



SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANGEMENT

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Attention: All involved in Drought Relief Scheme of the Department of Agriculture

DROUGHT RELIEF SCHEME FOR THE NORTHERN CAPE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I collect the drought relief voucher on behalf of someone else?

Answer: Yes, you need an authorization letter from the applicant indicating his/her details and the details of the person fetching on their behalf. You also need to bring a certified copy of the applicant's ID and a certified ID copy of the authorised person.

2. Can I fetch a voucher on behalf of a deceased person?

Answer: Only if the Estate has not been finalised and the Executor of the Estate gives written confirmation that the livestock is still on the farm and the Estate is not finalised. The Executor must also give an authorization letter to the person who must collect the voucher on behalf of the Estate. The authorization letter must indicate the details of the deceased accompanied by a certified ID copy of the deceased, the death certificate and the certified ID copy of the authorised person.

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3. **Do State Officials qualify for Drought Relief?**

Answer: It should be a requirement that farmers must declare that they are state employees upon application or receipt of voucher. Only officials that comply with Section 30 of the Public Service Act may qualify. The relevant approval / permission must be presented during application for drought relief or on collection of the drought relief voucher. Please note that this is dependent on the implementation framework from the funders especially where it is silent on this issue. Previous frameworks excluded government officials.

4. **Why is there a validity period for a drought relief voucher?**

Answer: Funds for disaster relief are allocated per month for a maximum of 3 months and the gazette is explicit in that the next tranche is released on completion of the one month's expenditure. There are four weeks in a month and the last two weeks of the month are used for the reconciliation and verification of documentation (voucher, certified copies of ID and invoices from the service providers), report writing for the month, application for the next tranche etc.

5. **How do I check if I am registered as an applicant and what subsidy I qualify for?**

Answer: The list of applicants is available with AgriNK and various extension offices.

6. **I did not apply, do I still qualify to get drought relief**

Answer: NO

7. **If I received drought relief aid in the Western Cape, do I qualify for aid in the Northern Cape?**

Answer: NO

8. **Both myself and my wife are farming. Do we qualify for drought assistance?**

Answer: If both are farming on separate farms – yes, for one farm no. **Proof must be supplied.**

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