



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

GUIDELINES HORTICULTURE IMPACT ACCELERATOR SUBSIDY - IAS

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 To support the Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan, there is a need to extend financial support to beneficiaries so as to assist revival of the economy. As part of the extended support for the economy, the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security (MOA) has, through the implementation of an Integrated Support Programme for Arable Agriculture Development (ISPAAD) introduced the Horticulture Impact Accelerator Subsidy (IAS) fund. The fund is administered by National Development Bank.

1.2 The programme will include protected environment, open field irrigation system, reservoir, borehole equipping, inputs, solar power, electricity connection and pack-house for up to one (1) hectare for all production systems.

2 GUIDELINES PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this Guidelines is to ensure that there is common and consistent application of parameters used to implement ISPAAD Horticulture IAS.

3 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the Horticulture IAS are as follows:
- i. Increase production level of horticulture products
 - ii. Create employment opportunities
 - iii. Provide Production structures and essential inputs
 - iv. Promote protected cultivation and

- v. Promote use of green technology to improve food production efficiency.

4 IAS PACKAGE

- 4.1 The Horticulture IAS facility is a grant that is open to both new and existing projects even those that have previously benefited under ISPAAD Horticulture Support Programme.
- 4.2 The Horticulture IAS subsidy beneficiaries will be awarded any of the listed production packages up to a ceiling of P300,000 per application.

Table 1

PACKAGES		
No.	Description	Amount
I	Up to 1 ha shade house or tunnels.	250 000.00
ii	Up to 1 ha irrigation equipment including conveyance pipes, drip lines reservoir and accessories	100 000.00
ii	Borehole equipping	50 000.00
iv	Connection to power; BPC or solar	300 000.00
v	Pack-house	250 000.00
vi	Up to 1 ha production inputs	
	Seeds and seedlings	50 000.00
	Fertilizer and pesticides	50 000.00
	Packaging material	25 000.00

5 CRITERIA FOR ASSISTANCE

- 5.1 Applicants should be citizens of Botswana and aged 18 years and above. A valid national identity card (Omang) shall be required as proof.

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- 7.7 Irrigation water must be tested for quality in order to comply with set standards (BOS 463 of 2011).
- 7.8 Disbursement of funds will be undertaken by the National Development Bank.



access assistance under IAS but applicants are encouraged to develop business plans to guide their businesses. However, beneficiaries' field assessment report by MOA technical team will be required for submission to NDB for application.

- 7.2 Compulsory Reporting: Regular reports are required for all approved projects. The reports are to be produced to a standard acceptable by the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security and NDB. The reports will be used to assess the impact of the support provided and for monitoring purposes. The beneficiary should submit receipt note as proof of supply.
- 7.3 Willingness to be guided: The project beneficiaries must demonstrate willingness to be guided and developed as entrepreneurs both at pre and post funding.
- 7.4 Where necessary, the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security may prescribe the types and time of cultivation of certain crops.
- 7.5 A ploughing field certificate or lease agreement will form part of the application requirements. The lease period shall be a minimum of 5 years for vegetables and 10 years for fruit production.
- 7.6 A borehole certificate or water rights will be required as proof of availability of irrigation water. The water source must support the project throughout the year. The borehole must yield at least 2.5m³/hr to be able to irrigate half a hectare.

- 5.2 The beneficiary should be engaged in the primary production of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 5.3 The Project should be full time owner managed or have a Project Manager with requisite technical skills.
- 5.4 All start up projects to include production inputs as part of their first package.
- 5.5 A beneficiary is entitled to a maximum of P300,000 ceiling per application per six months but can benefit from different packages at each submission.
- 5.6 A beneficiary should have fully utilised the first packages in production in order to qualify for the second application.

6 LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE

- 6.1 The Government will contribute up to 50% for all the packages.
- 6.2 The programme does not allow for contribution in kind, that is all contribution must be in cash.
- 6.3 For purposes of sustainability, beneficiaries are encouraged to apply for a complete package to ensure increased and efficient production. However, beneficiaries in production may apply for any one of the packages listed to can facilitate their production. The assessment should determine the type of support needed.

7 OTHER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Business plans will not be required to