

Business Plan Appraisal for Farming

Overview

This service is meant to assess business plans for those farmers who want to apply to financial institutions for funding for start-ups or to rescale (expand, modify, abandon or replace) a project or their existing businesses. The farmer is intensively involved during the assessment process for ownership and is expected to explain and translate some issues that may prove to be difficult for the officer to easily understand.

Who is eligible?

Citizen and Non-Citizen farmer with:

- A reliable water source (excluding rain-fed production).
- A potential financier.
- An existing project (for those who want to use it to manage or rescale their existing project).

How do I get this service?

- Submit developed business plan for review at the **District Agribusiness Promotion Office**.
- Once the assessment of the business plan is complete, the business plan is returned to the farmer who will then submit it to the financial institution to apply for funding or use it as a reference tool for rescaling of an existing project.

What supporting documents are required?

- Proof of residence (a certified copy of resident permit for non-citizens).
- A certified copy of a valid National Identity Card (Omang) for citizens.
- A Land Rights Certificate (leased or allocated by Landboard Authorities).
- A developed business plan.
- A land assessment report by relevant departments.

How long will this service take?

Two (2) weeks.

How much does it cost?

No cost.

Where can I get more information on this Service

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