

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD FOR
PROGRESS JAMAICA SPICES
GRANT EVALUATION CRITERIA**

APPLICATION EVALUATION (reference evaluation details on the technical review scorecard)

1. Does the proposed grantee have the governance structure, financial systems and controls in place to adequately account for grant funds and to successfully implement the activity(ies) specified in the Application? (Proof of registration, executive management structure/board in place, evidence of banking statements, etc.)

(20 points)

2. Does the proposed activity(ies) align with USDA Food for Progress Jamaica Spices components and activities and have a realistic well thought out implementation plan with clearly defined objectives, expected results, environmentally sound practices, gender and youth appropriateness and quantifiable targets?

(20 points)

3. Does the applicant have the technical competence and experience in implementing similar activities in Jamaica? (Experience of applicant in implementing similar activities in this area)?

(15 points)

4. Does the applicant present a proposal with measurable targets to support the achievement of the USDA Food for Progress Jamaica Spices goal and strategic objectives. (Shows how the planned work will lead to the intended results).

(10 points)

5. Is the proposed project's activities timelines and costs realistic and in accordance with the project implementation cycle?

(10 points)

6. Does the proposal have the potential to realize upgrades/efficiencies at the current value chain link and or higher value along the value chain?

(10 points)

7. Does the activity(ies) adequately address issues of gender, youth, and social inclusion?

(10 points)

8. Does the proposed project show evidence of sustainability after funding ends, any possible synergies/complementarities with other activities/projects/organizations /partnerships that could reinforce the long-term sustainability of the project?

(5 points)