095,458.56	371
Oshana	1,756.27	900,000.00	901,756.27	628
Oshikoto	752.97	670,000.00	670,752.97	273
Otjozondjupa	294,979.67	520,000.00	814,979.67	212
Kunene	24,181.00	570,000.00	594,181.00	235
Omaheke	2,000.00	770,000.00	772,000.00	440
Erongo	444,075.89	400,000.00	844,075.89	176
Khomas	2,866.97	500,000.00	502,866.97	173
Hardap	639.28	700,000.00	700,639.28	200
Karas	513,549.48	420,000.00	933,549.48	125
Total	2,711,466.51	9,500,000.00	12,211,466.51	4500

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