



UgIFT
MICRO-SCALE
IRRIGATION PROGRAM
Improving farmers' livelihood

Farmers (Part 1)

A GUIDE FOR SMALLHOLDER FARMERS:

What is the Micro-scale Irrigation Program?
How can the Program help me?
How can I express interest?

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IRRIGATION



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What is irrigation?

Irrigation is to supply water for crop production in addition to rainfall.



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What is micro-scale irrigation?

Micro-scale irrigation is when a farmer irrigates a small plot. For example, a farmer can use a pump to take water from a nearby stream, and a hose to distribute the water in the plot. The irrigation equipment is privately owned.



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How can irrigation help me?

Irrigation can help you grow crops all year. You can grow with or without rain. You can grow crops when it is dry. You can plant before the rains start. You can water extra crops during the dry season. This means you may grow more food. You may also grow different kinds of food. You may have more food to eat. You may have more food to sell at markets.

THE MICRO-SCALE IRRIGATION PROGRAM

What is the Micro-scale Irrigation Program?

The Micro-scale Irrigation Program helps you buy and use irrigation equipment.

The Micro-scale Irrigation Program is led by the Department of Agricultural Infrastructure Mechanization and Water for Agricultural Production of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries (MAAIF). The Program is run by the District.

The Program is part of Uganda's National Irrigation Policy. This Policy aims to create more irrigated land by the year 2040.



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How can the Micro-Scale Irrigation Program help me?

The Micro-scale Irrigation Program can help you buy irrigation equipment at a lower cost. The Program will teach you how to use the irrigation equipment and when and how to water your crops.



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CAN I JOIN THE PROGRAM?

You can join the program if you fulfill the below conditions:



You want to irrigate a small plot of land, up to 2.5 acres.



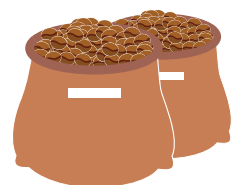
You have water close by, from surface sources (streams, rivers, lakes, tanks) or from ground water (shallow wells, boreholes).



You have access to piece of land for at least one year.



You can pay for part of the cost of the irrigation equipment.



You want to grow and sell high-value crops like horticulture crops and coffee.



You want to sell what you produce.

SHARING THE COST OF THE IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT

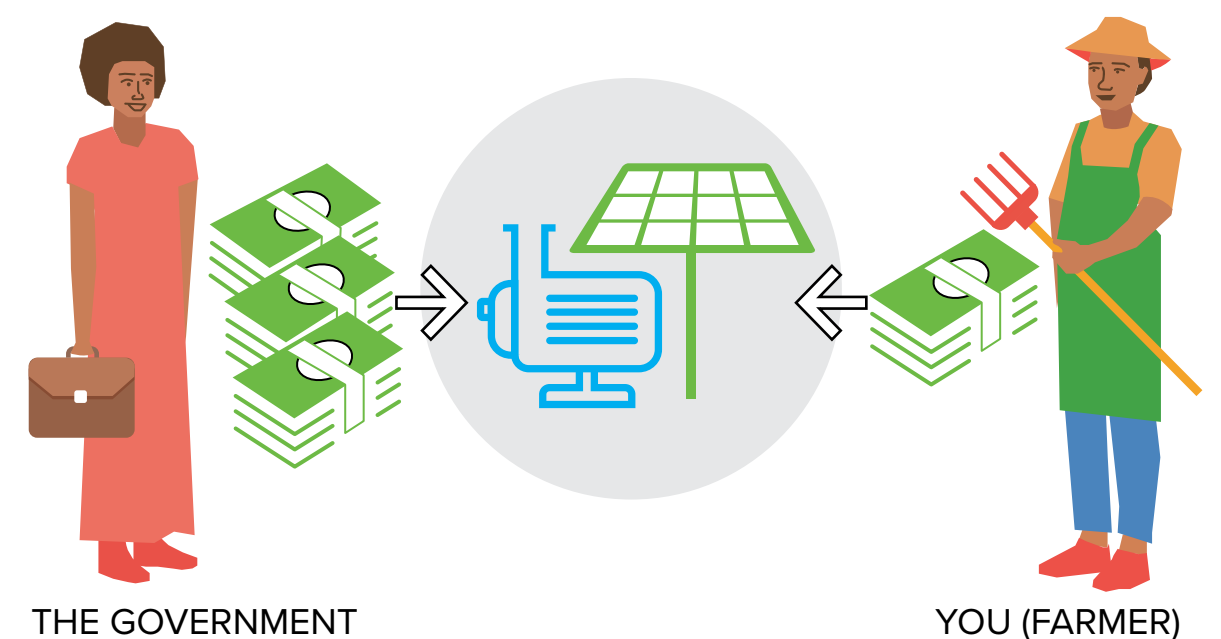
What is sharing the cost?

Irrigation equipment costs money. The Government of Uganda will help you pay for the irrigation equipment. This means you will pay less than the full cost of the equipment. You and the Government will share the cost of the irrigation equipment. Ultimately, you will own and be responsible for the equipment.

How much does it cost?

The cost depends on your farm situation (closeness to water source, terrain of the land, soil suitability, acreage to be irrigated, etc) and the irrigation equipment you choose.

The Government will pay between 25% and 75% of the total cost of the irrigation equipment, but with a maximum contribution of 7.2 million Shillings per acre. This means you may pay between 2 million and 8 million Shillings per acre depending on your farm situation and the irrigation equipment that you choose.



HOW DO I EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM AND WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS TO BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM?



You will complete the Expression of Interest on Page 6 and 7 of this booklet and give it to your District or Sub-county Officer. You can also talk to your District or Sub-county Officer on the telephone.



The District or Sub-county Officer will inform you of the date and time of your farm visit.



District or Sub-county Officer will visit your farm. You and spouse should be present.



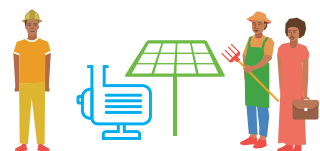
If you decide to proceed, you will sign a commitment at the end of the farm visit.



The District will receive quotes for the irrigation equipment of your choice, and select the lowest one.



If you decide to proceed in the Program, you will pay your contribution at the District office and sign a memorandum of understanding with the District.



The irrigation equipment supplier will install your irrigation equipment in the presence of the District or Sub-county Officer, and you and your spouse.



You will be trained on how to use the irrigation equipment and learn about when and how to water your crops.

FORM TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE MICRO-SCALE IRRIGATION PROGRAM

GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR DISTRICT OR SUB-COUNTY OFFICER, OR CALL YOUR DISTRICT OR SUB-COUNTY OFFICER WITH THIS INFORMATION. THIS FORM IS ONLY TO EXPRESS INTEREST. IT IS NOT A COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM OR AN APPLICATION.

Given name(s) _____ Surname _____

Date of birth: Day ____ Month ____ Year ____ Circle one: Male Female

Telephone number _____

National card number (NIN) or Refugee Number _____

Given name(s) and Surname of the spouse _____

Telephone number of spouse _____

Your address:

District _____ Sub-County _____

Parish _____ Village _____

TEAR OR CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE.

INFORMATION FOR YOU TO KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS.

INFORMATION ABOUT SUBMITTING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

Date expression of interest submitted: Day ____ Month ____ Year ____

Where you submitted expression of interest _____

Name of person who received your expression of interest _____

Telephone number of person who received your expression of interest _____

Expression of interest registration number (you will receive this through a text message) _____



Form to express interest in the Micro-scale Irrigation Program ...continued

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BY PUTTING A CIRCLE AROUND YES OR NO:

Do you have land available to use for irrigation for the next 12 months? Yes No

Do you have water supply within 700 metres of the land to be irrigated? Yes No

Are you willing to make a co-payment for the purchase of the irrigation equipment? Yes No

Are you willing to engage in market oriented agriculture? Yes No

Have you already applied to the Micro-scale Irrigation Program? Yes No

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INFORMATION FOR YOU TO KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

Agricultural Engineer

District or Sub-County Officer

Given Name _____

Given Name _____

Surname _____

Surname _____

Telephone number _____

Telephone number _____

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