

## REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

## IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR THE POULTRY VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2024/25

## 1. Background

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) formulated the Harambee Comprehensively and Coordinated Integrated Agricultural Development Programme (HACCIADEP) to fast-track implementation of the Harambee Prosperity Plan. The HACCIADEP model is aimed at facilitating market access to small and medium scale agricultural producers and agro-processors, as a means of stimulating sustainable agricultural production and productivity thereby enhancing national and household food and nutrition security, while enhancing poultry development along the value chain. The Poultry Value Chain Development Scheme (PVCDS) is an initiative of the MAWLR in line with the Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5), Harambee Prosperity Plan, and Ministry's Strategic Plan to empower the least privileged communities and reduce disparity in income.

Poultry is an integral part of the farming system in rural communities of Namibia. It is an important source of income and protein for rural families. Most birds are kept on extensive system and are supplemented with household and crop residues. Eggs and meat are the two important Poultry products. During 2024/25 financial year, the project targets to benefit 2 000 small scale poultry producers.

The Poultry Value Chain Development Scheme overall objective is to provide poultry producers with subsidized inputs and capacity building along the value chain for enhanced poultry production and productivity, income generation, and employment creation in order to improve their socio-economic situation. The scheme is implemented in all 14 Regions of Namibia, with the focus on Individual communal, resettled, Affirmative Action Loan Scheme farmers (AALS), peri-urban and urban areas producers.

## 2. Program Activities

## 2.1 Provision of subsidy on production stock, equipment and input for the poultry producers

Table 1: Category of producers [once off for durables items (machinery, materials and equipment) and continuous benefiting for consumables production stock, veterinary medicine and feeds)

16 Feeders and 16 Drinkers 1 Hanging/electronic scale Broiler (42 day model) 8 bags/cycle (1 cycle) 4 bags/cycle (1 cycle) 1 bag/cycle (1 cycle) 1 Feather plucker Max 200 chicks 1 (20m²) house 1 Brooder Scalder Max 4 4 rolls N/A XX XX XX XX ¥ X 4 bags/month (2 months 8 bags/month (4 months Layer chick including 16 Feeders and 16 traditional chicks 1 cage (100 hens) Max 200 chicks 1 (20m<sup>2</sup>) house 6 months Max 1 Brooder Drinkers Max 4 A/N **∀**N N/A Y V XX XX XX N/N N/A 13 bags/month (4 months) 16 Feeders and 16 2 cage (200 hens) 1 Kitchen scale 1 (20m²) house Max 150 hens 6 months Max 100 trays Drinkers 4 rolls Layer X N/A ₹ Z N/A X X X ₹ Z ₹ Z X XX 4 bags/month (2 months) 8 bags/month (4 months) Max 200 hens and 20 16 Feeders and 16 1 Kitchen scale 6 months Max. 1 Incubator 1 Brooder Drinkers Breeder  $1 (20 \text{m}^2)$ cocks Y/N ¥ N A/N N/A A/N X X N/A ΑN Veterinary medicines Broiler grower (50kg) Starter Feeds (50kg) Pullet grower (50kg) Feeders/Drinkers Wrapping plastic Production stock Feather plucker **Broiler finisher Broiler starter Chick Crates** Layer cages Description Layer mesh Incubator Brooders Egg tray Housing Scalder Scale

Table 2 Description of the subsidy

Component	Description	Maximum subsidy amount (N\$)
Production stock	Max 200 hens and 20 cocks (Max N\$ 80.00/hen and N\$150.00/cock)	19 000.00
(60% subsidy)	Max 150 hens (Max N\$ 90.00/hen)	13 500.00
	Max 200 chicks (Max. N\$13.20/chick)	2 700.00
	Newcastle (4 x in 6 month)	210.00
	Gumboro (2 x in 6 month)	105.00
	Fowl pox vaccine and green needles (once in 6 month)	105.00
Veterinary	Infectious bronchitis (once in 6 month)	52.50
medicine (50%	Deworming (once in 6 month)	105.00
subsidy)	External parasite control (once in 6 month)	105.00
	4 x Stress pack	262.50
	Infectious coryza, syringes and needles (twice in 6 month)	735.00
	Antibiotics	420.00
	Starter feed: 4bags/month (2months) Max 300.00 per 50 kg bag	2 400.00
	Broiler starter: 2 bag/cycle (1 cycle) Max 300.00 per 50 kg bag	600.00
Feeds (50% subsidy)	Layer mesh: 13 bags/month (4months) Max N\$300.00 per 50 kg bag	15 600.00
	Pullet grower: 8bags/month (4months) Max N\$300.00 per 50 kg bag	9 600.00
	Broiler grower: 8 bag/cycle Max N\$300.00 per 50 kg bag	2 400.00
	Broiler finisher: 4 bag/cycle Max N\$300.00 per 50 kg bag	1 200.00
Incubator (65% subsidy)	1 incubator, Max. capacity; 5000 eggs	5 800.00
Crate (65% subsidy)	Chick Crates: 4 Max	280.00
Egg tray (65% subsidy)	6/18/30 maximum 200 trays	210.00
Feeders (65% subsidy)	16 Feeder tubes (Max N\$ 137.50/feeder)	2 200.00
Drinkers (65% subsidy)	16 Water drinkers (Max N\$ 68.75/Drinkers)	1 100.00
Brooders (65% subsidy)	550 watts brooding rings or 2 infrared lighting or 2 Gas brooder	525.00
Scalder (65% subsidy)	Scalder 1 x Max 6 chickens	5 460.00
Feather plucker (65% subsidy)	Feather plucker 1 x Max 4 Chickens	5 250.00
Scale (65% subsidy)	1 x kitchen scale (max NTA 2 kg) or 1x hanging/electronic scale (NTA 100KG)	650 00

Component	Description	Maximum subsidy amount (N\$)
Wrapping plastic (65% subsidy)	4 wrapping plastics (Max N\$ 260.00/wrapping plastic)	1 040.00
Layer cage (65% subsidy)	Max. 2 cage (200 hens), (Max. N\$3 000 per cage)	6 000.00
	Wire chicken netting, Max 13mm×1800mm×50m	1 580.00
Housing (65% subsidy) (20m <sup>2</sup> )	Tarpaulin polypropylene/shade net 80% min/canvas 20m (Max. N\$ 60/m)	1 200.00
	Metal square tube, Max. 32mm×2mm×36m×6 (Max. N\$180.00/6m) or wooden poles Max. 3m x 75-100mm x 12 (Max. N\$ 85.00/3m)	1 080.00
	Metal round tube, Max 38.1mm×2mm×48m×6 (Max. N\$ 213.00/6m) or pine wood 50mm x 76mm x 6m x 12 (Max. N\$ 130.00/6m)	1 345.00
	Corrugated roof sheet Max. 0.47mm×4.2m×10 (Max. N\$ 245.00 per sheet)	2 450.00
	Steel wire (min. 2.0mm ×max. 2100m)	840.00
	Gate Diamond mesh 34/900×2.1m×32mm × 2mm	420.00
	Cement 50kg 32.5 x 6 (Max. N\$ 73.00/50kg)	440.00
	Accessories (Screw, welding rods, nails)	315.00
Maximum	Breeder	52 520.00
subsidy to	Layer	52 070.00
individual	Chick	33 575.00
producer	Broiler	32 475.00

## 2.2 Capacity building

- Capacitate identified Training of Trainers (ToTs technical staff and breeders) in poultry production and marketing.
- Training of producers on poultry production and marketing.

## 2.3 Monitoring and evaluation of the project

- Responsibility of the CASO, supported by focal person at regional level.
- Project Support Services will be responsible for the overall monitoring of the project.
- DPBD responsible for project evaluation.

## 2.4 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.
- 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.
- Producers will be monitored and inspected by MAWLR, AMTA
- Continuous updating of commitment registers at regional level

## 2.5 Requirements for beneficiaries

- Namibian citizen.
- Poultry producer
- Producer with more than 100 layers will not qualify on production stock but other packages
- The breeder should have reliable electricity
- · Producers should register with AMTA or MAWLR
- Producers to indicate production and marketing plans
- Producer should farm in communal, resettlement, peri-urban and urban area
- Producer should be willing to join an association with fellow farmers
- Preference will be given to women and youth and people living with disability

## 2.6 Requirements for suppliers

 Verified supplier physical business address, list of items the supplier is currently trading, and statutory documents (NAMRA, Social Security, BIPA) by the MAWLR, CASO.

## 2.7 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 Veterinary Services (DVS) will support on health and hygiene issues in project implementations
- 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 poultry 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 in creating awareness, mobilize the youth and women to participate in the project
- Farmers Associations/Cooperatives shall support members to participate in the project

## 3 PVCDS Budget 2024/25

• PVCDS received an allocation of Five Million Namibian dollar (N\$ 5 000 000.00) during the 2024/25 financial year as per the budget breakdown in table 3 below.

Table 3: 2024/25 PVCDS budget breakdown

Outputs	Amounts (N\$)
Output 1: Transfer of funds to the Regional Councils for subsidies	
1.1 Provision of Subsidy on breeding stock, Inputs and Equipment	3 600 000.00
1.2 Capacity building and procurement of vouchers	1 400 000.00
TOTAL	5 000 000.00

A total of Five Million Namibian dollar (N\$ 5 000 000.00) will be transferred to the implementing Regional Councils for the processing of subsidized inputs and services as well as capacity building of farmers and staff in table 4 below:

Table 4: PVCDS Regional budget allocation for 2024/25

Regions	Budget 2023/24	2023/24 Budget Execution Rate	Total Budget 2024/2025
Zambezi	575,428.00	100%	400,000.00
Kavango West	443,332.00	17%	200,000.00
Kavango East	407,115.00	84%	400,000.00
Ohangwena	500,000.00	97%	400,000.00
Oshana	500,000.00	100%	400,000.00
Oshikoto	593,656.00	87%	400,000.00
Omusati	503,331.91	89%	400,000.00
Kunene	370,000.00	100%	400,000.00
Omaheke	510,000.00	94%	400,000.00
Otjozondjupa	600,000.00	90%	400,000.00
Khomas	500,000.00	100%	500,000.00
Erongo	450,569.00	58%	200,000.00
Hardap	746,265.00	69%	400,000.00
//Kharas	900,000.00	10%	100,000.00
Total			5,000,000.00

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