



2023/24 MPUMALANGA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Land and Environmental Affairs invites interested livestock farmers in the Mpumalanga Province to apply for participating in the Masibuyele Esibayeni Program (MESP).

Requirements:

Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged group residing in Mpumalanga Province, aged 18 and above. The basic requirement for participating in the Programme is availability of sufficient land for the livestock that is being applied for to accommodate livestock numbers at the recommended stocking rate. The completed application forms should be accompanied by the following attachments:

Certified copies of ID of ALL applicants; valid confirmation of access to land in the form of a title deed, Permission to occupy, long term lease agreement (with 5 or more years) and a business plan. Small holders and commercial farmers must attach proof of annual income. Applicants must demonstrate ability to create jobs, current markets or off-take agreement and other relevant information about the farm and the applicants. Applicants to attach relevant authorisation documents such as Environmental Impact Assessment, biosecurity plans and animal branding/marketing/identification certificates. Applicants should demonstrate the availability of relevant infrastructure for the commodity applied for, such as boundary fencing, water troughs, loading zone, animal handling facilities and proper housing for piggery, poultry and rabbits. Vulnerable groups i.e. women, youth and people living with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Other commodities funded are fish, poultry, rabbits and dairy cattle.(see checklist on application form)

Successful applicant will receive the following livestock:

Farmer category/Commodity	Subsistence*	Smallholder*	Commercial*
Beef Cattle	Bulls only (communal)	Up to 1 bull & 25 heifers	Up to 4 Bulls & 100 heifers
Goats	Up to 1 buck + 10 does	Up to 2 bucks & 50 does	Up to 4 Bucks & 100 does
Sheep	Up to 1 ram & 10 ewes	Up to 2 rams & 50 ewes	Up to 4 Rams & 100 ewes
Pigs	Up to 1 boar & 5 sows	Up to 1 boar & 10 sows	Up to 10 Boars & 100 sows

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will include short-listing of potential beneficiaries, site visits by technical team to conduct farm assessment for verification of information provided by applicants. If you have not received a response within 90 days after the closing date please consider your application unsuccessful.

EXCLUSION

Farmers who have received livestock through the MESP in the previous 5 years and have not yet serviced the loan, Public servants, Public Office bearers and minors are excluded

CONTACTS

Application forms can be collected and submitted manually at the following offices of DARDLEA:
Bohlabela: District Office at 101 Main Road, Thulamahashe 1365; Enquiries Mr E Mthethwa 072 470 5088
Ehlanzeni: District Office at 4 Aqua Street Block 4 Riverside Office Park Nelspruit 1200; Enquiries Mr JE Lamola 082 696 3542
Gert Sibande: District Office at 44 Church Street Ermelo 2350; Enquiries Mr D Nembilwi 082 575 2244
Nkangala: District Office at Building 16, Government complex Kwamhlanga 1022; Enquiries Ms TS Mthembi 060 677 7742

General Enquiries: Ms PNZ Mpangane 082 805 1076

CLOSING DATE: 30 June 2023