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**REQUESTED FOR SUPPORT IN FACILITATING APPLICATION FOR SMALL HOLDER
AND SUBSISTENCE FARMERS TO BENEFIT FROM INITIATIVES AIMED AT
MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF COVID19**

Dear Colleagues

On the 24th March 2020, the Minister of DALRRD indicated that the Department has allocated R1.2 billion for smallholder and subsistence farmers in our response to increase production. Of the R1.2 billion, the department has ring-fenced R750 million for farmers for small holder producers and subsistence farmers currently farming on communal land. The commodities that qualify for this intervention are as follows:

- **Poultry:** Day old chicks, Point of lay chickens, feed, medication and sawdust;
- **Vegetables:** Seedlings, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and soil correction.
- **Fruits:** Final spraying programmes for fruits that are ready for harvest.
- **Other Livestock:** Feed and medication.
- **Winter field crops:** Soil correction, fertilizer, seeds, herbicides and pesticides.

The qualifying criteria are as follows:

- South African citizens who have been actively farming for a minimum of 12 months.
- Farmers who are currently in production.
- Farmers registered on farmer register, commodity database or provincial database of farmers in communal areas.

- Smallholder farmers with annual turnover between R50 000 and R1 million.

The adjudication will observe the vulnerable groups as follows Women (50%), youth (40%), people with disabilities (6%).

The following will be excluded in this intervention package:

- Mechanisation, infrastructure and overhead costs;
- Farmers who are preparing for the 2020 summer production season will not be supported. The aim is to secure food for the next coming 6 months whilst the country deals with COVID-19.
- Farmers who are currently receiving support through other programmes of government and its entities.
- Payment for debts will also not be supported.

The application for this funding will be open from 08 April 2020 and will close on 22 April 2020. Please note that no applications will be accepted after the closing date. Application forms will be available from the 8th of April at www.dalrrd.gov.za and through national, provincial, district and local offices of both the national Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and provincial Departments of Agriculture. Applications must be lodged electronically at applications@dalrrd.gov.za or alternatively submitted with the offices as outlined.

You are kindly requested to support this initiative at both district and local level. Support will include encouraging both district and local government to assist with identification of beneficiaries at local level and ensuring that they are supported to complete application forms including indicating their specific needs. You are also kindly requested to alert the provincial offices of SALGA to support this initiative. As the process progresses they will also be requested assisting with monitoring the distribution of inputs and provide feedback.

Your Cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Kind Regards



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