



**WORLD BANK/IFAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION AND AGRIBUSINESS
REVITALIZATION PROJECT (STAR-P)
1st Floor LIBSUCO Building Japan Freeway (Formerly Somalia Drive),
Gardnersville – Monrovia, Liberia**

Project No. P160945

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

1. The Government of Liberia received a US\$48 million dollars' loan from the World Bank and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P). The STAR-P seeks to increase agricultural productivity and commercialization of smallholder farmers for selected value chains in selected counties and received Additional Financing credits in the amount of 28.7 million from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Crisis Response Initiatives as additional financing (AF) to the Republic of Liberia for the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P). As its focus, the project will support the value chains of Rice, Oil Palm and Horticulture. The project will be implemented in all 15 counties of Liberia over a period of five years.

The project includes the following components:

2. Project Components

Component 1: Institutional Capacity Building and Strengthening the Enabling Environment for Farmers, State, and non-State Actors

This component aims to strengthen the capacity of Farmer-Based Organizations (FBOs), the institutional capacity of key ministries agencies and commissions (MACs) and the private sector to deliver priority services necessary to promote competitive commercial agriculture in Liberia. The component will also address selected regulatory and policy binding constraints in the agri- food sector by financing studies and analyses on a demand basis. The component is sub-divided into four sub components and will be managed directly by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA).

Component 2: Enhancing Productivity and Competitiveness

This component aims at improving smallholders' integration in the value chains targeted by the project. Under this component, the project will finance matching grants (MG) for smallholder farmers, agribusinesses; business development services providers (BDSP) and financial institutions through the establishment of the Liberia Agriculture Commercialization Fund (LACF), to contribute to the costs of investment subprojects.

Component 3. Project Management, M&E, citizens' engagement, and contingency emergency response

The objectives of this component are to facilitate (i) efficient coordination and monitoring and evaluation of project activities, (ii) stakeholder awareness and participation through timely communication of results and consistent citizen engagement, and (iii) a response to a possible emergency.

3. The project will include the following specific procurement activities:

No.	Description
A	GOODS AND NON-CONSULTING SERVICES
1.	Supply and Delivery of Fertilizers for Rice, Vegetables and Oil Palm Farmers
2.	Supply and Delivery of Hand Tools for Rice, Vegetables and Oil Palm Farmers
3.	Supply and Delivery of PPEs for Rice, Vegetables and Oil Palm Farmers
4.	Supply and Delivery of Seed Rice, Vegetable Seeds and Oil Palm Seedlings for Farmers
5.	Supply and Delivery of Tricycles for Terrain Appropriate means of transport
6.	Supply and Delivery of Solar Dryers, drip and sprinkler irrigation systems for vegetables, center pivot and furrow irrigation systems for rice
7.	Supply and Delivery of post-harvesting equipment (handheld rice harvesters and mobile threshers)
8.	Supply, delivery and installation of Rice Processing Mills
9.	Provision of Transportation and Distribution Services for Agri-Inputs
10.	Provision of Printing Materials (Farmers Recording Book)

No.	Description
B	CONSULTANCY SERVICE
1.	Recruitment of a Consultancy firm to provide Technical Assistance for the provision of digital advisory services (including agrometeorological information system and extension) platform to improve extension service delivery and also link input suppliers to farmers
2.	Recruitment of a Consultancy firm for the Development of a digital market e-commerce platform to link mobile network operators to integrate mobile payment solutions for smallholder farmers and agri-SMEs Creation of e-Extension platform for dissemination of information about new technologies
3.	Recruitment of a Consultancy firm for the Establishment of kitchen gardens, complemented by Social and Behavior Change Communication, to cultivate chilli pepper and orange flesh sweet potatoes and other nutritious crops
4.	Recruitment of a Consultancy Firm provide Technical Assistance to support agricultural innovation in greenhouse technology and hydroponics
5.	Recruitment of an Individual Consultant to Provide Technical Assistance for the Development of food cards for smallholder household to increase dietary diversity in the project counties
6.	Recruitment of an Individual Consultant for the Development of Sexual Exploitation Abuse, Sexual Harassment and Gender-Based Violence Manual and Action Plan
7.	Recruitment of an Individual Consultant for the Development of Child Labor Policy Manual

8.	Recruitment of a Consultancy firm to provide Technical Assistance to provide tailored-training for smallholder farmers on various themes (GAP, Nutrition-sensitive, Climate-Smart, Post-Harvest Produce Management, Governance, Entrepreneurship, etc.)
9.	Recruitment of a Consultancy firm to provide Technical Assistance for investment support for outgrowers, using a special purpose vehicle for the development of outgrowers sub-projects suitable for LACF Matching Grants (oil palm and other outgrower schemes)
10.	Recruitment of a Consultancy firm to Conduct of Studies for new policies, projects development, manuals, and new value chains and studies (Climate-Smart Agriculture Studies)
11.	Recruitment of an Individual Consultant to Provide Technical Assistance to Train Project Beneficiary on Grant Occupational Health and Safety Training on the Prevention and Control of communicable diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, COVID-19, Ebola, TB, etc.
12.	Recruitment of an Individual Consultant to Provide Technical Assistance to support Financial Institutions to develop products that are suitable for agriculture financing and SMEs in agribusiness.
13.	Recruitment of a Consultancy firm to provide Technical Assistance on M&E and Development Communications focused on the Use of Funds, impact of the distribution of agricultural inputs and training

4. Procurement of Goods, Works Non-consulting Services and Consulting Services will be conducted through the procedures specified in the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services *dated July 2016 Revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020* (“Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest, and is opened to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
5. Specific Procurement Notices (SPNs) for the procurement of agricultural equipment and supplies, small works and consultants’ contracts under the World Bank’s procedures will be published later, as and when they become available, in the UN Development Business online and in local newspapers.
6. Individual consultants who have the requisite qualifications in any of the above consulting services may submit their CVs to be part of the mailing as and when the solicitation of CVs is required.
7. Interested eligible bidders who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive an invitation for bid under Competitive Bidding procedures, and interested consultants who wish to receive a copy of the advertisement for Expressions of Interest for consultancy contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below:

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