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NATIONWIDE DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAMME (2024/25)





INTRODUCTION

On 22 May 2024, the President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba has declared a National State of Emergency on account of drought. To alleviate the hardships caused by the drought, the government of the Republic of Namibia is implementing a nationwide drought relief intervention to assist the drought stricken communities.

THE DROUGHT PROGRAMME ENTAILS THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT:

- a. Food assistance to vulnerable households,
- b. Seed and horticulture provision;
- c. Livestock support programme, and
- d. Water provisions.

Scope of the Programme

- a. Geographical coverage: All 14 Regions in the country
- b. Number of targeted Households for food assistance: 341 855
- c. Target population (Food insecure): 1,299,049

INTERVENTIONS:

1. FOOD ASSISTANCE PER HOUSEHOLD PER MONTH:

- a. 1x bag of 20kg Maize meal or Mahangu Meal
- b. 4 x tinned fish of 400g each or 400g of soya mince or 1.5 kg of frozen beef meat or 1.5 kg of game meat
- c. 1 x bottle of 750ml cooking oil.

Eligibility Criteria for Food Assistance

- a. Rural household whose subsistence farming is affected by drought;
- b. Household with a combined monthly income not exceeding N\$ 3,200.00.
- c. Household not receiving food relief from any sources (equivalent to Government food basket) during intervention period.

Budget Estimate = N\$ 600 Million





2. SEED AND HORTICULTURE PROVISION (@ AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES):

The scheme will complement the existing Government programmes such as the Dry land Crop Production Programme (DCPP) and the NAMSIP.

- a. The Ministry will procure inputs (seeds and fertilizer) and distribute to Agricultural Development Centres (ADCs) to be sold at subsidized prices in line with the 2024/25 DCPP modalities;
- b. A farmer only qualifies for a maximum of 100kg of maize seeds sufficient to plant 5ha crop field;
- c. Maize seed will be sold at N\$125.00 per 5kg to a maximum of N\$2500.00 per 100 kg;
- d. A farmer only qualifies for a maximum of 20 kg of pearl millet seeds sufficient to plant 5ha crop field;
- e. Pearl millet seeds will be sold at N\$13.40 per 2kg to a maximum of N\$134.00 per 20 kg;
- f. A farmer only qualifies for a maximum of 20 kg of sorghum seeds sufficient to plant 5ha crop field;
- g. Sorghum seeds will be sold at N\$13.40 per 2kg to a maximum of N\$134.00 per 20 kg;
- h. A farmer only qualifies for a maximum of 25 kg of cowpea and or groundnut seeds sufficient for intercropping a 5ha crop field;
- i. Cowpea and or groundnut seeds will be sold at N\$15.00 per 2kg to a maximum of N\$150.00 per 25 kg per farming household;
- j. Lucerne seeds to be sold at N\$600.00 per 5kg per farming household;
- k. Blue buffalo grass to be sold at N\$600.00 per 5kg per farming household;

Fertilizer will be sold as follows:

- NPK** (Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium) sold at N\$500.00 per 50 kg bag to a maximum of 10 x 50kg.
- Urea** sold at N\$300.00 per 50 kg bag to a maximum of 5 x 50kg.
- MAP** (Monoammonium Phosphate) to be sold at N\$500.00 per 50 kg bag to a maximum of 5 x 50kg.
- LAN** (Limestone Ammonium Nitrate) to be sold at N\$300.00 per 50 kg bag to a maximum of 5 x 50kg.

Budget Estimate = N\$ 25 Million





3. LIVESTOCK SUPPORT PROGRAMME

3.1 Livestock marketing incentives:

- a. Government will provide a maximum subsidy of N\$750.00 per Large Stock Unit (Cattle) to a maximum of 75 cattle, and N\$150.00 per Small Stock Unit (goat and sheep) to a maximum of 375 Small Stock Unit or a combination of the two.
- b. The maximum subsidy amount per farmer under the Marketing Incentive Scheme will be N\$56,250.00.

In order to qualify, the beneficiary should meet the following requirements:

Out of hand transactions documents required (North of the Veterinary Cordon Fence only)

- a. Farmers who sold livestock should provide a proof of sale and proof of payment (deposit slip or bank statements for transfers) for Bank transactions OR
- b. Letter from the Traditional Authorities or Police Declaration confirming the transactions in case of cash transaction/and or
- c. A duplicate Movement Permit from DVS and;
- d. A duplicate of movement notice and;
- e. Proof of payment for slaughter service.

NOTE:

- a. Farmers south of the Veterinary cordon fence do not qualify under this support.
- b. Farmers that are in speculation businesses do not qualify under this subsidy scheme.

Direct Export to neighboring countries on hoof to feedlots and abattoirs

The following documents are required to be submitted: (Verify with DVS and MEATBOARD)

- a. Proof of sales statement;
- b. Livestock and Livestock Product Board Export Permit
- c. Customs documents
- d. Livestock Improvement Permit (Export)
- e. Movement Permit and Export Permit from DVS
- f. A duplicate of movement notice

Abattoirs

- a. Export abattoirs (A class) – Slaughter statement;
- b. Local abattoir (B&C class) – Slaughter statement and animal health certificate (from the Municipality/Government);
- c. A Duplicate of Cattle Movement Notice;
- d. A Duplicate of movement permit from DVS.

NOTE:

- a. If a farmer sold livestock to his/her own business (butchery) he/she does not qualify for subsidy to prevent conflict of interest.



Auctions

- a. Auction/sale statement from the auctioneers;
- b. A duplicate of the Cattle Movement Notice;
- c. A duplicate movement permit duplicate from DVS.

NOTE:

- a. If a farmer sold livestock to his/her own business (Auctioneers and Speculators) he/she does not qualify for subsidy to prevent conflict of interest.

At permit days

- a. Sale statement/Transaction documents;
- b. Verification document from Traditional Authorities;
- c. A duplicate of cattle Movement Notice;
- d. A duplicate of movement permit duplicate from DVS.

NOTE:

- a. If a farmer sold livestock to his/her own business (Auctioneers and Speculators) he/she does not qualify for subsidy to prevent conflict of interest.

3.2 Subsidy on transport to and from grazing areas

- a. A subsidy of 50% of the kilometer tariff to a maximum of N\$19.00 per/km for truck and N\$9.00 per/km for LDV with trailer, will be paid;
- b. The minimum load (Trucks) must consist of at least 10 large stock units and/or 50 Small Stock Units, while the maximum travelling distance with load to be subsidized will not exceed 1 000 km (500km from farm of origin to leased grazing farm and 500km from leased grazing farm back to farm of origin);
- c. For Commercial and Resettlement farming areas an animal movement permit from DVS and Cattle Movement Notice, short term lease agreement between the Lessor and Lessee to be attached to the invoices supporting the claim, as well as a lease authorization letter in case of Resettlement farming areas.
- d. For hired transport provide signed receipt in the name of the applicant with full description of the transaction should be attached to the transport claim;
- e. Only trucks and trailers registered with NATIS will qualify (attached proof).

3.3 Subsidy on lease of grazing

- a. All farmers that leases emergency grazing may qualify for this support, provided that in the case of communal areas, animal movement permit from DVS and Cattle Movement Notice, a written permission of the Traditional Leader as the Lessor to be attached;
- b. For Commercial and Resettlement farming areas an animal movement permit from DVS and Cattle Movement Notice, short term lease agreement between the Lessor and Lessee to be attached to the invoices supporting the claim, as well as a lease authorization letter in case of Resettlement farming areas;
- c. Farmers will be subsidized for 50% of the lease fee to a maximum of N\$60.00 per head (LSU) per month for a maximum of 100 cattle;
- d. In the case of small stock, 50% subsidy to a maximum of N\$ 12.00 per small stock unit per month to a maximum of 500 small stock units per farmer will be paid;
- e. Farmers qualify for either one of the two or a combination (LSU & SSU) of both as above;
- f. Farmers are required to attach a lease agreement (signed in the presence of a commissioner of oath) as well as a receipt for grazing fees paid;
- g. Farmers who moved livestock starting from January 2023 to 31st March 2024 qualifies under the 2024'2025 Drought declaration with effect from 1st April 2024, such farmers will be required to attach Contracts/Lease agreements, movement permit and proof of transaction for grazing fee paid, covering the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.



3.4 Subsidy on purchase of animal feed (lick and fodder)

- a. Maximum of 10 x 50 kg bags of lick supplements (licks and pellets) per month to sustain co breeding herd of 26 Large Stock Units (LSUs) or 130 Small Stock Unit (SSU);
- b. Licks and pellets will be subsidized at 50% per bag to a maximum of N\$200.00 per/bag, and a maximum of N\$2000.00 per month;
- c. Maximum of 10 x 19 kg bales of Lucerne / hay (dry grass/crop residues) per month to sustain core breeding herd of 26 LSUs or 130 SSUs
- d. Lucerne bales will be subsidized at 50% to a maximum of N\$100.00 per/bale, and a maximum of N\$1000.00 per month.
- e. Hay (dry grass/crop residues) to be subsidized at 50% to a maximum of N\$70.00 per/bale, and a maximum of N\$700.00 per month;
- f. Maximum of 25kg of Molasses liquid to be subsidized at 50% to a maximum of N\$150.00 per farming household per month;
- g. Supporting documents to accompany claim includes copies of; Herd statement, certified Identity document, fan meat card, bank confirmation letter (not older than six (6) months) and original proof of transaction (with applicant name as on the ID).

NOTE

- a. A farmer only qualifies for 10 bags of licks and 10 bales (hay) and 25 kg of molasses liquid per month.
- b. Farmers who are renting out (Lessor) grazing do not qualify for fodder.
- c. Farmers who are already renting (Lessee) grazing will not benefit from fodder.

3.5 Sale of subsidized fodder to farmers

- a. The Ministry will procure fodder and distribute to Agricultural Development Centres (ADCs) to be sold at subsidized prices;
- b. A farmer only qualifies for a maximum 10 x 19 kg of Lucerne bale;
- c. Lucerne to be sold at N\$100 per bale to a maximum N\$1000.00 for the maximum of 10 bales per farming household;
- d. A farmer only qualifies for a maximum of 10 x 19 kg bale of hay (grass / crop residues).
- e. Hay (grass / crop residues) to be sold at a subsidy of N\$70.00 to a maximum of N\$700.00 per farming household;
- f. A farmer only qualifies for a maximum of 25 kg of molasses liquid or 40 kg of molasses meal;
- g. Molasses liquid will be sold at N\$120.00 per 25 kg and N\$110.00 for 40 kg for molasses meal;
- h. The scheme will target livestock producers in all fourteen (14) Regions.

NOTE:

- a. A farmer only qualifies for one intervention and should choose to benefit from either subsidies on purchase of fodder or sale of subsidized fodder at the ADCs per month.
- b. A farmer only qualifies for Lucerne or hay (grass and crop residues) bales or a combination to a maximum of 10 bales.
- c. A farming household only qualify to buy from the ADC once off.
- d. A farmer who contravenes this will be disqualified from the current and future drought interventions.

Budget Estimate = N\$ 100 Million





4. WATER PROVISION

- a. Rehabilitation and installation boreholes and water points.
- b. Extension of water pipeline and excavate canals/earth dams for water harvesting.
- c. Water tanker services.

Budget Estimate = N\$ 100 Million

5. FOOD VOUCHER SYSTEM

The Government is gradually transitioning from in-kind distribution of food to a voucher-based system in a bid to provide drought relief efficiently. This will enable beneficiaries to redeem or obtain their food items from locally participating retailers. This model comes with multiple benefits including that of ensuring food items (humanitarian assistance) reach vulnerable communities on time, cutting logistics costs on government and stimulating the local economies, amongst others.

IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTIONS AND TIMEFRAME

Intervention	Timeline	Responsible institution
Food Assistance	01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	OPM
Seeds and Horticulture Provisions	August 2024 -	MAWLR
Livestock Support Programme	01 April 2024 – 31 March 2025	MAWLR
Water Provisions	Continuous	MAWLR

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