



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK



ENHANCED SMALLHOLDER LIVESTOCK INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - E-SLIP

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Advertisement Dates: 22nd September, 2025
Closing Date: 23rd October, 2025

MATCHING GRANT FACILITY (MGF) – 2025-2026

The Government of the Republic of Zambia, through the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MFL) with support from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), invites applications from eligible livestock actors under the Matching Grant Facility (MGF) of the Enhanced Smallholder Livestock Investment Programme (E-SLIP).

The MGF aims to increase productivity, scale innovations, and strengthen market linkages across the livestock value chain through **co-financed investments** by individuals, cooperatives, research institutions and private sector actors.

AVAILABLE GRANT WINDOWS

WINDOW 1: SMALL GRANTS FOR PRODUCTION ENHANCEMENT

- **Purpose:** Catalyse on-farm productivity
- **Target Group:** Smallholder livestock farmers, women and youth and cooperatives
- **Typical Activities:** Forage production, animal housing, water supply, small equipment,
- **Grant Size:** K25,000 – 150,000
- **Co-Financing Requirement:** Minimum 50% (cash and/or in-kind)

WINDOW 2: MEDIUM GRANTS FOR BUSINESS EXPANSION AND INNOVATION

- **Purpose:** Support the growth of agribusinesses and introduction of innovations
- **Target Group:** Registered cooperatives, women/youth-led agribusinesses, veterinary and feed service providers
- **Typical Activities:** Milk chilling tanks, silage units, digital tools, vet services, aggregation centres
- **Grant Size:** K150,001 – 500,000
- **Co-Financing Requirement:**
 - Private Businesses: 50% cash
 - Cooperatives: 50% (cash and/or in-kind)

WINDOW 3: LARGE GRANTS FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

- **Purpose:** Transform the livestock value chain through large-scale, market-oriented infrastructure, research and partnerships
- **Target Group:** Established private firms, consortia, large cooperatives, research institutions
- **Typical Activities:** Cold chain logistics, meat and milk processing, livestock hubs, vaccine/drug production
- **Grant Size:** K500,001 – 2,500,000
- **Co-Financing Requirement:**
Minimum 50% cash (with audited or verifiable financial capacity)

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

All applicants **MUST** submit the following:

1. Completed Application Form and Business Plan Templates

- a. Use the official forms and Business Plan Templates specific to each window

Financial Projections

Window 1: Minimum Two-year projection

Windows 2 and 3: Five-year detailed projections

- b. Must be submitted using the prescribed Excel Templates

2. Proof of Co-Financing

- a. Bank statement, cash pledge, or evidence of in-kind contributions
- b. Window-specific co-financing minimum must be met

3. Proof of Business/Group Registration

VAT certificate, PACRA certificate, PACRA Document showing shareholding, Social Security (NAPSA or Workers Compensation) Cooperative registration, or equivalent (as applicable), and for research institutions, provide proof of affiliation

4. National Registration Card (NRC)

For individuals or representatives of groups/applicants

5. Four Recent Quotations for Major Capital Items

For assets or services to be procured through the grant

6. Ownership or Access Documentation

Land, animal housing, or business premises (where relevant)

7. Letters of Support (Optional but Recommended)

From relevant partners, district officers, or community leaders

8. Any Other Supporting Documents

Licenses, permits, previous investment records, etc. (as relevant)

Note:

All documents must be submitted in **HARD COPY** to the nearest District Fisheries and Livestock Offices. Ensure submissions are complete. Late or incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **23rd October, 2025 at 17:00hrs.**

HOW TO APPLY

Application Forms and Business Plan Templates for all windows are **FREE** and available at:

- District Fisheries and Livestock Offices
- E-SLIP Offices
- <https://e-slipzambia.org/>
- <https://www.mfl.gov.zm>



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