

SMALL FARMERS WELFARE FUND

Exercise for the Selection of Suppliers for the Supply of livestock feed to registered breeders under the Livestock Feed Promotion Scheme (LFPS)

1. The **Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF)** is a parastatal organisation established under the Act No 12 of 2002 and working under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries (Agro-Industry and Food Security Division) to promote the economic and social welfare of small farmers and their families in Mauritius and Rodrigues.
2. The SFWF will be operating the Livestock Feed Promotion Scheme (LFPS) under which subsidies will be provided on animal feed to small breeders registered with the SFWF for the various species which comprises Cattle, Goats, Sheep and pig.
3. **The Fund is therefore inviting potential service providers (importers/local manufacturers) of livestock feed for the supply of imported and/or locally produced livestock feed under the Livestock Feed Promotion Scheme (LFPS) Interested service providers are requested to submit their proposals as per Section 1.**
4. **The Objectives:**

The purpose of this assignment is to select suppliers to supply livestock feed, under the above Scheme, to breeders registered with the SFWF in Mauritius and in Rodrigues.
5. The SFWF is not the purchaser of the livestock feed but will act as a facilitator between the breeders and the suppliers.
6. **The Operational Modalities of the Scheme:**
 - (i) The Established list of selected suppliers and their retailers together with their lists of proposed livestock feed and rates will be made available to small registered breeders.
 - (ii) Breeders should be registered at the SFWF and under the National Livestock Information System (NLIS) of the APD of the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries (Agro-Industry and Food Security Division).
 - (iii) Small registered breeders to apply for the subsidy at the SFWF, and indicate their herd status and subsequently, every farmer shall submit a monthly statement of the number of animals.
 - (iv) A monitoring team comprising of APD, FAREI, LVD and SFWF will conduct inspections of the animal feed at the different locations/outlets of the suppliers and farmers to ascertain use, quality of feed and herd status.
 - (v) All retailers/distributors will have to offer and sell products based on the recommended price of the suppliers as quoted in the bid.
 - (vi) FAREI to submit a quarterly report on herd status on each breeder benefitting of the LFPS.

- (vii) The LFPS will be operated through a voucher system. The LFPS voucher remitted to breeders would comprise the following information:
 - a. Name of breeders,
 - b. The amount of subsidy on a monthly basis to be granted based as per the number of animals as certified by APD and the recommended quantity/ies of feed as per quota approved by the SFWF.
 - c. If any change in herd status is observed, the quantum would be offset in the forthcoming months.
 - d. Any breeder /supplier found tampering with the system would be barred to benefit the LFPS.
- (viii) Breeders will then have to present their original vouchers, National Identity Card and Valid Breeder's Card and pay the price difference to the said suppliers before collecting their products;
- (ix) Following delivery of the inputs, distributors/retailers shall send all the vouchers and signed delivery note to the respective manufacturers. The suppliers shall then submit the said original vouchers and corresponding invoice/delivery notes duly signed by the concerned breeders, to make necessary claims to the SFWF in terms of a periodic return of said vouchers collected (not exceeding 1 month) together with payment.
- (x) The suppliers to send the claims to SFWF in the prescribed SFWF claim format together with hard and soft copy of the claim and invoices clearly stating the share of contribution paid by breeders and payable by the SFWF.
- (xi) Supplier shall submit a monthly report on sales of livestock feed to the SFWF and/or supplier shall inform the SFWF on each consignment production.
- (xii) A monitoring Team comprising of officers of the SFWF and officers from other relevant institutions would effect amongst others sample farm visits to ascertain use of the given livestock feed.
- (xiii) Inspection and Tests

The inspections and tests shall be: Sample may be required prior to award

Following remittance of vouchers to breeders, a team comprising of officers of the SFWF and officers from other relevant institutions may conduct inspections of the feed at the different locations/outlets of the suppliers. Inspections will be conducted as follows:

- (i) Physical inspections of the product packing.
- (ii) Physical inspections of the product in terms of quality and quantity through random checking.

Random sample will be taken from consignment delivered to breeders, in the presence of the supplier, to be tested by laboratories duly registered by the authority in Mauritius or accredited by an accreditation body signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA).

The Fund may reject the products or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected products or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications.

If discrepancies are identified in the testing results following full delivery, the Fund reserves the right to make a claim to suppliers. The claim would be determined thereon based on discrepancies found.

Consignments that do not comply with the requirements set out in Section I and/or are contaminated with physical, chemical or biological agents harmful for human or animal health shall be returned and replaced forthwith at the cost of the supplier. Repeated occurrences may be grounds for termination of the contract.

7. Time Schedule

It is estimated that the duration of this project shall be for a period of 15 months.

8. Delivery

- (i) Suppliers must be able to start delivery of products to breeders one week after a firm confirmation through a letter of acceptance by the SFWF;
- (ii) The supplier must be able to supply the total quantity of product/s to be distributed to the targeted breeders equivalent to their requirements, on periodic basis;
- (iii) The supplier must have its own distribution system for the livestock feed either directly to breeders on farms or through its own retail outlets or those of intermediaries in Mauritius. In case the supplier is working through intermediaries, supplier should ensure that the SFWF voucher system is being adhered to. The SFWF would not bear any responsibility in terms of mismanagement of the delivery system. Supplier should provide list of its retail outlets and those of intermediaries.
- (iv) The supplier must be able to abide to the modus operandi of the Scheme, including vouchers system and payment as per the set procedures of the SFWF;
- (v) The packaging should be clearly labelled and suppliers must provide direction of use on the packaging of their products. Labelling shall be in English or French;

9. Other conditions

- (i) Price quoted shall reflect the market price during the contract period. However, suppliers shall inform the SFWF within ten (10) days of any fluctuation in price. The supplier shall provide the Fund with justifications of such change in price.
- (ii) After closing date of this exercise, suppliers may include new products under the LFPS as available at their end and inform the SFWF accordingly.
- (iii) Suppliers should practice same price on the LFPS Scheme that is provided off Scheme.
- (iv) If any supplier has been found tampering with the system set by the SFWF, the concerned supplier would be disqualified and concern authorities would be informed.

10. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to participate in this Bidding exercise, you should:

- (a) have the legal capacity to enter into a contract to supply the goods and related services;
- (b) not be insolvent, in receivership, bankrupt, subject to legal proceedings for any of these circumstances or in the process of being wound up;
- (c) not have had your business activities suspended;
- (d) not have a conflict of interest in relation to this procurement requirement; and
- (e) have a valid trading licence.
- (f) not be under a disqualification or debarment sanction.
- (g) be an importer, producer and/or local manufacturer of animal feed.
- (h) Provide proof of importation (Bill of lading for last 3 months import)
- (i) have a sound distribution network for its products in terms of own retail outlets or through intermediaries fairly distributed in Mauritius.
- (j) indicate the number of years of experience in production and retailing of feed.
- (k) be VAT registered if turnover is more than 3 million.

Additional Information

Bidders to submit the following documents, where applicable:

- (a) Produce valid:
 - (i) Business profile
 - (ii) Business Registration Certificate
 - (iv) VAT Certificate
 - (v) Invoice upon sales of product (VAT invoice to be submitted for suppliers who are VAT registered)
- (iii) Audited Yearly accounts for the last three years to demonstrate the soundness of the supplier's financial position or
In case the Company's turnover is below MUR 50 million, the Company to provide its Financial Statements for the last two years duly certified by a Chartered Accountant together with the Company's MRA Return for these Financial Statements
- (c) SME Certificate (where applicable)

The Public Body may choose to request any Bidder to substantiate compliance with these criteria.

11. Documents Establishing Conformity of Goods and Related Services

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- 12.** Potential Suppliers who do not possess the documents at Section 10 above may do needful to avail for the same and register themselves at a later stage with the SFWF within the duration of this project, after obtaining the necessary documents.

13. Submission of the proposals

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked **SFWF/Livestock Feed/02/25** addressed to the **Manager, Small Farmers Welfare Fund, MCIA Building, 2nd Floor, St Pierre** and should be deposited in the **Tender Box** on or before **Thursday 04 December 2025 up to 3.00 p.m (local time)** at latest.

14. **Queries**

Any clarifications sought by any supplier shall be addressed in writing to the **Manager, Small Farmers Welfare Fund, Fax No. 433 3249** so as to reach him at least seven (7) days before the deadline for the submission of the application.

The SFWF reserves the right to accept or reject any interest expressed and to annul the whole exercise without hereby incurring any liability whatsoever to any participant.

Section 1

SN	Name of Products	Requirement of Feed -Crude Protein (% DM)		Unit of Measures	Country of Origin	Unit Price (Rs)	Availability of Stock
	To attach lists of Livestock Feed and Technical data sheet for each feed type for the below animal:	Requirement	To be specified by Bidders				
1	Cattle:						
	Calves	16 -20 %					
	Heifers	12 -16 %					
	Cows	10 – 18 %					
	Bull	12 -16 %					
2	Goat/Sheep:						
	Lamb/Kids	16 -18 %					
	Followers	10 -12 %					
	Ewes/Doe	8 – 16%					
	Ram/Buck	10 – 12%					
3	Pig:						
	Piglets/Weaner	20 – 22%					
	Sow	12 – 18%					
	Fattening	16 – 20%					
	Boars	14 – 16%					
4	Bidders may also propose other appropriate feed types for the above-mentioned animals, with the corresponding Crude Protein content (% DM) clearly specified.						