Grants of up to D250,000 available for the scaling up of Agro-Enterprises in the NBR and CRR regions. Awarding of the grants will be based on a competitive selection procedure. Grants will target an individual or association/kafo already engaged in Agribusiness. The pre-identified priority sectors are:

- Agricultural production
- Livestock production
- Agro-Processing
- Aquaculture
- Bee Keeping
- Distribution and marketing of agricultural products or inputs.

This will be done by facilitating the in-kind acquisition of equipment, materials, licenses and other critical inputs or assets. No interest rate or repayment requirements. Grantees will receive financial literacy training to improve their capacity to save, exercise financial planning and separate their private funds from the funds of the business.

Grantees will participate in annual experience sharing events to communicate results, success stories and best practices.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Beneficiaries must be Gambian youth 18-35 years.
- Must be a registered business located in NBR or CRR with proof of business transaction and additional evidence of scalability and potential for job creation.
- The individual or association must already be engaged in Agribusiness within the project intervention area.
- Should have some level of savings or commit to making regular savings in a financial service provider of his or her choice.
- The individual should have the necessary experience in implementing the selected activity.
- Must provide a business plan using the template developed by the Grant Coordinating committee.
- Must provide proof of attendance or certificate that they have received entrepreneurship or vocational training.
- Must provide a guarantor before funds are disbursed to indicate that the grant will be used for the intended purpose. Failure of doing so implies that the amount of the grant will be refunded in full by the guarantor. In order to serve as a Guarantor

He/she must be a Gambian
He/she must provide a valid Gambian identification document
He/she must not be less than 25 years of age
He/she must be willing to serve as adviser to the beneficiary
He/she must be willing to accept to serve as guarantor to beneficiary and hereby agree to refund the full grant amount in the event that the beneficiaries misuse/mismanage the grant plus any damages relating to the recovery of the amount.

Activity/ Business must not be illegal or detrimental to the environment.
Business plan that shows high level of innovation will be an advantage.
Agree to maintain in a professional manner the recording of the business and be open to monitoring.

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ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR GROUP APPLICATIONS

- Association or Kafo members must be Gambians
- Beneficiaries must include 50% Gambian youth (18-35 years)
- Minimum membership of 4
- At least two members must provide proof of attendance or certificate that they have received entrepreneurship or vocational training
- Business must be registered in the Association/Kafo’s name.
- At least 3 members of the executive should be signatories.

How To Apply?

Application forms are available online on the NACCUG

Forms should be filled electronically, printed, signed, scanned and sent by email to minigrantschemegambia@gmail.com.

Alternatively forms can be filled and submitted in the following offices

- NACCUG Head Office in Kanifing
- Credit Union Shared Branching Offices located in GTUCCU Regional Offices in Brikama, Soma, Basse, Brikama Ba and Farafenni
- Jokadu District Credit Union (Kuntair)
- Foni Kansala Cooperative Credit Union (Bwiam)
- Foni Berefet credit union (Sususinjang)
- Sabunyima Cooperative Credit Union (Bansang)
- Kerewan Fangdema Cooperative Credit Union (Kerewan NBR)

Forms should be completed using clear legible handwriting in capital letters.

Selection Process

1. Collection of applications submitted at local offices and electronically
2. Grants Committee meets to review all applications and pre-approve grants
3. Grants Officer to visit shortlisted candidates for verification
4. Approved grantees receive support.

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