

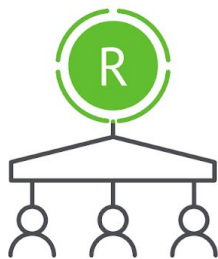
Solidarity Fund

Connected Farmer eVoucher programme



35 000
vouchers
issued

10 000+
vouchers
redeemed



R20 million
paid to input
suppliers

3 days
between
voucher
redemption &
payment



What is the [Solidarity Fund](#) agriculture voucher programme?

The Solidarity Fund will issue vouchers to up to **47 864 qualifying farmers**, worth **R2 000 (two thousand rand)** each. The programme is successfully underway, but in certain geographies we need more participating input suppliers where farmers can redeem their vouchers. [See below to find out more.](#)

Vouchers can be used at participating cooperatives and other shops that sell agricultural inputs (hereafter "Input Suppliers"), focusing on products used in **vegetable, maize, beans, and chicken farming**. The goal is to **support subsistence farmers' ongoing ability to produce food and prevent their households from being pushed into a poverty trap.**

Subsistence farmers across the country will be registered based on the 882 traditional communities footprint (the majority of farmers live in the Eastern Cape, KZN and Limpopo). The Input Suppliers in each area will be selected with guidance from Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development ("DALRRD") and Land Network National Engagement Strategy ("LandNNES") and supported by the Agricultural Business Chamber ("AGBIZ"), based on certain criteria being met by Input Suppliers.

Input Suppliers criteria:

- Are within a **reasonable geographic distance from beneficiary communities** will be identified and need to register in order to participate;
- As a precondition, participating input suppliers must have an **Android smartphone or internet-enabled PC at the store** to redeem vouchers;
- Furthermore, the input supplier must have an **electronic Point of Sale system** which enables the provision of daily sales reporting at a product level, against which voucher redemptions can be readily reconciled, and;
- Must fulfil their role in this voucher program in the **spirit of the Solidarity Fund and make sure all benefits reach the intended registered and verified smallholder farmers.**

Focus areas

There are already over 330 Input supplier outlets registered. The regions we are now focusing on, across South Africa, are areas where there are farmers registered, but participating shops are more than 100km away. These areas are:

- North West
 - Bojanala District / West & South of Pilansberg Park, around Manamakhotheng
 - Ngaka Modiri Molema District - Northern parts
 - Mafikeng area
- Limpopo
 - Across Limpopo province
 - Around Thabo Mbeki, between Vlakpan and Beauty
 - Vhembe District / North Western area of Limpopo
 - Sekhukhune District / North eastern parts, north of Madidimola
- Mpumalanga
 - Gert Sibande District - along the border with Eswatini: Hartebeeskop, Elukwatini, Tjakastad
- KZN (Rural areas in general)
 - uMkhanyakude Northern parts
 - Uthungulu DC / North Western parts - Nkandla to Hlengile region
 - uThukela / Eastern side of the district - Namakazi, Fitty Park regions
- Eastern Cape (Rural areas in general)

When and how Input Suppliers will be paid for vouchers redeemed:

- Payment for vouchers redeemed for each business day and each outlet will be paid by the Solidarity Fund via their service providers on a **daily basis (business days)**. The payment will reflect in your account 3-4 days after voucher redemption, depending on the cross bank transfer time required between the respective banks. For

example, vouchers redeemed on a Monday will be paid into the merchant account on Thursday.

- Participating input suppliers are required, at the end of every business day, to email that day's record of sales associated with Solidarity Fund voucher redemptions. These sales reports must be emailed to cfvouchers@mezzanine.com.

The following voucher categories and products can be issued to farmers in exchange for vouchers

Basic equipment:

- Wheelbarrow, hand hoe, spade, fork, rake, pick axe, garden hose and hose connectors, watering can.
- Shade netting, mesh fencing, fence posts, wire, basic DIY irrigation pipes.
- Water tank, water pump and associated accessories e.g. taps and connectors.
- Gumboots, overalls, gloves, goggles.
- Knapsack sprayer, hand held spray bottles.

Poultry:

- Chicks (pullets or juvenile cockerels)
- Poultry feed
- Vaccines

Vegetables, maize, and beans:

- Maize seeds
- Dry bean seeds
- Vegetables seeds or seedlings

Other inputs:

- Fertiliser
- Natural fertiliser (kraal manure)
- Pesticides / insecticide
- Herbicide / weed killer
- Fungicide
- Bean inoculant

Interested? Next Steps:

Please click [HERE](#) to complete Google form so that we can add your shop to the system.

The users who will use the Connected Farmer software solution to redeem the vouchers presented by registered farmers must also be provided. Please remember to send us the proof of your company bank account to cfvouchers@mezzanine.com for the payment of the redeemed vouchers.



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