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**UGANDA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
(UCSATP)**

**INFORMATION GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS INTERESTED IN UPSCALING FISH
FEED AND SEED PRODUCTION UNDER THE PROJECT.**

The Uganda Climate-Smart Agricultural Transformation Project (UCSATP) is a Government of Uganda Project implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), National Agricultural Research Organization, National Animal Genetic Resources Centre and Data Bank and the Department of Meteorological Services (DMS). Fisheries and Aquaculture is among the value chains to be supported. The objective is to increase fish production, Market access and resilience of fisheries and aquaculture and to respond promptly to eligible crisis. Increasing fish production by about 20% through enhancing investments in pond and cage production systems, and restocking about 10 small water bodies. This is projected to require over 4 billion fingerlings and 6 billion MT of fish feed. MAAIF through the UCSATP will support four regional private fish feed mills and ten fish hatchery operators to upscale production in order to bridge the demand gap from farmer groups. So far, over 700 groups have been verified and are envisaged to form aquaculture cooperatives where they are not existing which will aggregate the demand for feed and fingerlings to be ordered from certified suppliers. These fingerlings too are expected to help in stocking of at least 10 dams per annum in the project districts with the aim of increasing production.

Objectives

The call has been placed and is intended to establish stream-lined mechanisms to strengthen production and certification systems for quality fish feed and seed, and their distribution. MAAIF seeks innovative and committed private sector operators to contribute to this objective. Specifically, hatchery and fish feed operators who will:

- a) Leverage on demand from the fish farmer groups, cooperatives and other private sector actors to design a sustainable production and distribution system for affordable high-quality fish seed and feeds to be utilized by the farmers groups under each cooperative.
- b) Upscale, sustain and supply affordable high-quality fish feed and seed to fisheries cooperatives to be accessed by farmer groups
- c) Create employment opportunities and
- d) Enhance synergies by contracting cooperatives under the project to supply raw materials like soybean, black soldier fly larvae and maize, for fish feed processing.

Conditions for participation

Intending operators will be required to comply with specific conditions aimed at promoting production of quality seed, feed and increasing access of farmer groups to feed and seed including strengthening collaboration between farmer groups and private sector operators. Operators must be willing to:

- a) Source certified brood stock/foundation seed for fingerling production from NARO through the Aquaculture Research and Development Centre in Kajjansi and or its associated Zonal Agricultural Research and Development Institutes
- b) Integrate modern technologies and innovative practices to enhance seed and feed production efficiency and market competitiveness.
- c) Engage in capacity-building programs to enhance skills and capacity of farmer group members in handling and management of fish feed and seed.
- d) Adhere to environmental sustainability practices, including biosecurity protocols, Animal welfare waste management, and energy efficiency.
- e) Improve farmer access to fish seed and feed by establishing distribution mechanisms bringing the inputs closer to the end-users.
- f) Provide regular reports on operations, financial performance, and compliance with agreed terms.

Eligibility requirements

This call is for organizations, (companies, farmer organizations) and individual operators certified for production of fish seed and feed by MAAIF. The organizations/ individuals should meet eligibility criteria mentioned here under.

Private fish Hatchery Operators

1. Be a Ugandan organization/ operator registered under the relevant laws;
2. Must have a hatchery operator's certificate and license from MAAIF
3. Fingerling quality assurance plan for the facility evidenced by facility Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) Plans and Standard Operating Procedures.
4. Evidence of having qualified staff running the facility (Degree or Diploma)
5. Evidence of sourcing quality brood stock from a hatchery based on certification by NARO
6. Willingness to support project farmer groups at discounted prices and willing to offer basic extension services
7. Have been registered and operational for not less than two (2) years prior to this call
8. Should not be receiving any other grant under the project or another
9. Have a bank account;
10. Have developed a business plan detailing required equipment/inputs and costs;
11. Must be willing to co-fund 30% of the total cost applied for.
12. Must be willing to provide evidence of provision of 10% shares to cooperatives that will be formed from the farmer groups already mobilized and formed by the project.

Fish Feed Processing Matching Grant

1. Must have a certified copy of constitution or articles of association.
2. The feed mill operator must have a valid certificate of registration
3. Must have a tax clearance certificate
4. Must have a feed processing certificate and operational license from MAAIF.
5. Must have been in feed processing business for more than two years.
6. Must show experience working with farmers in areas of feed supply.
7. Must be able to open feed outlets at affiliated ACCE premises in the area of operation.
8. Must have an active bank account.
9. The feed mill operator must be willing and able to mobilize 30% co-funding.
10. Must have well documented records.
11. Must have evidence of holding meetings including AGM with signed minutes and attendance lists for the last two years.
12. Must have audit reports for at least two years.

13. The feed mill operator must have a business plan including Environment and Social Management Plan.
14. Evidence of having technical personnel with experience in animal/fish feed processing and quality assurance.
15. Evidence of successful utilization of previous projects support for those who have previously benefited from government/non-government projects/ grants.
16. Provide evidence of legal land ownership by the feed mill operator and this should not be part of the 30% contribution.
17. Location of the feed mill operator should be within a radius of 500m to three phase electricity.
18. Must have access to a reliable supply of clean water.
19. Have a clear feed distribution plan

Submission

Sealed envelopes shall be submitted to the address below before the deadline on the 27th August 2025 by 5.00pm.

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