



**FEMALE**

**FOOD HERO**

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## SECTION 1: Objective and General Instructions

### 1.1: Goal and Objectives of the scheme:

The overall goal of the scheme is to promote the role of women food producers and the importance of women's contribution to food security. Specific objectives include:

- Recognize and promote the contribution of women in providing food for their families and their communities.
- Educate the wider public on the challenges smallholder farmers face in producing a reliable food supply, particularly problems of women food producers.
- Elevate the status of women in their families and their communities.
- Share skills and best practices in farming and food distribution.
- Highlight policy and practice changes needed to ensure a more stable food supply and assist female farmers.
- Organize women farmers and build a platform to speak for them to speak for themselves to leaders and the public.
- Help women farmers partner with celebrities and other allies to advocate for policy changes.
- Engage youth in understanding and honoring the lives of rural farmers and their role in providing the food supply for the country.

### 1.2 Eligibility:

- Female farmers between the ages (of 17 – 65) years.
- Female farmers from every part of Nigeria.
- Female farmers in primary production/farming: this includes single cropping, multiple cropping, livestock farming, mixed farming, and processing and value addition.
- Female farmers in processing, packaging, and value addition.
- Female farmers in farm produce trading and or marketing.

### 1.3. General Instructions

- For this award, only small-scale female farmers will be eligible to enter this competition. Oxfam defines a small-scale female farmer as "a female farmer who farms on a piece of land, not more than 3 hectares without using advanced or expensive technologies and makes not more than N500,000.00 (five hundred thousand naira annually).
- The deadline for submissions is **7th May 2024**. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.
- Entries can be completed in English, Pidgin, Hausa, Igbo, or Yoruba. Farmers who cannot complete the form independently can seek external assistance.
- Entries will not be at a disadvantage due to grammatical errors. However, an effort should be made to provide as much evidence as possible.
- It is strongly advised that a photo(s) illustrating the nominee's work should be attached to the completed form as evidence. A team of inspectors would physically visit these locations to verify the authenticity of the photo(s) without necessarily giving prior notice to the applicant.
- Softcopy nominations should be submitted via email as attachments to [nominationffh@oxfam.org](mailto:nominationffh@oxfam.org). In contrast, hard copies should be submitted to the nearest Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, ADP office, or as an individual/group to the nearest Oxfam office.



#### 1.4. Prices

- Cash prices for the winner, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up.
- Exposure to global platforms (including an annual opportunity to speak at the Global Food Price event held in the USA, AU meetings, and other capacity-building opportunities within Nigeria.
- Consolidation prices for the top 9 finalists.

#### SECTION 2: Basic Information of Nominee

First name: 1	Last name: 2	Nickname (or pet name): 3
Age: 4	Marital Status: 5 Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widow <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	
Phone number(s): 6		Email: 7
Level of Education: 8 None <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary <input type="checkbox"/>		
Contact Address: 9		
Have you previously applied for the Female Food Hero (FFH) award? 10 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Where did you learn about the FFH award? Please mention: 11 Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Government/ADP <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/>		

#### SECTION 3: Farm and Livelihood Information

What kind of farming are you into? 12 Primary Production/Farming (livestock & crops) <input type="checkbox"/> Processing/Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Trading <input type="checkbox"/>
Farm Location: 13 (Clearly state the state and LGA)
What kind of farming are you into (farmers only)? 14 Single Cropping <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Cropping <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Farming <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Farming <input type="checkbox"/>
What is the size of your farmland (farmers only)? 15 0 – 1 hectares <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 hectares <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 3 hectares <input type="checkbox"/>
Who owns the land: 16 Belong to Me <input type="checkbox"/> Belong to Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Rented <input type="checkbox"/>
How much profit did you make from farming activities in 2021? 17



<p>Do you belong to any agricultural society/organization? 18</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>If yes, what is the name of the cooperative? 19</p>
<p>List benefits you enjoy by belonging to the cooperative: 20</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	
<p>Are you faced with any environmental / Climate change challenges (late rains, no rains, flooding, increased heat, pests, etc)? 21</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Describe what kind of environmental/ climate challenges you are experiencing in as much detail as possible. 22</p>	
<p>How have these challenges affected your productivity? (describe as clearly as possible) 23</p>	
<p>How are you managing these challenges? 24</p>	
<p>What are the most significant challenges/ discrimination you face as a female farmer (briefly in bullet points)? 25</p>	



#### SECTION 4: Information on Value Addition/ Processing or Entrepreneurship

Do you keep records of your business? 26

Yes ☐ No ☐

How frequently do you update your records? 27

Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly ☐

And why?

Records of major activities kept: 28

Harvest/Food Processed ☐ Sales ☐ Income ☐ Expenses ☐

Others (specify) ☐

As a farmer, what do you do to improve your yields on the farm (briefly in bullet points)? 29

As a processor, how do you ensure quality and branding when processing farm produce (briefly in bullet points)? 30

As a marketer, how do you sell your products? 31

Market ☐ Cooperative ☐ Government ☐ Wholesalers/Retailers ☐ Customers/Individuals ☐

How do you farm, process, or sell farm produce? 32

Self ☐ Employees/Laborers ☐ Coordination with other producers ☐

How do you get your agricultural inputs? 33

Market ☐ Cooperative/NGO ☐ Government ☐ Re-use (last year's output savings) ☐

Have you received any farming input or farming support from the government? Yes ☐ No ☐ 34

If yes, specify 35

Fertilizer ☐ Improved Seedlings ☐ Pesticides ☐

Have you benefitted from any government financing or loan scheme for farmers? 36

## SECTION 5: Assessment of Nominee's Performance over the Last 36 Months

Evaluation of Nominee's Entrepreneurial Capabilities (Please complete the table below)

S/N	Measurement	2021	2022	2023
1	<b>Total Production or Farm Produce Bought (by processor/marketer) per Annum (in bags, baskets, bottles, cartons, crates etc.)</b> <sup>37</sup>			
	e.g. Maize, groundnut, eggs, fish etc.	20 bags, baskets, cartoons, crates	27 bags, baskets, crates	30 bags, baskets,
		9 baskets	13 baskets	13 baskets
2	<b>Total farm produce Sold or Processed per Annum (in bottles, packs, sachets, etc.)</b> <sup>38</sup>			
	e.g. Maize, fried groundnuts, dried fish etc	15 bags, bottles, crates, cartoons etc		
3	The amount made from sales of farm produce (in Naira) <sup>39</sup>			
4	Size of farmland (in Hectares, Acres, Plots, etc.) <sup>40</sup>	e.g., 3 plots		
5	Number of employees (if any) <sup>41</sup>			
6	<b>Contribution to Food Security at Home and Society</b> <sup>42</sup>			
	What amount from your total agricultural produce do you use to feed your family?			



What amount from your total agricultural produce do you keep/store for your agrarian activities in the coming season?			
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**SECTION 6: Referee (to be filled by only cooperative leader, community leader, or religious leader)**

Name (in full): 43	Title/Position: 44 Pastor/Reverend <input type="checkbox"/> Imam <input type="checkbox"/> Community/District Head <input type="checkbox"/> NGO/Cooperative (specify post) <input type="checkbox"/> .....
Village/Town: 45	Local Govt. Area: 46
State: 46	Phone (compulsory): 47
Comments about Farmer: 48	

**SECTION 7: Declaration**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given on this form is correct.		
Signed or tomb printed (by you):	Signed (by referee):	Date:

By entering a nomination, you have agreed to the use of information on this form by Oxfam in any form of media. Please check this box if you have any objection to this: ☐



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