

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Name of the Gant beneficiary's Country: African Union -Multi-Countries

Project Title: Strengthening Food Safety Standards and Nutrition in Africa

P ID -Z1-AAG-046, Grant No 2100155043083

1. The African Union has received a grant from the African Development Fund to finance the “Strengthening Food Safety Standards and Nutrition in Africa” Project.
2. The objective of the Project is to strengthen the technical institutional capacities for safe and nutritious food across Africa. The project will accomplish this objective by enhancing institutional environment, technical systems and building the capacities of public and private sector actors particularly smallholder farmers and MSMEs involved in Africa’s agro-food value chain.
3. The project includes the following three (3) components :

COMPONENT 1: HARMONIZE FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS AND TESTING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

This component aims to harmonize and improve testing capacities by crowding in investments to sustain operations of testing systems and infrastructure, upgrading national laboratories to provide fit-for-purpose testing services, building the capacities of both male and female laboratory personnel to enable them implement laboratory quality assurance systems and produce reliable testing results; and facilitating networking to exchange best practices to enhance sustainable laboratory management. This component includes: Sub-component 1.1: Design detailed investment plans for national and regional testing systems and infrastructures to support implementation of laboratory quality assurance; Sub-component 1.2: Support upgrading of national and regional laboratories to provide fit-for-purpose testing services; Sub-component 1.3: Train laboratory personnel to enhance their skills on testing and implementation of laboratory quality management systems.

COMPONENT 2: PROMOTE FOOD SAFETY CULTURE, GENDER AND NUTRITION-SENSITIVE INVESTMENT, EVIDENCE-BASED ADVOCACY FOR CONSUMER AND PRODUCER AWARENESS AND MAINSTREAMING

This component aims to capacitate public and private sector actors to enable them implement food safety standards to manage food safety risks thereby improving compliance and includes: Sub-component 2.1 : Establish and operationalize the Regional-Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (R-RASFF) to exchange information on direct or indirect food safety risks in the food chain; Sub-component 2.2 : Build the technical capacity of smallholder farmers and MSMEs on risk-based approaches for the control of hazards in priority regional value chains; Sub-component 2.3: Support domestication/mainstreaming and implementation of AU SPS

Strategies.

COMPONENT 3: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This component will cover the Project Management activities related to administrative and financial management, monitoring and evaluation, procurement of goods and services, environmental and social safeguard, gender action plan, knowledge development and dissemination. These include the elaboration, validation and evaluation of the Annual Work Program and Budget, Annual Financial Audits, Bi-annual Progress Report, Mid-term review, Completion and supervisions missions and report.

Procurement Method	Package No.	Package Description	Category
AfDB's Procurement Methods (BPM)	1	Supporting national/regional laboratories to upgrade to new and improved models of testing facilities (laboratory equipment and materials) on needs basis	Goods
	2	IT& communication Equipment	
	3	Office Supplies & Internet & telephone connectivity	
	1	Establish and operationalize Regional Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (Regional -RASFF) to exchange information on direct or indirect food safety risks in the food chain	Services
	2	Facilitate the development of national guidelines on biofortification, the registration, certification and production of biofortified seeds or cuttings to allow for private and public sector multiplication and distribution.	
	3	Facilitate partnerships to develop, document and disseminate nutrition-sensitive technologies to smallholder farmers	
	4	Training of trainers for smallholder farmers and SMEs APEX bodies on processing, storage and preservation techniques to retain nutritional value and safety of priority regional food commodities	
	5	Facilitate the development of national guidelines on biofortification, the registration, certification and production of biofortified seeds or cuttings to allow for private and public sector multiplication and distribution	
	6	Facilitating twinning and peer learning for laboratories	
	7	Training laboratory personnel to enhance their skills on analytical testing and sampling of food safety hazards in priority regional food commodities	
	8	Supporting the development, and implementation of internationally recognized laboratory management system such as ISO/IEC 17025	
	9	Annual audit	
	11	Mid-term review and completion report	
	12	Training laboratory personnel to enhance their skills on analytical testing and sampling of food safety hazards in priority regional food commodities	Services
13	Supporting selected MSMEs (including WSMEs) to install HACCP or achieve product certification through a match funding arrangement		
14	Project coordinator		

	15	Project accountant	
	16	Food Safety Expert (Food Risk Management)	
	17	Nutrition Expert	
	18	Procurement Expert	
	19	Communication Expert	
	20	Secretary	
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	23	Training on laboratory quality assurance systems	

4. Procurement of goods (including non-consultancy services), works and Acquisition of Consulting services will be in accordance with the Procurement Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations, dated October 2015 as may be amended from time to time (the 'Procurement Framework'), using the Bank's Procurement Methods and Procedures and relevant Bank Standard Solicitation Documents.
5. Bidding documents are expected to be available in May 2024.
6. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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