

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI)	
<b>Brief description of Organisation</b>	<p>The Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) was established on 14th February 2014 as per the FAREI Act 2013 to take over the functions of the Food and Agricultural Research Council (FARC) and the Agricultural Research and Extension Unit (AREU).</p> <p>The FAREI operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.</p> <p>FAREI is mandated to carry out farmer oriented applied research for development and to support the farming community for non-sugar crop and livestock production through its Extension Service. With a pool of professionals, it is also responsible to implement Government policies, dissemination of new technologies and revenue generation for farmers as priority. The organisation also ensures that farmers are empowered to maintain food crop production round the year to ensure a constant supply on the local market and to reduce imports as far as possible.</p>	
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<b>Schemes /Incentives/Support Services that may benefit Cooperative Societies</b>	<b>Details of Schemes/ Incentives/ Support Services (Description)</b>	<b>Contact Person (Name, Tel. No. and Email Address) for each scheme/incentive/support service</b>
<b>1. Sheltered Farming Scheme</b>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: Encouraging farmers to shift from traditional open field cultivation to protected culture under net farming system.</p> <p>Details of the scheme: A grant of 50% on investment costs up to a maximum of <b>Rs 250,000</b></p> <p>Beneficiaries: Registered planters, Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Companies and Farmers Associations operating in the agro-industrial sector and engaged in production of high value crops / horticultural crops on a minimum extent of 0.5 arpent and having a maximum annual turnover of Rs 3 million. New promoters who meet other conditions of the scheme are also eligible.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria: Have proof of funding for the remaining amount on proposed investment; and</p>	

	<p>Holder of title deed or lease agreement (minimum 5 years) for land hosting the proposed sheltered farming project.</p>	
<p><b>2. Rainwater Harvesting</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: To encourage crop / livestock farmers 'harvest' rainwater to optimise use of water resources.</p> <p>Details of the scheme: (a) A grant of 50% on investment costs for installation of rainwater harvesting facilities up to a maximum of <b>Rs 50,000</b></p> <p>Beneficiaries: Individual planters/breeders registered with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF), Co-operative Societies/Companies engaged in the commercial production of food crops, ornamentals and livestock.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <p>(a) Holder of the relevant permits/licenses to carry out the farming activities where applicable</p> <p>(b) Have proof of funding for the remaining amount on proposed investment; and</p> <p>(c) Holder of title deed or lease agreement (minimum 5 years) for land hosting the proposed rainwater harvesting facility.</p>	
<p><b>3. Purchase of Agricultural/Processing Equipment [Crop and Livestock]</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: Encouraging farmers engaged in crop / livestock production activities and agro-entrepreneurs to acquire farm machinery/equipment for mechanisation of their production system and also venture in food processing or other value-addition activities</p> <p>Details of the scheme: A grant of 50% on the costs of investment up to a maximum of <b>Rs 150,000</b> for the purchase of equipment for processing and / or mechanisation of Agricultural operations.</p> <p>Beneficiaries: Farmers registered with the SFWF, Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Companies engaged in production of food crops and ornamentals / and livestock on a minimum extent of 0.25 arpent, and agro-entrepreneurs holding a Business registration Certification from SME Mauritius.</p>	

	<p>Eligibility criteria:  Holder of the relevant permits/licenses to carry out the proposed activities  Have proof of funding for the remaining amount on proposed investment; and  Holder of title deed / lease agreement.</p>	
<p><b>4. Fruit Protection Scheme</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: Protection of fruit trees in orchards and in backyard from being attacked by bats.</p> <p>Details of the scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Subsidy of 75% on costs for the purchase of anti-bird net to cover 50% of the extent of the orchard up to a maximum of 2 arpents.</li> <li>ii. For backyards, subsidy of 75% on costs for the purchase of anti-bird net for a maximum of 5 fruit trees.</li> <li>iii. Fruit Trees mainly concerned by the Scheme include: mango, Litchi and Longan</li> </ol> <p>Beneficiaries: Member of the public, orchard owner, planters, members of Cooperative Societies / Companies/ Farmers Associations.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria: Member of the public/orchard owner having at least one fruit bearing tree.</p>	
<p><b>5. Banana Bagging Scheme</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: Encouraging banana growers to adopt a more integrated approach in view of protecting banana bunches from infection and physical damage.</p> <p>Details of the scheme: Subsidy of 50% for the purchase of a maximum of 450 polyethene <i>plastic</i> bags (75 cm x 130 cm x 50 microns) per arpent.</p> <p>Beneficiaries: banana growers registered with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund; Cooperative Societies/Companies engaged in the commercial production of banana.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria: Planters engaged in banana cultivation on a commercial basis on a minimum of 0.25 arpent.</p>	
<p><b>6. The Upgrading of Livestock Farm Scheme</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: Assisting breeders in the upgrading/construction of livestock farms and pig sties.</p>	

	<p>Details of the scheme: A 50% grant up to a maximum of <b>Rs 150,000</b> on the cost of the building project. Priority will be given to those engaging in production of small ruminants, rabbits, geese, turkeys, ducks and quails.</p> <p>Beneficiaries: Registered breeders/Cooperative Societies and Companies</p> <p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Holder of relevant permits/licences to carry out the project or reckoned at least 5 years in activity on site; and</li> <li>ii. Have the necessary funding for the remaining amount</li> <li>iii. Applicants who have benefitted previously from grants or other financial incentives for upgrading / construction of livestock farm buildings will not be considered.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>7. Pasture Development Scheme</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: Encouraging the production of good quality fodder for proper feeding of livestock (cattle, goat/sheep and deer).</p> <p>Details of the scheme: A 50% grant up to a maximum of <b>Rs 100,000</b> per arpent of fodder planted on the cost of establishment of perennial fodder up to a maximum of <b>50 arpents</b>.</p> <p>Beneficiaries: Registered breeders/Cooperative Societies/Companies</p> <p>Eligibility criteria The Beneficiary should be owner/lessee of agricultural land of at least 1 arpent for at least 5 years.</p>	
<p><b>8. Cattle Breeding Scheme</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: Enabling breeders to purchase heifers/pregnant heifers of genetically imported improved breeds.</p> <p>Details of the scheme: A 50% grant up to a maximum of Rs 50,000 per head on the cost of the animal up to a maximum of <b>10 heads</b> will be refunded as approved by the Ministry. Prospective applicants will benefit from the scheme only once.</p> <p>Beneficiaries:</p>	

	<p>Registered breeders/Cooperative Societies/Companies.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Holders of relevant permits/licences to carry out breeding activities or reckoned at least 5 years in activity on site,</li> <li>ii. Have the necessary funding for the remaining amount; and</li> <li>iii. Have the appropriate housing facilities for the animals with good husbandry practices.</li> </ol>	
<b>9. Goat/Sheep Breeding Scheme</b>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: Enabling breeders to purchase goats/sheep of genetically improved breeds</p> <p>Details of the scheme: A 50% grant up to a maximum of <b>Rs 15,000</b> per head on the cost of the animal up to a maximum of <b>25 heads</b> will be refunded as approved by the Ministry. Prospective applicants will benefit from the scheme only once.</p> <p>Beneficiaries Registered breeders/Cooperative Societies/Companies.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Holder of relevant permits/licences to carry out breeding activities or reckoned at least 5 years in activity on site,</li> <li>ii. Have the necessary funding for the remaining amount; and</li> <li>iii. Have appropriate housing facilities for the animals.</li> </ol>	
<b>10. Scheme for Acquisition of CCTV Camera</b>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: To enable farmers engaged in vegetables, fruits, livestock production activities to acquire a CCTV Camera surveillance system at farm/field level, where applicable, to address the issue of theft of produce and equipment.</p> <p>Details of the scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A grant of 50% on the cost of investment up to a maximum of <b>Rs 25,000</b> for the purchase of CCTV camera surveillance system.</li> <li>ii. Prospective applicants will benefit from the scheme only once.</li> </ol> <p>Beneficiaries</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Planters registered with the SFWF, Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Companies engaged in production of horticultural crops/ ornamentals on a minimum extent of 0.5 arpent.</li> <li>ii. Planters engaged in protected / hydroponic cultivation on a minimum area of 300 m<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>iii. Poultry and livestock farmers (cattle; more than 3 heads; goat &amp; sheep; more than 20 heads; poultry: more than 1000 birds, pig: more than 20 fatteners or more than 3 sows)</li> </ul> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Holder of the relevant permits/licenses to carry out the proposed activities</li> <li>ii. Have proof of funding for the remaining amount on proposed activities; and</li> <li>iii. Holder of title deed/lease agreement (3 years as from date of application).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. Scheme for Acquisition of Solar Powered Cold Rooms</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: To encourage planters to invest in storage facilities equipment to reduce post-harvest losses, increase storability period, maintain quality and shelf-life of freshly harvested vegetables and also venture in food processing or other value-addition activities. This will enable farmers to improve the quality of farm produce and market their produce for a longer time period</p> <p>Details of the scheme: A grant of <b>50%</b> up to a maximum of <b>Rs 400,000</b> will be provided for the purchase and installation of solar powered cold rooms</p> <p>Beneficiaries: Registered planters, Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Companies and Farmers Associations operating in the agro-industrial sector and engaged in production of high value crops/horticultural crops on a minimum extent of one hectare and having a maximum annual turnover of Rs 3 million. New promoters who meet other conditions of the scheme are also eligible.</p>	

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<p><b>12. Refund on Sheltered Farming Nets Scheme</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the Scheme: To encourage farmers to shift from traditional open field cultivation to sheltered farming system. This will enable farmers to mitigate effects of adverse climatic conditions; improve production capacity and the quality of farm produce.</p> <p>Details of the scheme: A grant of <b>50%</b> up to a maximum of <b>Rs 50,000</b> on purchase of sheltered farming nets. Farmers will benefit from the Scheme to have quick replacement of plastic cover on sheltered farm damages in case of natural calamities.</p> <p>Beneficiaries: Registered planters, Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Companies and Farmers Associations operating in the agro-industrial sector and engaged in production of high value crops/horticultural crops on a minimum extent of 500 m<sup>2</sup> and having a maximum annual turnover of Rs 3 million. New promoters who meet other conditions of the scheme are also eligible.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Have proof of funding for the remaining amount on proposed investment; and</li> <li>ii. Holder of title deed or lease agreement (minimum 5 years) for land hosting the proposed sheltered farming project.</li> </ol>	