



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT**  
**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT**  
**KENYA CEREAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME-CLIMATE RESILIENT**  
**AGRICULTURAL LIVELIHOODS WINDOW (KCEP-CRAL)**

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTING SERVICES - (FIRMS SELECTION)**  
**ASSIGNMENT: INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT AGENT (IOA): VALUE CHAIN FINANCING (VCF)**  
**FOR THE GRANTS SCHEME**

**TENDER REFERENCE: MOALF&C/SDCD&AR/KCEP-CRAL/PROC/REOI-094/2022-2023**

1. The Kenya Cereal Enhancement Programme – Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods Programme (KCEP-CRAL) is an expansion of the Kenya Cereal Enhancement Programme (KCEP) to the ASALs. The Programme is a strategic partnership between the Government of Kenya (GoK), European Union (EU), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and three Rome Based Agencies (RBAs) namely: The World Food Programme (WFP) and Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). In this partnership, the RBAs build on their comparative advantages to support the Government in graduating farmers from recurrent food insecurity to market-oriented farming, by promotion of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), resilience to Climate Change (CC) and sustainable Natural Resources Management (NRM).
2. The Programme is financed by EU, IFAD and the GoK, beneficiary farmer, Partner Financial Institutions (PFIs) and Private investors and supervised by IFAD. The Financing Agreement (FA) was signed on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015, for a duration of Seven (7) years with Programme completion and finance closing dates of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 respectively.
3. The Programme supports smallholder farmers in the medium, high potential and arid and semi-arid (ASALs) to increase productivity and profitability of cereals and pulses by ensuring that beneficiary farmers access farm inputs, financial services, linkage to markets, post-harvest management and investments in interventions that build resilience to climate change and sustainable natural resources management. The Programme is implemented through a value chain and nutrition sensitive approach.
4. The overall objective of the Value Chain Financing [VCF] Grants Scheme is to increase productivity in the ASALs through promotion of appropriate Conservation Agriculture (CA) practices to address soil and water management; while consolidating the increased productivity as a result of e-voucher inputs by reducing post-harvest losses through value addition. Programme support is extended to Farmers Organizations and private investors through VCF grants aimed at improving on-farm grain handling and management and increased productivity as a result of farmers taking up CA services. The VCF grants targets to finance value addition and CA equipment for provision of services to both Programme beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries.

5. The main objective of this assignment is to identify a suitable Firm to assess quality of the evaluated proposals by reviewing recommended proposals to ensure that technical evaluation was conducted in compliance with the eligibility criteria and verify the ranking of proposals for funding; ensure compliance with the grants administration and management procedures by the Grants Scheme implementers and stakeholders; preparation of implementation plan (including procurement of equipment) for recommended proposals; and Monitor the implementation of the funded VCF proposals.
6. The Programme invites interested and eligible firms legally registered and competent to participate and submit sealed bids for the purposes of bidding for the tender below.

S/No	Tender Reference Number	Tender Description	Market Approach	Closing Date
1	MOALF&C/SDCD&AR/KCEP-CRAL/PROC/REOI-094/2021-2022	Request for Expression of Interest for an Independent Oversight Agent (IOA): Value Chain Financing (VCF) Grants Scheme	Quality and Cost Based Selection	<b>9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am EAT</b>

7. The eligible firms shall be evaluated based on the criteria determined in the REOI document as follows:
  - Preliminary Examination
  - General Experience in undertaking of Grants Management
  - Specific Experience undertaking in implementation of value chain finance targeting smallholder farmers/ groups/ value chain actors.
8. Interested firms may obtain further information from the Programme procurement office **Tel; 0770 174 188**. Email: [tenders.kcepccralprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:tenders.kcepccralprogramme@gmail.com) on normal working days beginning on the date of the advert.
9. The bidding document can be downloaded by interested Bidders **FREE OF CHARGE** from the Ministry's website: [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke) under "tender" links or the Programme website [www.kcepccral.go.ke](http://www.kcepccral.go.ke)
10. Eligible bidders who download the document from the above website(s) are required to submit their particulars (name & address of the firm, contact person & their mobile number) to the KCEP-CRAL official procurement email address; ([tenders.kcepccralprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:tenders.kcepccralprogramme@gmail.com)), using their official e-mail addresses for records and any further tender clarifications and addenda.
11. All bidders are also advised to regularly visit the Programme website ([www.kcepccral.go.ke](http://www.kcepccral.go.ke)), to obtain any additional information/addendum on the tender that may be issued before the tender closing date.
12. Complete set of tender documents **MUST** be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with tender reference number to the following address:

**The Principal Secretary,  
State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research,  
PO Box 30028-00100,  
Kilimo House, Cathedral Road, Nairobi,  
Tel: 0770174188.**

13. And dropped in the Tender Box situated at the reception of **KCEP-CRAL Office situated along Waiyaki Way, inside the KALRO NARL offices so as to reach the above address on or before 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00AM EAT as indicated above.**
14. The following **MEASURES SHALL** be adhered to during the Bid Opening of this tender.

- a) Where bidders or their representatives choose to attend the bid opening, the Procuring entity shall ensure the opening venue is spacious and observe a social distance of at least 1.5 meters away from each other and all Ministry of Health Protocols shall be observed.
- b) Screening of the attendees shall take place.
- c) Failure by bidders to attend any bid opening **SHALL NOT** invalidate the process.
- d) The results of the bid opening shall be communicated by e-mail within 7 days from the date of the tender opening. Bidders should THEREFORE SUBMIT their registration details via [tenders.kcepccralprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:tenders.kcepccralprogramme@gmail.com)

15. Eligibility:

- a) Director (s) bidding **under different companies** for the same tender **shall be disqualified**.
- b) Any form of Canvassing will lead to disqualification.

**The Principal Secretary,  
State Department for Crop Development**