

Title

Uvhungu Vhungu Dairy Farm and Irrigation Project

Project summary

The Government of Namibia intends to attract private investment and irrigation expertise to help achieve its objectives of increasing food production and skills transfer to emerging irrigation farmers. The project will develop plots that will be allocated to medium-scale commercial farmers and small-scale farmers. The project is a perfect example of integrated agriculture, with a dairy farm component with an estimated capacity for 600 cows and an irrigation scheme comprising 825 hectares. Access to land is secured and the government has made reasonable capital injections in the project. The project was constructed on the basis of a feasibility study. The government is now in the process of formulating the Request for Proposals (RFP) to invite competitive bids from national and international bidders. The RFP will be issued to the market in June 2022 to the market for competitive bidding by July 2022. The Schemes will be leased as is.

The project has two components, the dairy project and the irrigation project. The dairy investment will be an important component of the domestic dairy industry. Namibia is a net importer of milk, cheese and other dairy products. It will contribute to meeting the domestic market dairy needs and enable domestic value chains in related dairy products and the creation of jobs. The irrigation component of the project is destined to contribute to national food and nutrition security and enable increased export earnings from the high-value produce. Integration allows for multiplier effects across the dairy and irrigation activities.

Project location

//Kavango East region

Project investment value

Infrastructure cost: USD 10 million

Project status

Feasibility study has been completed. Procurement of private developer to commence May 2022

Existing partners and commitments

None.

Requirements from additional partners

Developers/ Large scale farmers Financing Off-take agreements

Responsible institution

Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform

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