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BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STEVARON FISH FARM AT TUDUN WADA, KASHERE, AKKO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA GOMBE STATE, NIGERIA BY ODILI BLOSSOM

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Project Description

Stevaron catfish business will be established to meet the fish demand in the community. It will be located in Tudun Wada, kashere, Akko local government Area of Gombe state. The main economic significant of the business is to contribute towards narrowing down the fish demand-supply gap deficit in Nigeria as well as the supply of proteins and micro nutrients for feeding the teeming population Gombe State, North East and Nigeria at large.

The catfish industry is a lucrative business as the demand for fish in the country is growing geometrically, the opportunity to expand is necessary because of the growing demand for fish and due to some health benefits attached to consumption of fish as compared to consumption of meat. With our dominance, and being the only and pioneering fish farm in this locality, we would flood the whole market with our fish. The business will be a partnership with all partners required to contribute capital according to agreed percentage (40%, 35%, 25%) respectively.

The risk of the business is mainly getting a market and we have already identified our target market. The cost benefit analysis of this plan shows that in the startup year, with 1700 fingerlings in stock and projected sales of 1500 adult fish in one circle which is half a year, we would make N1, 000,000. This implies that about N2,000,000 is realizable annually for two (2) production cycle with a return on investment (ROI) of 100% which indicates that the project is very much feasible, viable and very much profitable and as such worth investing.

Sponsorship

The project is sponsored by Prof Wara Samuel, a multi-millionaire in Gombe state, who

has invested in different farming enterprise both within and outside Nigeria.

Management

The business would be managed by Odili Blossom, Adoga Prudence and

Matthew Jacob who are all part of the management team. They are all experienced in

the field of fish farming and have managed different businesses across the state.

Technical Assistance

The Stevaron catfish business has a relationship with Dickem farms. This farm is the

largest fish farm in Nigeria that deals with production of aquaculture products such as

fish feed, machines for fish feed production, fish meals, herbal fish supplements,

collapsible mobile fish ponds and water purifiers. Stevaron catfish business also has a

working relationship BOA (Bank of Agriculture). The bank of agriculture has agreed to

finance production of the catfish at a loan of 5% interest rate.

Market and Sales

Market orientation: domestic; All over Nigeria

Market Share: 5% niche market in North East of Nigeria

Users of Products: catfish for human consumption

Competition analysis

Our main competitor in this fish farming business is the importers of frozen fish. From

our analysis, the cost per kilogram of frozen fish, popularly called ice-fish is N750, to achieve this, weighing three units which give a kilogram of and a unit of that size of fish bought for N250. Currently, the catfish is sold to main distributors at N500 per kilogram, and it is retailed at N600 per kilogram, this makes it reasonably cheaper, survey data has shown that the catfish is preferred to the frozen ice-fish in taste and nutritional value. For other competitors in the cat fish market, we have a considerable advantage, being that fish farming is our passion and our farm is situated right within reach and the market premises which makes supervision easier and effective. We the business partners as the sole equity owners and also the ones to provide most of the factors for the production as land the location and climate of the area is very suitable for fish production. The business has relatively low overhead expenses with few staff presently to match current production capacity.

Tariff and Import Restriction

Forex restriction on food importation and zero duty on imported agricultural equipment will favour the project under consideration.

Market Potential

There is strong demand for Fish in the South West of Nigeria. The state of infrastructure though not perfect still supports production and trade within Nigeria.

Profitability

Weather, biological, chemical, physical and environmental factors such as temperature, sunlight, water, diseases, g, price fluctuations and other risks . Howevercial based solutions will be employed to hedge against risks and safeguard profit.

Technical Feasibility

In terms of technology, which involve the grinding of fish for the production of fish fillets the industrial processes are simple and a specialist in production of fish fillets with 15years experience is part of our team. The needed equipment for fish grinding are readily available and our experts have hand on experience in the usage and maintenance of the equipment.

Government Support and Regulation

The project conform with the economic diversification objective of the government. It also supports foreign exchange and import reduction conservation of government. It creates economic opportunities, market access, improved income for farmers and support food security objective of government. The project will benefit from government intervention fund in the agriculture sector. The project will also benefit from the favourable policy of zero duty for agricultural and equipment import. Restriction of forex for all food products will also widen market opportunity. The project will contribute significantly to employment, output increase, stable price and stable exchange rate.

Project Timeline

The project will be completed within 6 months preferably between JULY 2020 to DECEMBER 2020.

7.0 Estimated Project Costs and Revenue

START UP COST

Acquiring Land	

a. Land N500		(200	X		200)
b. N70,000	Land	Righ	ts (C	FO,	Others)
c. N397,000	Excavation	and	Fencing	of	Plot
TOTAL					N967,000
	STRUCTION:		to construct tw	vo (2)concr	ete ponds
	y 850 fishes		to concuract th	(2)001101	ete pondo,
Each pond require 210		structed: 3n	n X 2.5m by 1	1.4m, each	pond will
Hence: N63,000		420	block	(S	@
b. N12,000	1	Trip		of	Sand
c. ½ Trip of	Gravel				N15,000
d. N20,000	Cos	st	of		Labour
e. Cost N50,000	of PI	umbing	(Inlet &	Outlet	Facilities)
f. Cos N30,000	st of	Well	Digging((Water	Source)

	g. Cost o	of pump	machine	to pump	water to	o Overhea	d Tank
	h. N30,000	Cost	O	f	Pond	Tr	eatment
	i. N20,000	Ce	ement		(15		Bags)
N255,	TOTAL 000						
	Fingerlings						
	a. Cost N68,000	of High	n breed	Fingerling	s (N40	each X	1700)
	b. Cos	st of	Feed	s (35	bags	X	4000)
	TOTAL 208,000						N
Feedi N80,0	_					Eq	uipment
Harve 120,0	sting Equipr	nent					N
Secor N350,		Hand		Car	for		Delivery
Equip 103,0	ment for Ma	intenance	, Monitorin	g and Repa	ir		N

Other			Facilities
N200,000			
TOTAL	OTABT	LIB	0007
TOTAL	START	UP	COST
N2,283,000			

Market Target:

Weeks 2 Cycles. As it takes WK 27 Fish 3months to complete WK52

Supplied each cycle and our to product supplied to the

Market market

Amount 1500 Pcs per Cycle 3,000 Pcs

of Fish to be sold per year

Unit N700 N1000

Price

TOTAL N1,050,000 Per Cycle N3,000,000

ANNUAL (Three Months)

SALES

Funding Mechanism

will provide 200Ha of cleared farmland around the university and lease it to members of the cooperative. will also lease 6,000MT capacity silo as equity contribution

Equity investor to provide equity for equipment and vehicles purchase

Where possible equity investor to provide equity for working capital or otherwise secure loan at the rate of 5% through government intervention window at the Bank of Agriculture, Bank of Industry and Commercial banks.

Conclusion

The project is technically feasible and commercially viable. It is therefore recommended for funding.