

MEC of Agriculture Invites Communities / Traditional Councils / Cooperatives / Clinics / Schools / CBOs / Farmers to:

# EXPRESS INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY FOOD PRODUCTION SCHEME – ILIMA LOKULIMA (2025 -2030)

In embracing Ubuntu, no one must go to bed hungry especially when there is an abundance of land to grow crops and rear livestock in our Homesteads. Ilima is a clarion to all communities in the Eastern Cape to get out of our comfort zones, dirtying our hands and engaging fully in increased food production to fight poverty, high unemployment and income inequality. It is a call to action for all those operating in the space of food production to join hands and leverage on each other's skills, experience and resources. This is an intentional and deliberate effort to increase food production, fight child malnutrition and poverty.

The Department of Agriculture invites all interested Community Development Organizations / Traditional Councils / Clinics / Schools / NPOs/ NGOs/ CBOs / Cooperatives to register their interest for collaboration in this initiative of increased food production at household and community level.

## Scope of the project

- Increased household food production at household or community level focusing on grain, vegetables, poultry, piggery and beekeeping initiatives
- Aggregation of a minimum of 20 – 100 household gardens, small scale poultry and piggery projects including beekeeping projects
- Production at required scale, thus enabling them to store, process, package and sell surplus produce
- Assist in establishing a food hub in a community
- To improve the contribution of the province to Food and Nutrition Security in South Africa

## Qualifying Criteria

- South African citizens or locally based Community Development Organizations with a footprint in the Eastern Cape.
- Cooperatives, Traditional Councils, Schools, Clinics, NPOs, NGOs and CBOs.
- Locally based Non-Governmental Organizations or Not-for-profit organizations and individuals interested in the upliftment of vulnerable households.
- Ability to aggregate a minimum of 20-100 gardens within a 5km radius to put under production through Ilima Community food production
- Ability and willingness to cooperate with the Department through the provision of technical support to the beneficiaries.
- Ability to produce at the required scale, thus enabling them to store, process, package and sell surplus produce.
- Relevant experience in the implementation of similar projects



ALL THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEAREST EASTERN CAPE AGRICULTURE OFFICE NEAREST TO FARM/AGRI-BUSINESS

**Closing Date: 30 May 2025**

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## Required Documents

- Proof of land ownership or legitimate land use right;
- Comprehensive proposal that demonstrates financial and technical capacity
- Clear job creation plan
- Copy/ies of Identity Documents for all applicants/beneficiaries
- Copy business registration / Legal Entity Status
- Regulatory authorizations

## Exclusion Criteria

- Non-South African Nationals or Citizens
- Not having land or legitimate land use right;
- Non-Compliance with South African laws applicable to any farm operations;
- Farms owned or leased by government official or immediate family member/s or holding public office in national, provincial and local government;

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