

Call for Expression of Interest

Strengthening Food Systems to Empower Smallholder Farmers and Young People

WFP/MOZ/2022/002

1 Timeline

Posted	Apr 6, 2022
Clarification Request Deadline	Apr 18, 2022
Application Deadline	May 2, 2022
Notification of Results	Jun 20, 2022
Start Date	Aug 1, 2022
End Date	Jul 31, 2023

2 Locations

- A Mozambique
 - a Cabo Delgado Province
 - b Nampula Province

3 Sector(s) and area(s) of specialization

- A Food Security
 - a Food security and market analysis/vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM)

4 Issuing Agency

WFP

5 Project Background

The World Food Programme (WFP) of the United Nations is the largest humanitarian organization engaged in the global effort to achieve Zero Hunger worldwide. In Mozambique, WFP’s Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2017-2021 supports the national Government’s commitment to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SGD 2: end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture and SDG 17: partnership strengthening among sectors. While agriculture is the most employable economic sector in Mozambique, accounting for 75% of total employment, it only constituted 24.5% of GDP in 2018 with USD 136 in total budgets per capital (in nominal terms). Almost 70% of people live in rural areas and smallholder farmers explore around 97% of the country’s cultivated area. With climate-smart agriculture practices, the sector has a high potential to significantly contribute to poverty reduction and food insecurity alleviation. However, some argue that this has been hindered by the lack of an agenda focused on equity in agricultural development and economic growth, as well as by the impact of climate hazards, which according to the World Bank brings about US\$ 790 million in annual losses. While there are several policy and strategy reforms aimed at improving production and productivity, limited investments have been

made to attract, through inclusive participation, the young population in rural areas to practice agriculture as well as to create on-farm and off-farm employment. Addressing the outlined challenges requires prioritizing smallholders' access to inputs, output markets, access to post-harvest knowledge and technology markets. It also requires encouraging the use of mobile-based technologies for smallholders, but stimulating young entrepreneurship in agriculture, with a focus on young women, particularly in rural areas. In addition, improving youth employment in rural areas requires improving the productivity of self-employment agricultural jobs, where most youth, especially women, will have to work. It entails shifting from subsistence to commercial agriculture by providing businesses with access to capital, technologies, and markets. Additionally, it involves supporting them in the transition to services, especially non-farm activities such as petty trade and natural resource processing where most of the new jobs are created. Through this partnership with MasterCard Foundation, WFP aims at increasing smallholder farmers' incomes and youth employment opportunities through improved productivity and access to profitable markets. This will be achieved through a set of interventions addressing smallholders' challenges along the value chain – guaranteeing an increase in marketable surplus and connection to profitable markets.

6 **Expected Results**

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7 **Indicative Budget**

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8 **Other Information**

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9 **Selection Criteria**

Name	Description	Weight
Clarity of activities and expected results		5
Cost effectiveness		5
Contribution of resource		5
Innovative approach		10
Experience working with UN		15
Local experience and presence		10
Project management		15
Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results		10
Realistic timelines and plans		10
Sector expertise and experience		10
Sustainability of intervention		5

10 **Attachments**

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11 ***Concept Note Template***

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