



THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) TO ONBOARD FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES TO IMPLEMENT THE RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME (R-CGS) FOR RURAL KENYA FINANCIAL INCLUSION FACILITY (RK-FINFA)

Name of Project:	Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility (RK-FINFA) project, Kenya
Assignment Title:	Onboarding Financial Intermediaries to the Rural Credit Guarantee Scheme (R-CGS)
Reference No.	2000004121 and No: 2000004122

The Government of the Republic of Kenya has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the implementation of the Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility (RK-FINFA) project and intends to apply part of the proceeds under the loan to Onboard Financial Intermediaries to Implement the Rural Credit Guarantee Scheme (R-CGS).

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with the Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility (RK-FINFA) project.

RK-FINFA is therefore seeking the services of financial intermediaries to participate in the implementation of the Rural Credit Guarantee Scheme under the framework of the existing Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) under The National Treasury.

The shortlisting/ Qualification criteria:

- The PFI must demonstrate experience in lending to agribusiness enterprises, including smallholder farmers and rural MSMEs
- The PFI must have appropriate products (financial and non-financial) for smallholder farmers and rural MSMEs, women and youth, PwD, and to finance enterprises under the value chain financing model? Provide product features.
- The PFI must have a wide geographical outreach in terms of branch network in the target counties
- The PFI should have specialized department /unit /division/ function handling lending to agriculture sector
- The PFI should be able to provide data as required by R-CGS (provide features of the MIS demonstrating this capability).
- The PFI should have Previous experience with other guarantee schemes, including CGS

This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice that appeared on the IFAD website and on UNDB on 1st March, 2023 and on MyGov newspaper on 28th February, 2023.

The National Treasury, Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility (RK-FINFA) project ("**the client**") now invites eligible financial intermediaries to submit their expression of interest in providing the services. Interested financial intermediaries should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Interested financial intermediaries can download a detailed Request for Expression of Interest Document found at the following links: www.treasury.go.ke and www.tenders.go.ke and send it to the address indicated below.

The attention of interested financial intermediaries is drawn to IFAD's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Policy (<https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/41942012>) and the Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption its Activities and Operations (www.ifad.org/anticorruption_policy). The latter sets forth IFAD's provisions on prohibited practices. IFAD further strives to ensure a safe working environment free of harassment, including sexual harassment, and free of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in its activities and operations as detailed in its IFAD Policy to Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (<https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/40738506>).

The financial intermediaries shall not have any actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest. A financial intermediary with an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest shall be disqualified unless otherwise explicitly approved by the Fund.

A financial intermediaries will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualification Selection Method (CQS) set out in IFAD' project procurement handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement.

Any request for clarification on this Expression of Interest should be sent via e-mail: procurement@treasury.go.ke and procurement.rkfinfa@treasury.go.ke to the address below not later than **31/01/2025 at 5.00 p.m Kenyan Time** . The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by **04/02/2025 at 5.00 p.m. Kenyan Time**.

Request for Expression of Interest **must** be delivered in written form using the forms provided for this purpose. Completed Request for Expression of Interest enclosed in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for Implementation of the Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) - for the Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility (RK-FINFA)" and addressed to: -

**The Principal Secretary
The National Treasury
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and be deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Reinsurance Plaza Building, 7th Floor, Aga Khan Walk/ Taifa Road, Nairobi, so as to be received on or before **11/02/2025 at 1100 hours, Kenyan Time**.

The Request for Expression of Interest will be opened immediately after the closing date and time in the presence of candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at the Reinsurance Plaza , Aga Khan Walk/ Taifa Road, Nairobi, Board Room on 7th Floor, on **11/02/2025 at 1100 hours, Kenyan Time**.

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