

CARICOM BOOST: Women and Youth in Agriculture Project CALL FOR REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

Background

The CARICOM Secretariat and the Government of New Zealand have agreed on the implementation of a regional food security project entitled “CARICOM BOOST: Women and Youth in Agriculture” in support of the CARICOM’s food and nutrition security initiative.

The broad goals of the project are, to:

- contribute to the reduction food import costs in the Caribbean, and the creation of a resilient Caribbean Agri-food System, and’
- improve and increase capability and capacity in sustainable production, climate change resilience and profitability of CARICOM women and youth farmer groups (agribusiness clusters) using protected structures and appropriate cold storage unit technologies.

The scope of the project includes the construction and installation of a total of forty-seven (47) shade houses and fifteen (15) cold storage facilities across ten (10) CARICOM Member States. Under this allocation, Member State Montserrat will receive four (4) shade houses and one (1) solar-powered cold storage facility.

Eligibility Requirements

Selected beneficiaries will be required to meet a number of requirements, including:

- be a resident of Montserrat for at least eight (8) years;
- be female (of any age) or male within the youth age range of 18 to 35 years;
- be willing to register their farming activity as a business and work in farmer clusters or groups;
- be willing to sign a Social Entrepreneurship Contract/Agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture;
- be willing to cultivate targeted crop(s) and share production data with the Department of Agriculture and allow on-site visits to their agricultural activities, as well as facilitate the transfer of technical knowledge to new and interested farmers;
- demonstrate a commitment to completing all required training courses; and
- show an overall commitment to working with the Ministry of Agriculture and its development partners to support the successful achievement of the project’s goals.

Registration of Interest

Eligible persons are invited to register their interest by contacting the Department of Agriculture at 491-2075 or 491-2546. Applicants should provide their name, telephone number(s), email address and number of years of farming experience, no later than **Monday, January 12, 2026**.

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