



## **Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security**

### **PRESS COMMUNIQUE**

#### **Financial Assistance to Planters - Torrential Rainfall**

Following the torrential rainfall recorded during the month of April this year, a loss assessment exercise was carried out by officers of the Agricultural Services of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security, the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) and the Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF). In view of the unprecedented rainfall, Government has approved a payment of Rs 2,000 under the Agricultural Calamities Solidarity Scheme (ACASS) as well as a one- off financial assistance of Rs 4,000 per arpent, that is, a total of Rs 6, 000 per arpent to registered planters whose fields have encountered damages of 50% or more.

Planters who have adhered to the Crop Loss Compensation Scheme (CLCS) would be compensated based on the extent of loss incurred and in line with the subscribed plan.

In view of the current sanitary restrictions due to COVID- 19, the Ministry of Agro- Industry and Food Security and the Small Farmers Welfare Fund will be effecting payments by mode of crossed cheque through the Postal Services to concerned planters as from **Thursday 13 May 2021** in order to avoid crowding at the offices of the Ministry and SFWF.

The Small Farmers Welfare Fund is available on phone number 4331564/65/66 for more information.

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