



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agriculture Revitalization Project – STAR –P

Financial Support to Farmers Groups and Individual Farmers

In an effort to develop the capacities of individual farmers and farming group associations in various value chains, the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P), funded by the World Bank under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) is launching the second phase it Stimulus package (Grants) (EOI) Expression of Interest to support Liberian individual farmers/farming group associations as well as cooperative groups in order to minimize the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on their farming activities. The first phase of the project was strictly restricted to SME/MSME in the Agribusiness sector. STAR project is seeking to stimulate the individual farmers/farming group association's ecosystem in Liberia, by analyzing the landscape of these individual farmers and farming group associations, incubating promising models, identifying new innovations and market potential, and ultimately harnessing economic growth. As a result of the efforts, new farming opportunities are identified, new start-ups are created, and existing individual farmers/farming group associations as well as cooperative groups are strengthened – creating growth in these sector, allowing Liberia to recover economic losses due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. It is expected that this growth will result in increased farming activities which will translate into job creation.

The objective of this grant is to help increase the capacity of individual farmers/farming group associations as well as cooperative groups to engage in improve farming methods and also has market linkages and procurement opportunities in Agri supply chains in the affected counties. The program will explore linkages with existing GOL and Donor Community activities to exploit synergies and leverage impact. Program activities will focus on individual farmers/farming group associations as well as cooperative groups involved or linked to the Agri-sector where there are identifiable opportunities for their participation in specific supply chains, specifically; Rice, Horticulture, Cassava and Oil palm. In doing so, the project is designed to have visible impact with a significant proportion of project's emergency response funds allocated to farms development and financing activities targeting potential individual farmers/farming group associations as well as cooperative groups beneficiaries.

Objective:

The overarching objective is to support the fulfillment of Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Agriculture is to ensure amidst the COVID -19 pandemic, Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihood plan targeting the Farmers groups of 10 at a minimum amount up to \$5,000 on a 100% grant basis; and about 25 individual farmers \$2,000.

Benefiting Farmers Groups and Individual Farmers

This initiative provides grants for small farmers and farmer group to make improvements to their farms and help to sustain their farming businesses.

Funding can be used for farm expansion, such as the increasing farm size, increasing cultivation or construction or improvement of agricultural buildings for post harvest handling.

Funding for eligible capital projects can cover all aspects of the project, including the cost of seeds, agricultural supplies or inputs and transportation of these materials, costs of contractors and your own labour.

The total amount of grant aid you can apply for during the application period is:

- individual small farmer: up to \$2,000
- groups of small farmers: up to \$5,000

I. Criteria for selection

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a farmer with a holding of between 5 and 25 hectares in size cultivated.
- A formally constituted group of farmers who, individually, have holdings of between 5 and 25 hectares in size cultivated.
- The Individual farmers and Farmers Groups must have been established, well-functioning and recognized in the sector at least April 2020;
- Priority will be given to farmers and farming group association owned by Women, Youth and People with Disabilities;
- Duly filled application form
- Identity proof: Passport, driving license, or National Identity Card of Head of Group or Individual Farmer
- Farmers who are part of a farmers group that applied will be disqualified
- Must be an active farm with in Liberia

- Complete the simplified manual application form.
- Education criteria: Women and youth are encouraged to apply and head of enterprise must have a minimum of a high school diploma.

II. Application Process

- ✓ Pickup application form from the Admin. Assistant office - STAR P or download form from the MOA website.
- ✓ Fill in and submit to the STAR P offices, Gardnersville, LPRC Road not later than 4:00pm May11, 2021
- ✓ Or send completed application form online not later than 4:00pm May 11, 2021 to farmergrant@moa.gov.tr

CLICK TO DOWNLOAD AND FILL IN APPLICATION FORMS

1. [Grant Application Form for Farming Groups or Cooperatives](#)
2. [Grant Application Form for Individual Farmers](#)