

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Seed Producers/ Farmers To Apply For A 100% Subsidy On Seeds & Fertilisers For The Production Of Certified Mahangu Seeds Under Irrigation

2024/2025 Planting Season



BACKGROUND

The Namibian Agronomic Board (NAB) launched the National Drought Support Programme for Surplus and Commercial Grain Producers (NDSP-SCP) on 19 September 2024. As part of the NDSP-SCP, the NAB initiated the Pearl Millet (Mahangu) Seed Production Subsidy aimed at producing 80 tons of certified mahangu seeds strictly under irrigation for the 2024/2025 planting season, using local varieties such as Okashana No 2, Kangara and Kantana. This programme provides a 100% subsidy on foundation mahangu seeds and fertilizers to seed producers/farmers who are required to plant mahangu seeds for seed production during the 2024/2025 planting season, for the 2025/2026 commercial production planting season.

PROVISION OF SUBSIDY

MAHANGU (PEARL MILLET) SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SUBSIDY: This is a 100% subsidy on certified foundation mahangu seeds and fertilizers. A total of 80ha is targeted for this programme to produce about 80 tons of certified mahangu seed for 2025/2026 planting season.

Seeds: This subsidy is limited to 8kg or 4 bags of 2kg of foundation mahangu seeds per hectare. Farmers are encouraged to plant drought tolerant local varieties such as Okashana, Kangara and Kantana. The NAB will provide the foundation seeds to the producers, and pay the supplier directly.

Fertilizers: This subsidy is limited to 100kg (2 bags of 50kg) of MAP or NPK fertilizers per hectare, and 100kg (2 bag of 50kg) of Urea/ Ammonium Sulphate/ Limestone Ammonium Nitrate per hectare.

ELIGIBLE CRITERIA

- Must be a Namibian citizen or a business entity registered in Namibia (attach copy).
- Must attached a copy of the invoice from the fertilizer supplier. A bank confirmation letter from the supplier to which the money for the fertilizer subsidy will be paid directly upon approval must be attached.
- Must attach pictures of the irrigation system already installed on the targeted piece of land, including pictures of the source of water.
- Must have a minimum of 5ha and maximum of 80ha of land dedicated for this project, with functional irrigation system in place and a reliable source of water.
- Must undertake to plant in the 2024/2025 planting season, and must have basic knowledge about mahangu seed production.
- Must have financial resources to cover other costs related to seed production, harvesting, packaging, storage and marketing, except for the found seeds and fertilizers that are subsidies by the NAB.

PROCEDURES

- Download the Application Form at: www.nab.com.na, complete and submit to NAB with all the attachments (supplier invoice, copy of ID/ land ownership certificate, and pictures of irrigation system, and source of water).
- Completed application forms can be hand delivered at our offices countrywide or can also be email to any of the contact persons on enquiries.
- Upon receiving the application, the NAB will review all applications to ensure that the eligibility requirements are met by all applicants and a field inspection may be conducted to verify the irrigation system and related infrastructure in place.
- The NAB commits to process all subsidy refund claims within 14 working days from the date of receiving the application.
- The applicant must ensure that they are registered with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, in terms of the Seed and Seed Varieties Act, if required.
- The NAB will closely monitor the seed production activities in the field until the day of harvesting and packaging.
- The harvested seeds will be sold to the farmers by the seed producer at 20% discount, as NAB subsidy.

FOR APPLICATION AND ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT BELOW OR SCAN QR CODE ABOVE:

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This subsidy programme is effective for the period 01 October 2024 until 15 February 2025.



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