

This **Farmers' MANIFESTO** documents the specific needs of Nigerian farmers. It seeks to ensure that agricultural policies designed by the political class effectively target the beneficiaries (SSFs) and that farmers are empowered to hold public officers accountable.

With this Manifesto, Farmers demand that government:

### **Invest in Agriculture**

- Increase budgetary allocations. Maputo/Malabo commitments should make up 5% of the agricultural budget.
- 60% of agriculture-focused investments should be dedicated to smallholder farmers.

### **Work with Smallholder Farmers as Partners in Development**

- Smallholders should be given space to participate in decision-making and implementation processes that affect their livelihoods
- Government should formulate policy and design a plan that will guarantee social insurance coverage for SSFs
- Create an agency dedicated for their development
- Reduce the wide extension-farmer ratio so farmers can better access inputs and improved practices.

### **Implement Smallholder-friendly Policy**

- Improve rural infrastructure (like roads, water, basic health facilities, etc) to ease access to farm produce
- Integrate Growth Enhancement Support Scheme (GESS) with the Anchor Borrowers Scheme to broaden reach
- Amend The Land Use Act to allow for easy access to land for small scale farmers in general, and women in particular.
- Draw up a plan of action to address climate change, adaptation, mitigation, and market access
- Coordinate efforts between government agencies towards more effective management of policies to bolster domestic investment and galvanize competition in the sector
- Revive One-stop-shop initiative from Vision 20:2020, which provides the farmers a common place to have all agricultural needs (including inputs and extension advisory) met
- Staple Crops Processing Zones should be revitalized and complete

### **Improve Safety of Farmers**

- Implement Cattle Ranching Scheme to realize the potential of the livestock subsector