



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

**IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION
AGRICULTURE PROGRAMMES 2024/25**

1. Background

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) is implementing the Comprehensive Conservation Agriculture Programme (CCAP) in the 14 Regions of Namibia targeting small and medium scale cereal and horticulture farmers. The overall objective of the programme is to reduce and reverse land degradation and to mitigate the impact of climate change through the adoption of Conservation Agriculture (CA) as a basis for sustainable crop production and improved food security at national and farm level. Through this programme the Ministry is promoting three CA principles:

- Continuous minimum mechanical soil disturbance,
- Permanent organic soil cover,
- Diversification of crop species

The Programme specifically aims to:

- Increase awareness and knowledge of CA among stakeholders, including farmers, extension workers, researchers and policy and decision-makers.
- Increase farmers and extension workers skills of practicing CA.
- Conduct farmer-focused research to develop appropriate CA technologies and packages for the farming systems.
- Establish institutional arrangements for harmonised and coordinated implementation of the CA programme.
- Ensure farmers have access to CA equipment, inputs, services and markets.
- Develop standards, monitor and evaluate adoption and impact of CA.

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2. Programme implementation

2.1 Provision of advisory services on Conservation Agriculture

The planned activities for the 2024/25 CCAP is presented in table 1 below.

Table 1: CCAP Plan 2024/25 financial year

Output	KPI	Indicator definition	Baseline	Annual Target
Lead farmers supported through training, demonstrations and field days in CA	Number of CA lead farmers capacitated	Total number of CA lead farmers advised through training, demonstrations, field days and exposure visits including support from FAO, GIZ, DAPP, DAPP, WFP, EIF	572	600
Farmers capacitated in CA	Number of farmers capacitated in CA	Total number of farmers advised through training, demonstrations, field days and exposure in CA	4102	4 500
Farming households practicing Conservation Agriculture	Number of farmers practicing Conservation Agriculture	Total number of farming households practicing all the three (3) principles of CA	51	60
Regional Conservation Agriculture Forums (RCAF)	Number of RCAFs held	Total number of RCAFs held in the Regions	4	14
National Conservation Agriculture Forum (NCAF)	Number of NCAFs held	Total number of NCAF held at National level	1	1

2 Institutional Implementation framework

The government recognizes that it cannot implement the programmes alone and therefore, considers the involvement of stakeholders as key success to the programme.

- The Directorate of Agricultural Production, Extension and Engineering Services (DAPEES) will oversee the implementation of the programme in the regions including awareness creation, monitoring, and facilitate training including demonstrations, exposure visits, farmer information and field days.
- The Directorate of Research and Development (DARD) will take a lead in all research related aspects of the programme including soil analysis and fertility management options, provide foundation seeds for multiplication, development and adaption of farm implements, machineries, and evidence based practices and technologies to improve yields.

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Furthermore, DARD to coordinate research activities with academic and other research institutions.

- The implementing Regional Councils shall be responsible for the payments related to the programme. Furthermore, the Regional councils together with the DAPEES Regional Heads shall provide financial reports and bank statements for the programme.
- Traditional Authorities and Regional Councilors shall support in creating awareness on the programme.

3 CCAP Budget 2024/25

- The CCAP received an allocation of Three Million Namibian Dollars (N\$3,000,000.00), for the 2024/25 financial year. Budget breakdown is presented in table 2 below.

Table 2: 2024/25 CCAP budget breakdown

Activities	Amounts (N\$)
Capacity building of staff and farmers	1,400,000.00
Procurement of inputs, materials and equipment for on-farm and on-station trials	
Labour for weeding and bird scaring services for demonstrations	
Procurement of fuel for conservation agriculture equipment and machineries	
Regional Conservation Agriculture Forums (RCAF)	
Subsidy on ripping mechanized services (complementing DCPD budget on tillage mechanized services)	1,400,000.00
National Conservation Agriculture Forum (NCAF)	200,000.00
Total budget for CCAP	3,000,000.00

- A total of Two Million and Eight Hundred Thousand Namibia Dollars (**N\$ 2 800 000.00**) will be transferred to the Regional Councils for the implementation of programme. The allocations per Region is presented in table 3 below:

Table 3: Regional budget allocations 2024/25

Regions	Total allocation (N\$)
Zambezi	240,000.00
Kavango West	240,000.00
Kavango East	240,000.00
Ohangwena	240,000.00
Oshana	240,000.00
Oshikoto	240,000.00
Omusati	240,000.00
Kunene	240,000.00
Omaheke	240,000.00
Otjozondjupa	240,000.00
Khomas	100,000.00
Erongo	100,000.00
Hardap	100,000.00
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Total	2,800,000.00

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