



# Fama o Praemeri Produsa Subsidi Aplikesen Fom blong ol samting blong wok long **Forestri** **Sekta**

BIFO YU SAVE FULUMAP FOM IA YU MAS RIDIM INFOMESEN IA MO YU  
REJISTA WETEM VANUATU PRIMARY PRODUCERS AUTHORITY.

## BACKGROUND

Despite implementation of many development approaches for the productive sectors over the period of 40 years, subsistence agriculture continues to contribute significantly to both incomes and food security, thereby superficially and negatively impacting the true value of productive sector production in the calculation of the national income (gross domestic product). The official estimate of around 20% for agriculture's share in GDP undoubtedly underestimates the sectors' importance to living standards in Vanuatu.

Productive sector production has continued to struggle to increase. Prime agriculture and livestock lands continued to be sold and turned into real estate subdivisions. Mass migrations of community youths to urban centres in search of

employment and straight to New Zealand and Australia under the seasonal workers schemes. Basically, local people no longer appreciate the value of their land and the value of productive sector development.

The fisheries sector particularly the deep-bottom fishery and the coastal pelagic fishery, have been not been fully exploited to the level of maximum sustainable limits since the demise of the Village Fisheries Development Project and the Fisheries Extension Program in the early 90's. The desire to increase fish production is there, but lack of access to affordable financing from the banking facilities driven by the high risk placed on investments in fisheries resulted in challenges in securing sufficient funds to purchase fishing boats.

Along with development incentives such as – organic certification, fair trade and Vanuatu origin certification; *simple, dynamic*, and *innovative* incentives are needed to proactively engage agriculture and livestock farmers, foresters, and fishers to increase productive sector productivity and to positively stimulate value adding to existing crops or to switch to higher value crops and products, to raise profitability and improve incomes of all those involved in the value chain.

The graduation of the Republic of Vanuatu from a Least Develop Country (LDC) on 04<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to a Developing Country status further enhances the urgency to develop innovative incentives to sustainably drive national, provincial, and community productive sector development initiatives.

### **SUBSIDY INITIATIVES**

In search of a *simple, dynamic*, and *innovative* incentives to boost productive sector production as well as drive small holder agriculture and livestock farmers, foresters and fishers to move away from subsistence farming to semi-commercial and commercial farming practises amid the challenges of sustained food security resulting from the COVID-19 and endless natural disasters, the Ministry of

Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity (MALFFB) developed two subsidy initiatives known as:

- (i) "70/30" Initiative, and
- (ii) "60/40" Initiative.

## **PURPOSE**

To enhance and increase productive sector production for food security and value addition

## **OBJECTIVE**

The primary objectives of the two subsidy initiatives are to:

- (i) Proactively engage local farmers, foresters and fishers to increase productive sector production;
- (ii) Promote the concept of community resilience among local farmers, foresters and fishers; and,
- (iii) Enable accessibility and ownership of affordable farming and fishing tools and equipment.

### **"70/30" INITIATIVE**

This initiative applies to farming and fishing tools and equipment whose costs per unit is over VT60,000 per item. The Vanuatu Government through the MALFFB Departments will cover 70% of the cost of the item. The farmers and fishers will pay for 30% of the cost of the item.

### **"60/40" INITIATIVE**

This initiative applies to farming and fishing tools and equipment whose costs per unit is less than and equal to VT60,000 per item. The Vanuatu Government through the MALFFB Departments will cover 60% of the cost of the item. The farmers and fishers will pay for 40% of the cost of the item.

## CRITERIA

The following criteria will apply to the Subsidy Initiative:

- (i) Farmers, foresters, and fishers registered with the Vanuatu Primary Producer Authority (VPPA) will access the subsidy.
- (ii) Farmers, foresters, and fishers are required to complete the VPPA registration forms.
- (iii) Farmers, foresters, and fishers must display their VPPA membership in order to access the subsidy initiative.
- (iv) Items, tools and equipment purchased under the subsidy initiative must not be resold at less than market price or at market price.
- (v) Farmers, foresters, and fishers upon purchasing of the items, tools and equipment purchased under the subsidy initiative must allow MALFFB Officers including other government officers to inspect and audit their farms.
- (vi) There shall not be payment in the form of lay-buys of the items, tools and equipment sold under the subsidy initiative.

### **Pat 1: Infomesen blong fama**

Nem blong yu (Fama)		Hamas yia blong yu	
Contact namba: 1. _____ 2. _____			
Aelan blong yu		Stret vilij blong yu	
Wanem pat blong Aelan (N, S, W E)		Provins blong yu	

### **Pat 2: Bisnis blong farming**

**Long pat ia Gavman i wantem save wanem forestri bisnis aktiviti nao yu stap mekem finis long bifo i kam kasem naoia? Yu listim olgeta binis ia long ples ia.**

(a) Hamas yia nao yu stap mekem bisnis long forestri? \_\_\_\_\_ Yia

(b) Long olgeta yia we i pas, yu stap salem ol prodak blong yu long wea?

(i) Nem blong Maket 1: \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Nem blong Maket 2: \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Nem blong Maket 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) Plis yu talem stret wanem nao yu stap planem o katem mo nem blong ples we yu stap wok long hem naoia.**

Wanem yu stap planem o katem	Kaen tri o wud	Namba blong olgeta tri o wud we yu planem (o katem long wan yia)	Namba blong hekta	Hamas yia blong ol tri blong yu. (hamas yia yu stap katem wud)	Stret ples blong fam (GPS coordinate spos yu save)
	1				
	2				
	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
	7				
	8				

**Pat 3: Olgeta tul mo Ekwipmen**

**Yu wantem apla e from wij wan kaen tul o ekwipmen? Yu save jusum nomo namba tul o ekwipmen be i no bitim 2 samting.**

No	Tools/Equipment	Purpose/use	Wij wan mo namba blong tul/ekwipmen we yu wanem
1	Mini Mills	Only for Licensed millers	x 1
2	Chain saws	Only for farmers registered under VPPA	x 1
3	Mini mill frames	Only for licensed millers	x 1

**Pat 4: Lukluk i go long fiuja**

**Spos yu saksful mo yu karem sabsidi ia, bambae wanem nao yu ting se bisnis blong yu i save produsum long olgeta manis o yia we i kam.**

Long 6 manis: \_\_\_\_\_

Long 1 yia: \_\_\_\_\_

Long 2 yia: \_\_\_\_\_

Long 3 yia: \_\_\_\_\_

Long 4 yia: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pat 5: Bisnis Plan**

(a) Yu gat wan bisnis plan?

YES

NO

Spos yu ansa **YES**, yu givim wan kopi blong plan ia long mifala.

(b) Yu tikim hamas long olgeta samting ia we yu gat finis.

	Mi gat wan timba laesens
	Mi gat wan sawmill laesen
	Mi gat wan sandalwud laesen o wan spesel (forestri) laesen
	Mi gat wan sapot leta we i kam long ofis blong Dipatmen blongg Forestri blong mi save pem wan sawmill.

*Yu givim wan kopi blong ol setifiket ia wetem aplikesen blong yu.*

- 1. Bambae Ministri blong Akrikalja, Laefstok, Fiseri, Forestri mo Baeosekuriti i lukluk long aplikesen blong yu afta i letem yu save long ansa blong aplikesen blong yu.**
- 2. Ministri ia hemi gat olgeta rod blong folem blong lukluk long olgeta aplikesen mo hemi gat olgeta raet blong talem se wan aplikesen i apruv o i no apruv.**