



Rural Youth Employment Project Applicant Selection Criteria

1. Applicant must have a business idea in either agriculture or agro processing
2. Applicant's place of residence to be in the designated project area encompassing the parishes of Manchester, Trelawny, St Ann and St Thomas
3. Applicant is to fall within the age range 15 – 29 years old
4. Proof of age must be provided
5. Individuals as well as community based groups are eligible for participation in the project
6. Each community based group must provide evidence of the group's existence
7. Where applicant is an individual without group affiliation, proof of address and residence in the community beyond 3 years must be provided.
8. Where applicant is a member of a group, proof of affiliation or association must be provided. Applicant must also provide proof of address in the community and residence beyond 3 years
9. Each applicant is required to submit 2 character reference letters from any two of the following persons:
 - Minister of Religion
 - Justice of the Peace
 - Policeman
 - Teacher
 - Bank Manager/Accountant
 - Manager
 - Civil Servant
 - Medical Doctor
 - A senior and prominent member of the community
10. Applicant must complete an application form
11. Applicant must be willing to undergo training in specific technical areas related to the business idea proposed
12. Applicant is required to attend at least 80% of the training and capacity building offered by the project prior to the implementation of that applicant's proposed business interest