



REQUIREMENTS FOR A FOOD FOR THE POOR **AGRICULTURE PROJECTS**

Food for the Poor's main mission is to bring the people of Jamaica out of poverty through agriculture and fishing. The second mission is to assist small farmers who are still below the poverty to improve their way of life for themselves and their family.

Projects offered:

Agriculture:

1. **Animal Husbandry** including Pigs, Goats, Sheep, Chickens and Rabbits
2. **Crop Production** (garden and ½ acre irrigation, seeds, tools and seedlings)
3. **Aquaculture** (Pangasius and ornamental fish)
4. **Greenhouse and Hydroponics.**

Who is applicable to receive an Agriculture Project?

1. Applicant or recipients in a group application must be below the poverty line earning less than minimum wage per week or unemployed
2. In fishing must have been working on a registered boat for a minimum of one year can only be qualified to fish with line or pot fishing. We do not allow net or divers in program
3. Land requirement stated below
4. Must be registered with RADA
5. ALL Schools
6. Care Homes authorized by CDA/Local Government

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

When applying for a Food for the Poor Agriculture Project, you must provide the following documents:

1. **TWO letters of recommendation** briefly explaining the current situation that you are in.

One must be written, preferably by a religious minister, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.

It must include:

- List of names of all recipients in the project, their location and their phone numbers
- Other name of applicant (alias or nickname)
- Direction to the property

The Second letter of Recommendation by the RADA officer about what type of farming is recommended especially if you are a new farmer and must include your RADA number or all recipients RADA numbers.



2. Proof of land ownership: Title or Tax Receipt for land on which Agriculture Project is to be built is required.

(Kindly note a letter indicating relationship between land owners (previous and current) must be stated as well applicants name should also be stated.)

- If you own your own land, (your name on top of tax receipt) provide a **copy** of the land title and a recent tax receipt/payment certificate.
- If you are leasing the land, a signed **copy** (by lessor) of the Lease agreement for 10 years and over and verified by a J.P.; a **copy** of the land title for the land being leased and a recent tax receipt/payment certificate for the land being leased.
- If you have received permission to farm on land, a signed letter from the owner granting permission to build, signed by a Justice of the Peace, plus a **copy** of the land title and a recent tax receipt/payment certificate.
- If the land is owned by the applicant but has **Commissioner of Lands (National Land Agency) or Ministry of Housing** on tax receipt/payment certificate then a letter from either organization declaring the applicant as the owner of the land)
- If there is a change of name / transfer of person in possession land on the tax receipt/payment certificate, a copy of **Notice of Amendment of Valuation Roll** is required from: Commissioner of Lands, Valuation Department, National Land Agency (NLA), 8 Ardenne Road, Kingston 10
- If land is leased or gifted, tax receipt/payment certificate of land and letter by owner (and acknowledged by applicant), leasing or giving permission to build.
- If the land owner is unable to write, for e.g.: (blindness or hospitalization) a letter is required from a lawyer or J.P. affirming same and where applicable verifying official mark.
- In case of Power of Attorney or where an Executor was appointed, a letter from a lawyer or J.P. is required affirming the appointee administrator of the estate. Other supporting documents require e.g. a copy of the last will and testament.

3. Special Cases

a. Tax receipt and/or land title is not required where Agriculture Project is to be placed on the following lands but a letter from the applicable entity is required:

- Moore Town Maroons (Portland) or Accompong Town Maroons (St. Elizabeth)
- Quarry Hill Providence Society (St. Catherine) - **Lot Number required**



- Housing Agency of Jamaica (HAJ) - **Lot Number required**
 - Urban Development Corporation(UDC)-**Lot Number required**
 - Lands owned by Parish Council in each Parish – **Valuation or Folio &Volume number is required**
 - Administered Schemes, Lease Hold or Lease & Sale lands from National land Agency/Ministry of Transport, Works & Housing/Rada – **a letter is required**
 - Privately owned lands by Sugar Company of Jamaica/Rail Way Corporation/Bauxite Corp etc. - **a letter is required**
- b. Where land is being transferred (by will or otherwise), **letter by Lawyers conducting transfer and tax receipt.**
- c. Where applicant has been occupying the land in excess of 12 years (privately owned) and 60 years (Government land) **or** land was bought many years ago with no proper transfer, **and this can be verified through Statutory Declaration Forms. All available applicable document should also be submitted**

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- This is an application and there is **no** guarantee that an Agriculture Project will be provided.
- Original Land documents should **not** be submitted
- All applications once selected will be investigated by **Food For The Poor** to confirm need. After investigation, if funding has been identified, you will be notified of what has been granted and your obligations.
- Successful applicants who either **rent or sell** the housing units **are subject to legal action** being taken against them.

There is NO COST for the application for Agriculture Projects.