

Agriculture

Government will implement a new comprehensive agriculture support programme commencing in the 2022/2023 season. This programme will be cost effective, better targeted and equitable across beneficiaries. It will also support the supply of quality inputs, attain diversification of crops as well as increase production and productivity.

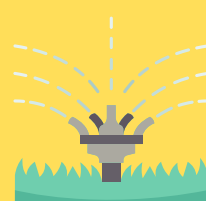


Farm blocks

Government will support the establishment of large-scale agricultural estates to produce and process agricultural products through farm blocks which are sometimes also called **growth poles**. Government will provide the necessary infrastructure for farm blocks in realising this initiative

Irrigation

Government will complete and operationalize ongoing irrigation infrastructure projects. and mobilise highly concessional financing for irrigation equipment for small-scale farmers.



Livestock services

More extension officers will be recruited to enhance provision of services to livestock farmers across the country. Livestock farmers will be trained in open grazing management practices while animal disease prevention and control programmes will continue. Investments will also be made in a liquid nitrogen plant that will support increased use of artificial insemination.

Aquaculture

To complement efforts by the private sector, aquaculture production will be supported through the establishment of additional hatcheries and completion of other infrastructure such as aquaculture parks. These investments are expected to increase fish production under aquaculture to 61,000 metric tonnes in 2022.

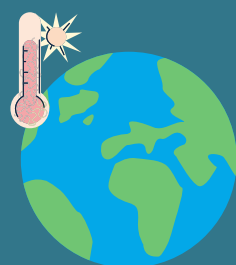
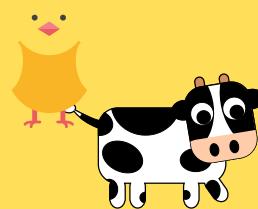


Agro processing

To support agro-processing the suspension of customs duty on importation of refrigerated trucks extended to 31st December 2022. and the relief to processors of milk and manufacturers of medicaments would also be extended.

Livestock broodstock

Suspension of 5% customs duty on the importation of cattle breeding stock and, similarly, suspension the 5% customs duty on grandparent and/or parent stock of day-old chicks when imported by a breeding company for a period of twelve (12) months effective 1st November, 2021.



Climate adaptation

Innovative financing will be promoted for climate change intervention through mechanisms such as Green Bonds, promotion of carbon trading and putting in place legislation that establishes a National Climate Change Fund. The allocation of K971.9 million towards climate change adaptation programmes and projects will ensure that economic growth takes into account the protection and sustainability of the environment

Mechanization

Selected agricultural equipment and accessories will benefit from zero-rate Value Added Tax: manure spreaders, balers, combine harvesters, commercial sprinkler irrigation systems, animal feed grinder & mixers, pelleting machines, sprayers, trailers of a specific HS code, and dryers for agricultural products of a specific HS code.



Maize exports

To open the market for maize while ensuring food security, the 10 percent export duty on maize would be removed with effect from 1st November, 2021

Beneficiaries under the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) will be migrated to the comprehensive agriculture support programme.