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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CABINET DECISION ON DROUGHT MITIGATION MEASURES

Reference is made to the Media briefing by the Honourable Stanley Simataa, the Minister of Information Communication and Technology, 02 May 2019 on drought mitigation measures. The Office of the Prime Minister through the Directorate of Disaster Risk Management (DDRM) will implement the Food Assistance and Logistics & Transportation as far as drought relief interventions are concerned.

While the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry will implement the following interventions: Livestock Marketing Incentive Scheme, Lease of Grazing, Transport subsidy to and from grazing areas, Water tanker services, Rehabilitation/installation of Boreholes, Subsidy on lick supplements for the core herd, Fodder Subsidy and the provision of certified seeds.

Cabinet announced that it has approved comprehensive drought relief interventions worth N\$442,700,000 to assist drought affected communities who are grappling with the prevailing drought of which a total amount of N\$304,900,000 is available and the balance of N\$137,800,000 will need to be mobilized to cover the shortfall.

The duration for the implementation of drought relief activities starts from the 1 April 2019 until the end of March 2020 or until the budget is depleted which ever come first.

The following table presents the breakdown of the drought relief interventions.

Interventions	Costs N\$	Source of Funding N\$ (GRN)	Gap N\$
1. Food Assistance (Drought Relief by DRM- OPM)	90,000,000	NATIONAL EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND (NEDF) 90,000,000	0
1.1 Logistics and Transportation for food provision	36,000,000	NEDF 32,200,000	3,800,000
2. Water tankers	10,000,000	MAWF 10,000,000	
3. Rehabilitation/installation of Boreholes	11,400,000	MAWF 11,400,000	
4. Marketing incentives, lease of grazing and transport.	31,300,000	NEDF 26,300,000	5,000,000
5. Lick supplements for the core herd	150,000,000	NEDF 75,000,000	75,000,000
6. Fodder Subsidy	104,000,000	NEDF/FAO 52,000,000	52,000,000
7. Crops (Certified seed production during the next cropping season)	10,000,000	NEDF 8,000,000	2,000,000
Total	N\$442, 700,000	N\$304,900,000	N\$137, 800,000

Due to the prevailing drought conditions that is devastating the country this year, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry wishes to advise farmers who do not have enough grazing for their animals to sell their livestock while they are still in good condition in order to avoid serious losses as the effects of the drought continue.

Furthermore, selling animals while in good condition will result in farmers receiving optimum prices for them. Therefore, all farmers are strongly advised to destock as soon as possible in order to safeguard their livelihoods.

Farmers are urged to make use of the various subsidies being offered to them by the government, such as lease of grazing, hiring of transport to and from emergency grazing areas, lick and fodder subsidy. The farmers who heed the Ministry's advice to destock in a bid to mitigate the effects of the drought will be able to participate and benefit from the Livestock Marketing Incentive Scheme. In order to benefit from this scheme farmers are requested to keep the following documents upon destocking in line with the aforementioned advice:

1. Sale Summary or Sales Statement
2. Certified copies of the animal movement permits together with the movement records attached thereto (Departure and arrival)
3. FANMEAT card
4. Identity Document

The documents which the farmers have to provide in order to participate in the subsidies for licks and fodder are as follows:

1. Herd statements
2. Proof of purchase from a reputable supplier
3. FANMEAT card
4. Identity Document

The documents which the farmers have to provide in order to participate in the Lease of Grazing and Transport Subsidy Scheme are as follows:

1. Short-term Lease Agreement for grazing
2. Proof of lease of grazing payments (receipts)
3. Proof of payment of transport fees
5. Certified copies of the animal movement permits together with the movement records attached thereto
6. FANMEAT card
7. Identity Document
8. Herd statement

Once again, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry takes this opportunity to thank the farming community at large in anticipation of their usual cooperation in the government's bid to assist them. For any further information, livestock farmers are advised to contact their nearest Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry offices.

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