

Communiqué

Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security

Expression of Interest - Seed Production under the Quality Declared Seed

Programme 2024/2025

(Cucumber and Squash)

1. The Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security is hereby inviting Expression of Interest from planters registered with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund, for the production of seeds of cucumber and squash under the Quality Declared Seed (QDS) Programme.
2. **Selected Planters:**
 - i. should have experience in cucumber and squash seed production and/or cucumber and squash production.
 - ii. will have to comply with the protocol established under the QDS Programme.
 - iii. will be required to sign a **Seed Contract Agreement** with the Agricultural Services of the Ministry.
3. Seeds produced under the QDS Programme will be subjected to quality control measures to ensure conformity with standards set for the programme.
4. The Ministry will purchase cucumber and squash produced under the QDS Programme for processing of seeds.
5. Planters should submit their Expressions of Interest in sealed envelopes clearly marked “**Seed Production under the QDS Programme**” to the **Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security** at the below address **at latest by 19 July 2024**.

The Ministry reserves the right to annul the above exercise without causing prejudice to any applicant.

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