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# UGANDA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (UCSATP)

## INFORMATION GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL PASTURE GARDENS UNDER THE PROJECT.

#### COMMERCIAL PASTURE PRODUCERS/FARMERS – 100 ACRES PER DISTRICT

The Government of Uganda, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), with funding from the World Bank, is implementing the Uganda Climate-Smart Agricultural Transformation Project (UCSATP). As part of this initiative, MAAIF invites expressions of interest from qualified commercial pasture and fodder operators to establish 100-acre commercial pasture gardens in each of the 69 project districts.

These gardens will serve as **nucleus farms**, supplying pasture seed and animal feed to surrounding livestock farmers. The intervention is designed to promote **climate-resilient**, **sustainable livestock production** and improve access to quality feed, pasture seed and planting material across country.

#### **Objective**

To bolster climate resilience and enhance sustainable livestock production by supporting commercial pasture producers who will:

- Serve as demonstration and training centers
- Establish pasture/fodder banks
- Supply quality seed and feed to neighboring farmers and farmer groups

### **Support Package for Commercial Pasture producers/farmers**

Selected applicants will receive support from the project in the form of:

- Land opening and preparation
- Pasture seed/planting materials
- Fertilizers
- Technical guidance and extension services

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must fall under one of the following categories:

- Individual farmers
- Farmer organizations
- Religious institutions
- Academic institutions

### **Additional Requirements:**

- Own or lease a minimum of 5 to 10 acres of suitable land in target livestock sub-counties
- Commit to large-scale pasture production
- Participate under a production-matching grant scheme

### **District Targets**

• Each participating district will select 10 to 20 commercial pasture producers/farmers

#### **Applicant Commitments & Selection Criteria**

Eligible applicants must demonstrate:

- 1. Experience in pasture/fodder establishment and management
- 2. Membership (preferably) in a livestock-focused farmer group
- 3. Ownership or long-term lease of at least 5 acres in eligible areas
- 4. Ability to contribute 20% co-financing toward project investments
- 5. Commitment to climate-smart agricultural practices
- 6. Willingness to work closely with grower/farmer groups
- 7. Agreement to supply pasture seed and animal feed to project farmer groups at a 10–20% discount below prevailing market prices
- 8. Capacity to host farm visits, demonstrations, and training sessions

### **Distribution of Seed and Feed**

- 70% of the pasture seed and animal feed produced must be sold to **project beneficiary** farmer groups
- 30% may be sold to other buyers outside the project

### **Application Form**

1. Name of the Organization/Individual:	

2. Location:	
• Sub-region:	
District:	
Sub-county:	
• Parish:	
• Village:	_

#### 3. Contact Address:

4. Number of Acres to Be Established:			
5. Proposed Start Date of Project Implementation:			
For more information, please contact your UCSATP District Focal Person/District Veterinary Officer or the UCSATP Coordination Office at MAAIF.			