



Call for application for the IGNITE Food Systems Innovation Challenge 2025 to Empower Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to Drive Food Security and Climate Resilience in South Sudan

Introduction

Are you an Agripreneur operating in South Sudan in the areas of food security and or climate resilience? This call goes out to you and your fellows. The **World Food Programme (WFP) South Sudan**, in partnership with **Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security (MAFS)** and its Business Development Service Providers **AfriLabs** <https://www.afrilabs.com/> and **Seed Grow Co. Ltd** <https://seedgrow.com.ss/>, is pleased to launch the **IGNITE Food Systems Innovation Challenge 2025**.

This initiative seeks to empower Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in South Sudan that are actively transforming food systems, enhancing climate resilience, and fostering economic development. Through this challenge, selected businesses will receive small grants, along with tailored training, expert mentorship, and access to a wide network of investors, policymakers, and other stakeholders.

Potential Agripreneurs are encouraged to apply through this link <https://bit.ly/IGNITE-CHALLENGE> in which all required documentation such as registration and financial statement must be submitted through a sharable drive link for data protection purposes. Persons with Disability (PWDs), Women and other minority groups who meet the eligibility criteria are highly encouraged to apply.

Eligibility for application

- South Sudanese owned business
- The Business must be a legally registered and operational in South Sudan for atleast 2 years with valid registration documents
- The business must be Operating in the Agriculture/food systems including crop production, livestock, AgriTech, Agro-processing, food distribution, climate smart farming post-harvest handling and management among other innovative agriculture/food systems innovations.
- The business must have a minimum of two years in operation
- The business should have a clear impact of food security and/or climate resilience
- The business must show scalable and innovative business model with potential to expand and solve food security and climate challenges

Geographical coverage of the call for application

- Central Equatoria (Juba County)
- Western Equatoria (Ezo, Ibba, Maridi, Nzara, Yambio)
- Eastern Equatoria (Torit, Magwi)
- Western Bahr el Ghazal ,
- Northern Bahr el Ghazal (Aweil North, Aweil South, Aweil Centre),
- Lakes
- Jonglei (Akobo East).



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Reach out to the WFP South Sudan Country Office in Juba and nearest WFP Field Offices.

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Please note that there is no charge or fee required at any stage of this application and any sort of lobbying will lead to automatic disqualification

The deadline for the submission of this application is **13th June 2025**