 

With technical cooperation from the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC)

**Call for Applications for Investment Support**

**The Multi-donor Agribusiness Programme (MAP)**

**– Funded by Denmark, the** **Netherlands, EU, Switzerland and Spain –**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), is now accepting applications from cooperatives, groups of farmers or women registered as associations[[1]](#footnote-1), profit and non-profit companies, individual businesses and farmers in support of investments falling within one or more of the following priority areas:

I. Enhancing the adoption of market-oriented crop diversification, good agricultural practices and climate-smart agriculture responding to market demand.

II. Promoting local production of essential agricultural inputs.

III. Strengthening the capacities of cooperatives and producer organizations in the provision of on-farm services, such as collective input purchase and marketing of produce, mechanization services, knowledge &technology transfer, access to finance and contract farming.

IV. Developing post-harvest capacities and services, including more efficient handling, packing, storage, logistics and transformation for value addition, e.g. post-harvest and food processing equipment, cold storage and transport facilities.

To see detailed eligibility criteria for applicants and to retrieve the application form and the Guidelines for Preparation and Submission of Applications, please visit https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/78249 or write to Procurement-Unit-WBGS@fao.org.

Support to investments can amount up USD 50 000 for farmers, individual businesses and profit companies; and a maximum of USD 100 000 for cooperatives, groups of farmers or women registered as associations, and non-profit companies.

MAP gives special priority for gender and youth empowerment. Women-led agribusiness and youth are particularly encouraged to apply.

All eligible applicants are invited to submit their applications **before 01:00 PM on Thursday 10 January 2019.**

For specific guidance and requests for information, contact FAO at [MAP-info@fao.org](mailto:MAP-info@fao.org), MoA at your nearest Governorate Agricultural Department or the Union of Agricultural Works Committees (UAWC) at the following contact details:

UAWC West Bank: UAWC Gaza Strip:

Tel: 02 - 222 7447 Tel: 08 – 287 9959

*N.B. FAO does not charge a fee at any stage (application, application form, technical support and advice)*





**Guidelines for Preparation and Submission of Applications**

1. **Introduction**

Under the Multi-donor Agribusiness Programme “*Reform and Development of Markets, Value Chains and Producers’ Organizations*” (MAP), five donors comprising Denmark, the Netherlands, EU, Switzerland and Spain are joining forces with FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture to accelerate market-based development of Palestinian agribusiness and boost economic growth, in alignment with the National Agriculture Sector Strategy “Resilience and Sustainable Development” and the Palestinian National Policy Agenda, 2017-2022.

With the objective of enabling Palestinian agribusiness to sustainably generate better income, MAP intervenes at all stages of the agricultural value chains to foster private sector led development, competitiveness and profitability.

MAP has launched this Call for Applications to support investments, both defined and implemented by agribusinesses[[2]](#footnote-2),in improved production, productivity, quality or value addition in an environmentally sustainably manner at any stage of the agricultural and/or food value chains. All recipients will be selected competitively, following the procedures outlined below.

1. **Eligibility**

**2.1 Eligible investments**

An investment eligible for support fulfills each one and all the following four requirements:

* 1. falls within one or more of the following priority areas:
* Enhancing the adoption of market-oriented crop diversification, good agricultural practices and climate-smart agriculture responding to market demand.
* Promoting local production of essential agricultural inputs.
* Strengthening the capacities of cooperatives and producer organizations in the provision of on-farm services, such as collective input purchase and marketing of produce, mechanization services, knowledge and technology transfer, access to finance and contract farming.
* Developing post-harvest capacities and services, including more efficient handling, packing, storage, logistics and transformation for value addition, e.g. post-harvest and food processing equipment, cold storage and transport facilities.
  1. requires support not exceeding the investment support ceiling and maximum contribution that can be provided by MAP as established for each beneficiary category in Table 1. The latter should be reflected in the application through a specification of the contribution that the applicant is capable and willing of providing (in cash or in-kind). The only in-kind assets, services and other inputs that can be considered as own contribution to the investment are those that are acquired specifically for the proposed investment and not those that are part of previous investment or assets of the applicant. The estimated value of the in-kind contribution should be supported by documented evidence (such as offers by contractors/suppliers), and will be subject to market verification.

**Table 1: Maximum contribution and investment support ceiling for each beneficiary category**

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| **Beneficiary category** | **Maximum contribution to investment** provided by MAP(%) | | **Investment support ceiling** (USD) |
| **West Bank** | **Gaza Strip** |  |
| Farmers’ cooperatives, groups of farmers registered as associations, and non-profit companies[[3]](#footnote-3) | 75 | 80 | 100 000 |
| Women’s cooperatives, groups of women registered as associationss, and women-led non-profit companies[[4]](#footnote-4) | 80 | 85 | 100 000 |
| Profit companies and individual businesses | 50 | 60 | 50 000 |
| Women-lead profit companies and individual businesses | 55 | 65 | 50 000 |
| Farmers | 50 | 60 | 50 000 |
| Youth (below 30) | 55 | 65 | 50 000 |

* 1. has an implementation period not exceeding one year from the date of signature of the Investment Support Agreement. On an exceptional basis, the duration of agreements can be extended at no additional cost to accommodate delays due to factors beyond the control of the beneficiary.

An investment is not eligible for support if one of the following applies:

1. it involves or leads to harmful or exploitative forms of labour and violates basic principles of non-discrimination, equal opportunities, occupational safety and health, and/or child labour prevention contrary to applicable national employment and labour laws and FAO’s Environmental and Social Standards (ESS)[[5]](#footnote-5).
2. it has an adverse impact on the environment and sustainability of natural resources[[6]](#footnote-6) and/or does not include a clear analysis of environmental risks and mitigation measures consistent with applicable national rules and regulations.

**2.2 Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants are agribusinesses that:

1. operate as cooperatives, groups of farmers or women registered as associations[[7]](#footnote-7), profit or non-profit companies, individual businesses and/or individual farmers;
2. are active in food and/or agriculture value chains in the West Bank or Gaza Strip;
3. are registered with a competent authority or, in the case of farmers, can provide a certification letter from the Agricultural Directorate in their Governorate of operation;
4. are not bankrupt or, being liquidated or having their affairs administered by the courts;
5. if they are profit companies or individual businesses have registered capital not exceeding USD 200 000[[8]](#footnote-8);
6. if a farmer, does not own shares of registered company(ies) for a value exceeding USD 200 000[[9]](#footnote-9).

Joint applications by multiple applicants are accepted if each applicant is individually eligible and the application does not exceed the maximum investment support ceiling for a single beneficiary.

1. **Selection process and criteria**

All applications submitted shall be evaluated as follows:

* Each applicant will receive an official confirmation receipt, physical (paper receipt) or electronic (confirmation email), including the unique serial number of their application;
* All applications received will be screened for admissibility on the basis of compliance with the approved format and other requirements presented in Table 2;
* Applications that pass the screening will be evaluated according to the scoring criteria presented in Table 3. A minimum score of 60 out of 100 points and at least 50 percent of the maximum score for criteria 1, 2 and 3 are required. Applications that do not meet any one of these minimum scores will not be further evaluated;
* The ranked list of applications meeting the minimum scores will be used to establish the order of priority in which applications will receive support within the limit of available financial resources under each call. In order to ensure gender and geographical balance, a minimum of one third of beneficiaries receiving support should be women or women-led agribusinesses[[10]](#footnote-10), and minimum of one third agribusinesses should be based in the Gaza Strip. This applies until all those included in the ranked list have been selected for each one of these two priority groups;
* Applications that have been approved subject to specific conditions, will only be selected for support after meeting these conditions;
* FAO will inform all applicants in writing of the outcome of the selection process, specifying whenever possible the reasons for selection or non-selection. In case of rejection, no further correspondence or discussion shall be entered into following written confirmation of this outcome.

**Table 2: Rejection Criteria**

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| *Submission time and means*   * Submitted after the deadline; * Submitted by means other than those stipulated in the *Guidelines for Preparation and Submission of Applications*; * More than one application submitted by the same applicant, either as an individual agribusiness or as a jointly-submitting group.   *Format and completeness of the application*   * The application is handwritten; * The application is not formulated using the prescribed form; * The application is incomplete, not all the items in the prescribed form have been completed; * The required supporting documents and attachments are not complete; * No signature in the designated place of the applicant if individual, or of the applicant’s legal representative if an organization.   *Eligibility of Applicant*   * Applicant does not operate as a cooperative, group of farmers or women registered as association[[11]](#footnote-11), profit or non-profit company, individual business or farmer; * Applicant is not currently active in food and/or agriculture value chains in the West Bank or Gaza Strip; * No valid certificate/permit from a competent authority is provided; * The applicant is bankrupt, being liquidated or have its affairs administered by the courts; * The applicant is a profit company or individual business with a registered capital exceeding USD 200 000[[12]](#footnote-12); * The applicant is a farmer owning shares of registered company(ies) for a value exceeding USD 200 000[[13]](#footnote-13).   *Eligibility of the Investment*   * The proposed investment does not fall within the priority areas for support; * The support requested exceeds the investment support ceiling; * The contribution requested exceeds the maximum; * The specified contribution by the beneficiary is not acquired specifically for the proposed investment or is part of previous investment or assets of the applicant; * The implementation period exceeds one year; * The investment involves or leads to harmful or exploitative forms of labour and violates basic principles of non-discrimination, equal opportunities, occupational safety and health, and/or child labour prevention contrary to applicable national employment and labour laws and FAO’s Environmental and Social Standards (ESS)[[14]](#footnote-14); * The investment has an adverse impact on the environment and sustainability of natural resources[[15]](#footnote-15) and/or does not include a clear analysis of environmental risks and mitigation measures consistent with applicable national rules and regulations. |

**Table 3: Scoring Criteria**

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| **Criterion** | **Maximum score** |
| **Logic and coherence**  Logic, coherence and clarity of the rationale and description of the proposed investment. Particular attention will be given to the bottlenecks to be addressed, potential to be realized, and the productive capacity to be established. | **15** |
| **Feasibility**  Feasibility of the investment and workplan within the proposed budget and time-frame, taking into consideration the quality of the risk analysis, and adequacy and feasibility of the mitigation measures. | **20** |
| **Profitability**  Increase in profitability as a result of the proposed investment as reflected in the financial analysis of profitability. The following formula will be applied using the figures (items a-d) under point 7 in the Application Form: Profitability (P)after investment (a)= da/(ca+ba/aa)-1 Pbefore investment (b)=db/cb-1  ∆P=Pa-Pb  A minimum of 10 points are given if: Pa >0 and ∆P>20%  1 additional point every 20% increase in ∆P if Pa >0. | **20** |
| **Beneficiary contribution**  Share of beneficiary contribution to the investment exceeding the minimum requirement: 1 point every 4 percentage points of additional beneficiary contribution. | **18** |
| **Socio-economic inclusiveness**  Extent to which the investment of promotes inclusion of the groups listed below in terms of level and stability of income, addition or improvement of employment, or empowerment. Scores are given for each group as follows:   * small scale family farmers[[16]](#footnote-16) (none=0, low=1, medium=2, high=3); * women (none=0, low=1, medium=2, high=3); * youth (none=0, low=1, medium=2, high=3); * disabled (none=0, low=1, medium=2, high=3); * applicants operating in vulnerable and disadvantaged geographical areas (no=0, yes=5). | **17** |
| **Environmental sustainability**  Contribution of the investment to environmental sustainability, in terms of:   * improved climate resilience (none=0, low=1, medium=2, high=3); * potential for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as measured by the production practices, energy use, post-harvest processes, management of waste, losses and byproducts (none=0, low=1, medium=2, high=3); * sustainability of natural resources (none=0, low=1, medium=2, high=3); * biodiversity conservation (no=0, yes=1). | **10** |
| **Total** | **100** |

1. **Submission and deadline**

Your **application** should be submitted as follows:

* + 1. **By email**,to the following email address: [Map-investment@fao.org](mailto:Map.investment@fao.org).
    2. **By registered post**, in a sealed envelope marked as follows:

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| CONFIDENTIAL  Not to be opened by Registry!  APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT SUPPORT.GCP/GAZ/014/MUL.  CLOSING DATE: [*10/01/2019 – 13:00 hours*] |

To be sent to the following address:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Jerusalem Office

26 Mount of Olives Street, Sheikh Jarrah,

P.O. Box 222 46, Jerusalem 915 13

* + 1. **In person**, in a sealed envelope marked as stated under point b, to be delivered to the FAO offices in Ramallah, Jerusalem or Gaza City during working days between 9:00 and 13:00. A receipt will be provided upon submission.

Applications must be submitted **no later than** *[13:00]* on: **Thursday 10 January 2019**

Only one application may be submitted by each applicant, whether the applicant is submitting as an individual agribusiness or as a jointly-submitting group. Moreover, only one DBG can be implemented by the same applicant at any given time.

If more than one application is submitted by the same applicant, whether individually or as a jointly-submitting group, all the applications associated with the applicant will be rejected.

Once submitted, an application cannot be recalled. Applications submitted and any attached documentation will not be returned to the applicants.

Applications that do not comply with these requirements will not be considered. Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

1. **Guidance for completing the application form**

Applications should be completed and signed using the prescribed form (Annex I). Applications that do not use the prescribed form, or do not include all the items and supporting documents required in the application form will be rejected. Applications from profit and non-profit companies, cooperatives or groups of farmers or women registered as associations at the Ministry of Interior to conduct agribusiness must be signed by the legal representative of the organization.

Please keep in mind the annotations provided for guidance in *italics* in the form and complete it in a concise manner. The application should not exceed 20 A4 pages excluding attachments.

Additional attachments to the application will not be considered.

Before submitting, the rejection criteria presented in Table 2 should be used as a checklist to verify that the application is complete.

For specific guidance and requests for information, contact FAO at [MAP-info@fao.org](mailto:MAP-info@fao.org), MoA at your nearest Governorate Agricultural Department or UAWC at the following contact details:

UAWC West Bank: UAWC Gaza Strip:

Tel: 02 - 222 7447 Tel: 08 – 287 9959

Annex I: Investment Support Application Form

* 1. **Applicant details**
     1. **Contact details:**

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| **Applicant’s name:** |  |
| **Applicant category:** | Farmer *(complete 1b below)* |
| Profit company  Non-profit company  Individual business  *(complete 1c below)* |
| Cooperative  Group of farmers or women registered as association[[17]](#footnote-17)  *(complete 1d below)* |
| **Name and title of contact person** (if different than applicant)**:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **E-mail:** |  |
| **Telephone (office):** |  |
| **Telephone (mobile):** |  |
| **Are you currently receiving support under any other project?** (including from FAO)**:** | No  Yes, specify:  Name of project:  Duration of support: |

* + 1. **To be completed by farmers:**

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| **Applicant ID number:** |  |  | | |
| **Gender of applicant:** | Male | Female | | |
| **Applicant date of birth:** |  | | | |
| **Annual gross revenues** (USD): |  | | | |
| **Number of people in household:** | **Total:** [ ] | **Below 18:** [ ] | **Males:** [ ] | **Females:** [ ] |
| **Number of dunums of land:** | **Rainfed:** [ ]  **Irrigated, open field:** [ ] **Irrigated, greenhouse (protected):** [ ] | | | |
| **Volume** (m3)[[18]](#footnote-18)**of water used for production:** |  | | | |
| **Tenure of land:** | Owned land  Rented land  Other (specify): | | | |
| **Location of land** *(community and governorate)***:** |  | | | |

* + 1. **To be completed by profit and non-profit companies, and individual businesses:**

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| **Main type of business:** |  | | | |
| **Location of business** *(community(ies) and governorate(s))*: |  | | | |
| **Company registration number:** |  | | | |
| **Registered Capital (only for profit and individual businesses) (in the currency stated in the registration certificate)[[19]](#footnote-19)** |  | | | |
| **Annual gross revenues** (USD): |  | | | |
| **List of owners:**  *Insert new rows as needed* | **Name:** | **Gender:** | **Year of birth:** | **Share (%):** |
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| **Executive Manager:** |  |  |  |  |

* + 1. **To be completed by cooperatives and** **groups of farmers or women registered as associations at the Ministry of Interior to conduct agribusiness:**

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| **Main type of business:** |  | | |
| **Location of business** *(community(ies) and governorate(s))***:** |  | | |
| **Cooperative/Association registration number:** |  | | |
| **Annual gross revenues** (USD): |  | | |
| **Number of members:** | **Total**: [ ] | **Males**: [ ] | **Females**: [ ] |

* 1. **Production capacity information**

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| **a. List of productive assets and facilities (e.g. machinery, vehicles, infrastructure, vehicles) acquired/established during the past four years** (i.e. 2014-2017): | **Type of productive asset/facility** | | | | **Value** (USD) | | | | **Year of establishment:** | | |
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| 2. | | | |  | | | |  | | |
| *Insert rows as needed* | | | |  | | | |  | | |
| **Number of full-time employees:** | **Total:** [ ] | | **Below 30**: [ ] | | | **Males**: [ ] | | **Females**: [ ] | | | **Unpaid**: [ ] |
| **Number of part-time/seasonal employees:** | **Total**: [ ] | | **Below 30**: [ ] | | | **Males**: [ ] | | **Females**: [ ] | | | **Unpaid**: [ ] |
| **Average annual days worked:**  *(for part-time/seasonal employees only)* |  | | | | | | | | | | |
| **b. Do you have quality and food safety marks?** *(e.g. PSI/Global GAP/ISO/HACCP)* | No  Yes | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Products:** | **Annual production** (number of tonnes as average of the last 2 years) | **Market destination** (in percentage %) | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Local** | | | | | **Export** | | | | | |
| **Retail** | | **Wholesale** | | | **Israel** | | | **Others** | | |
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| 2. |  |  | |  | | |  | | |  | | |
| *Insert rows as needed* |  |  | |  | | |  | | |  | | |

* 1. **Rationale for the proposed investment** (maximum 1 page)**:**

*Describe: 1. Current status/performance of the business; 2. Bottlenecks to be addressed; 3. Potential to be realized through the investment (e.g. market, natural resources, labour, innovations).*

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* 1. **Description of the Proposed investment** (maximum 2 pages)**:**

*Describe the proposed investment: 1. productive capacity to be established, 2. activities required to establish it*

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* 1. **Market analysis and strategy** (maximum 1 page)**:**

*Describe: 1. Current market environment for the proposed investment; 2. Opportunities identified; 3. Marketing strategy that will be applied.*

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* 1. **Cost of the investment[[20]](#footnote-20)**:

*Please refer to* ***Table 1*** *of the Guidelines for Preparation and Submission of Applications for the ceilings established for each beneficiary category in terms of amount and proportion of contribution.*

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|  | **Value** (USD): |
| **Total cost of the new investment:** |  |
| **Support requested from FAO:** |  |
| **Beneficiary contribution:** |  |
| **Source of beneficiary contribution** (*e.g. own capital resources, credit, if contribution is in-kind please specify type, status and value to be supported by documented evidence to be attached to the application, such as offers by contractors/suppliers*) |  |

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| **Cost item** | **Unit** | **# Units** | **Unit value** (USD) | **Total value** (USD) | **Amount requested from FAO** (USD) | **Brief description of item** *(purpose, main specifications, possible suppliers in local market including contact details etc.)* |
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* 1. **Financial analysis of profitability before and after the investment**:

*Please fill in the information in the table to present the financial viability of the proposed investment:*

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|  | **Before investment** (USD) *Average annual values should be calculated over the past five years.* | **After investment** (USD) *Average annual values should be calculated over the expected economic life of the investment.* |
| **a. Expected economic life of the investment** *(number of years during which the investment is expected to remain economically productive)* | N/A |  |
| **b. Total initial investment cost:** | N/A |  |
| **c. Operational and maintenance costs**: *(average annual running cost incurred to operate the business including maintenance costs, e.g. labour, materials, energy, etc.)* |  |  |
| **d. Revenues**: (*average annual* *gross sales*) |  |  |

* 1. **Socio-economic inclusiveness** (maximum 1 page)**:**

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| **Number of people benefitting from the investment** (e.g. farmers/workers/employees)**:** | **Total:** | **Females:** | **Males:** | **Youth** (below 30)**:** | **Disabled:** |
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| **Nature of benefit:**  *Describe how the people mentioned above will benefit from the investment in terms of e.g. level and stability of income, addition or improvement of employment, or empowerment.* | | | | | |

* 1. **Environmental considerations** (maximum 1 page):

*Describe how, whether positive or negative, the investment would impact the environment and sustainability of natural resources (e.g. land, water, biodiversity, pollution, energy, adaptation to climate change). Mitigation measures for possible negative impacts should be included in the risk analysis under item 11 below, considering applicable national rules and regulation.*

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* 1. **Workplan**

*List in the below table the activities required to realize the planned investment (consistently with the investment description in point 4 above), their timing and duration within a maximum of 12 months*

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| **Activities** | **Months** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** |
| **Activity 1:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Activity 2:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Activity 3:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Insert more rows as needed*

* 1. **Risks and mitigating measures** (maximum 1 page):

*List the main risks (financial, environmental, security, access restrictions, institutional, legal etc.) that might face the realization of the investment and the mitigation measures to be taken.*

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| **Risk description** | **Likelihood** (low/medium/high) | **Impact on the investment** (low/medium/high) | **Mitigation measures** |
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* 1. **Attachments required:**

❑ Valid certificates/permits:

* **For farmers**, a certification letter from the Agricultural Directorate in their Governorate of operation
* **For cooperatives/associations/companies**, certificate/permit from the related competent authority (certificate to include date of registration, capital, and name of partners if applicable).

❑ Copy of identification document of the applicant/contact person;

❑ Documented evidence of value of in-kind contribution, such as offers by contractors/suppliers (if applicable);

❑ Copy of proof of ownership/entitlement/right of use of assets to be used for the realization of the investment.

❑ Copy of financial statements for the last 3 – 4 years.

* 1. **Declaration and signature**

I hereby certify that all information and attachments contained in this application are accurate and true.

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature and name of applicant, if individual, or of the legal representative of the applicant, if organization.*

[FOR ORGANIZATIONS ONLY] I also certify that the applicant entity is not bankrupt, being liquidated or having its affairs administered by the courts

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature, title and name of the legal representative of the applicant entity*

[FOR FARMERS ONLY] I also certify that I am not bankrupt, being liquidated or having my affairs administered by the courts and that I do not own shares of registered company (ies) for a value exceeding USD 200 000.

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature and name of the Farmer*

1. This refers to groups of farmers or women officially registered as associations at the Ministry of Interior to conduct agribusiness.

   [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Agribusinesses include agriculture input suppliers, agriculture and food producers, processors, traders and service providers operating as cooperatives, groups of farmers or women registered as associations, profit or non-profit companies, individual businesses and farmers. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See footnote 10 for the applicable definition of women and women-led agribusinesses. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. See footnote 10 for the applicable definition of women and women-led agribusinesses. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Particularly ESS 7 – Decent work. FAO,2015: [*Environmental and Social Management Guidelines*](http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4413e.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. This applies if the investment includes technologies and practices that do not meet FAO’s Environmental and Social Standards as outlined in [*Environmental and Social Management Guidelines*](http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4413e.pdf), FAO, 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. This refers to groups of farmers or women officially registered as associations at the Ministry of Interior to conduct agribusiness. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. The registered capital indicated in the company’s or individual business’ registration certificate, if not stated in USD, will be converted to USD using the United Nations Operational Rates of Exchange applicable on the date of issuance of the Call for Application. The rates are available at https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php#I [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. See footnote 8. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Agribusinesses are considered women or women-led if either of the following applies: (i) the applicant is a woman – if farmer or individual business; (ii) women constitute more than 50 percent of the members – if applicant is a cooperative or association; (iii) women own more than 50% of the shares of the business and the Executive Manager is a woman – if the applicant is a company. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. This refers to groups of farmers or women officially registered as associations at the Ministry of Interior to conduct agribusiness. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. The registered capital indicated in the company’s or individual business’ registration certificate, if not stated in USD, will be converted to USD using the United Nations Operational Rates of Exchange applicable on the date of issuance of the Call for Application. The rates are available at https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php#I [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. See footnote 12. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Particularly ESS 7 – Decent work. FAO,2015: [*Environmental and Social Management Guidelines*](http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4413e.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. This applies if the investment includes technologies and practices that do not meet FAO’s Environmental and Social Standards as outlined in [*Environmental and Social Management Guidelines*](http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4413e.pdf), FAO, 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Small-scale family farmers are holdings not exceeding 5 dunums for greenhouses, 20 dunums for irrigated open field, and 50 dunums for rain-fed land. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. This refers to groups of farmers or women officially registered as associations at the Ministry of Interior to conduct agribusiness. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. If record of volume is not available, number of hours may be stated. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. The registered capital indicated in the company’s or individual business’s registration certificate, if not stated in USD, will be converted to USD using the United Nations Operational Rates of Exchange applicable on the date of issuance of the Call for Application. The rates are available at https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php#I [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. All currency conversions related to the cost of the investment shall be made using the United Nations Operational Rates of Exchange applicable on the date of issuance of the Call for Application. The rates are available at https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php#I [↑](#footnote-ref-20)