

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

Update database in the Community Food Production Scheme – Ilima LokuLima (2026 –2030)

In embracing Ubuntu, no one must go to bed hungry especially when there is an abundance of land to grow crops and rear livestock in our Homesteads. Ilima is a clarion to all communities in the Eastern Cape to get out of our comfort zones, dirtying our hands and engaging fully in increased food production to fight poverty, high unemployment and income inequality. It is a call to action for all those operating in the space of food production to join hands and leverage on each other's skills, experience and resources. This is an intentional and deliberate effort to increase food production, fight child malnutrition and poverty.

The Department of Agriculture invites all interested Community Development Organizations / Traditional Councils / Clinics / Schools / NPOs/ NGOs/ CBOs / Cooperatives to register their interest for collaboration in this initiative of increased food production at household and community level.

Scope of the project

Increased household food production at household or community level focusing on grain, vegetables, poultry, piggery and beekeeping initiatives

Aggregation of a minimum of 20 – 100 household gardens, small scale poultry and piggery projects including beekeeping projects

Production at required scale, thus enabling them to store, process, package and sell surplus produce

Assist in establishing a food hub in a community

To improve the contribution of the province to Food and Nutrition Security in South Africa

Qualifying Criteria

South African citizens or locally based Community Development Organizations with a footprint in the Eastern Cape.

Cooperatives, Traditional Councils, Schools, Clinics, NPOs, NGOs and CBOs.

Locally based Non-Governmental Organizations or Not-for-profit organizations and individuals interested in the upliftment of vulnerable households.

Ability to aggregate a minimum of 20-100 gardens within a 5km radius to put under



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production through Ilima Community food production

Ability and willingness to cooperate with the Department through the provision of technical support to the beneficiaries.

Ability to produce at the required scale, thus enabling them to store, process, package and sell surplus produce.

Relevant experience in the implementation of similar projects

Required Documents

Proof of land ownership or legitimate land-use right

Comprehensive proposal that demonstrates financial and technical capacity

Clear job creation plan

Copy/ies of Identity Documents for all applicants/beneficiaries

Copy business registration / Legal Entity Status

Regulatory authorizations

Exclusion Criteria

Non-South African Nationals or Citizens

Not having land or legitimate land use right;

Non-Compliance with South African laws applicable to any farm operations;

Farms owned or leased by government official or immediate family member/s or holding public office in national, provincial and local government;



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NB: Entities in the current Ilima Lokulima database need not to re-apply.

NB! Application forms are available in all DoA Offices and DoA Website

The deadline for application forms is 31 October 2025



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