

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

May 14, 2026

### Expression of Interest: Part One Pre-Qualification of New Food Suppliers/Farmers Cooperatives

#### Note for Respondents:

This EOI comprises two parts.

1. Part 1 is open to new food suppliers and farmer cooperatives interested in supplying food commodities to WFP.
2. Part 2 is open to investors interested in providing services along agri-food value chains.

Respondents may apply to **either one part or both, as applicable.**

#### A. Background

The World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. Each year, WFP assists some 120 million people in around 128 countries.

The WFP Somalia Country Office seeks to purchase Cereals (Maize, Shorgum, Rice, Wheat) pulses (Cowpea, Beans) , Processed Cereals (Fortified Wheat Flour) and vegetable oil from Suppliers/Farmers Cooperatives for Somalia

WFP Somalia intends to procure approximately 3,500 MT of food per month, equivalent to an annual volume of about 42,000 MT.

Prospective Suppliers/Farmers Cooperatives must be registered with the relevant authorities in their domicile countries and have legal authorization to provide this commodity in Somalia. WFP invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in providing food commodities.

#### B. The purpose of this EOI

The purpose of this request for EOI is to identify Suppliers/Farmers Cooperatives with verified technical and financial capacity to supply procures food items including Cereals (Maize, Shorgum, Rice, Wheat) pulses (Cowpea, Beans) , Processed Cereals (Fortified Wheat Flour) and vegetable oil. Eligible Suppliers/Farmers Cooperatives will be invited to participate in the bidding process for the proposed tender.

Eligibility to participate in the proposed tender will be determined based on the supplier:

- ✚ Having legal capacity to enter a contract – certificate of incorporation/registration,
- ✚ Not appearing on the UN Security Council Sanctions list
- ✚ Accepting the UN Supplier Code of Conduct.
- ✚ Completing the questionnaire on disability-inclusiveness
- ✚ Not being sanctioned for fraudulent, unethical, or illicit acts, as described on the WFP Framework on vendor sanctions
- ✚ Owning a bank account in the name of registered group or organization
- ✚ Having experience or ability to demonstrate capacity to aggregate and supply commodities of interest to WFP, including evidence of dealing with 500 of the

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commodities being quoted for.

- ✚ Owning/leasing a food commodity store/warehouse with minimum capacity of 500mt
- ✚ Being able to demonstrate knowledge of and adherence to food safety procedures,

WFP encourages that vendors are inclusive of people with disabilities. A disability-inclusive vendor is a vendor who makes a dedicated, consistent, and measurable effort to implement disability-inclusive practices such as, having an organizational policy on disability inclusion, recruiting and hiring people with disabilities, offering reasonable accommodation to candidates and personnel with disabilities, providing accessible premises, or ensuring that their supply chains are disability-inclusive.

After the deadline for submission of responses has passed, WFP will evaluate responses received and will notify eligible participants if they have been successful.

### c. How to prepare and submit your Expression of Interest

In order to participate in the pre-qualification exercise, companies are required to provide the following:

- ✚ EOI Response Form (Table I);
- ✚ Supplier Background Check Form (Table II);
- ✚ Supplier Financial Status Form (Table III).
- ✚ Supplier relevant experience (Table IV) Submit 3 trade references;
- ✚ Signatory by the authorized company representative and company stamp.
- ✚ Certificate of Incorporation;
- ✚ Tax Compliance Certificate;
- ✚ Declaration of Honour;

All supporting documentation listed above shall be prepared in accordance with the instructions provided **on UNGM platform and submitted via email to [somalia.procurement@wfp.org](mailto:somalia.procurement@wfp.org)** referencing the subject **“ Response to EOI Ref. No. SOM EOI-SOM 001 – [Please indicate: Part 1, Part 2, or Both]**

The deadline for response to this request for EOI: **14 June, 2026, 23:59 hrs. (EAT)**

All responses and supporting documentation received will be treated as strictly confidential and will not be made available to the public.

This request for EOI does not constitute a solicitation. WFP reserves the right to change or cancel this procurement process or any of its requirements at any time during the process; any such action will be communicated to all participants.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at [somalia.procurement@wfp.org](mailto:somalia.procurement@wfp.org).

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**EOI RESPONSE FORM**

**TABLE I. WFP REQUIREMENTS**

<b>A. Company / Organization’s competencies and capacities</b>			
	<b>List of WFP requirements/evaluation criteria</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Own/lease a food commodity store/warehouse (minimum capacity 500mt)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Capacity/experience to acquire commodity export documents to neighboring countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Acceptance to source purchase directly from smallholder farmers individually or through farmer organizations/cooperatives, (preferably WFP registered farmer organization) and maintain auditable records of where supply has been purchased from	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	Capacity to maintain grain traceability to its source location	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Basic equipment for measuring grain quality e.g. moisture meters, sieves etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Knowledge of and compliance with the Somali Community standards for grains	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Training Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Basic records to demonstrate that minimum grain standards were adhered to during aggregation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Provide RSPO certificate (Requirement for Vegetable Oil vendors)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10	Food Safety Certification e.g, HACCP/GFSI or ISO Certification (Requirement for Salt and Vegetable Oil vendors only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11	Purchase Iodine compound from GAIN-approved supplier (Requirement for Salt vendors only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12	For rice vendors, the commodity shall be free from the following toxic or noxious seeds in amounts which may represent a hazard to human health: Crotalaria (Crotalaria spp.), Corn cockle (Agrostemma githago Linn., Machai Lallium remulenum Linn.), Castor bean (Ricinus communis L.), Jimson weed (Datura fastuosa Linn and Datura stramonium Linn.), Mexican Prickly Poppy (Argemone mexicana), and other seeds that are commonly recognized	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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	as harmful to health.		
13	For rice vendors, the commodity shall comply with Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CXS 193-1995) and Codex Maximum Residue Limits for pesticide residues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>B. TABLE II – SUPPLIER INFORMATION Company / Organization’s Background check form</b>			
1	Legal Name of Company/Organization:		
2	Full registered address:		
3	E-mail address:	Website address (if applicable):	
4	Telephone:	Fax (if applicable):	
5	Contact person, title:	Tel./E-mail of contact person:	
6	Registration with United Nations Global Market	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, United Nations Global Market No.
7	Type of Business	Corporate/Limited	Partnership Other (specify)
8	Goods / Services:		
9	Company/Organization Business Registration Number:	10	Date of Registration:
11	Additional company/organization background information: [If applicable, insert not more than 100 words]		

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**TABLE III. SUPPLIER FINANCIAL STATUS**

<b>C. Company / Organization’s Financial Status</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Value USD</b>
Gross Turnover [Insert year]	
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<i>Maximum contract value in relation to which your Company can be engaged:</i>	
USD 0 – 100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
USD 100,000 – 500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
above USD 500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum “Bank Guarantee” amount available to the Company/Organization	
Last 2 years audited accounts or alternative assessed within WFP’s discretion are attached alongside this EOI to prove the information stated above	<input type="checkbox"/>

**TABLE IV. SUPPLIER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

List at least 4 contracts in the last 2 years relevant to the supply of food items

<b>D. Company / Organization’s Financial Status</b>				
<b>Commenced (Month / Year)</b>	<b>Completed (Month / Year)</b>	<b>Type of Contract</b>	<b>Total Value (USD)</b>	<b>Client</b>

Provide CVs of senior staff in attachment to this EOI (no more than 3) [if applicable].

Company/Organization Stamp

<b>E. Signatory</b>	
Name of Company/Organization:	
Name of the authorized representative:	Signature:
Title:	Date:

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### Expression of Interest: Part Two

#### Investment readiness and facilitation services for businesses operating along agri-food value chains

##### Overview

WFP Somalia invites agri-food value chain businesses to express interest in investment readiness and facilitation services to help mobilize mainly non-grant financing to scale food security impact; priority will be given to commercially viable; high-integrity businesses aligned with WFP Somalia priorities and able to demonstrate a strong model, team, and path to financial sustainability. Applicants submit basic information for review, after which WFP may engage selected businesses to assess needs, tailor support, and advise on investment pathways; by applying, businesses consent to information processing, handled with due discretion, and submission does not imply selection or obligate WFP and/or financing partners to provide financing or enter discussions.

##### Process

The investment readiness and facilitation services follow the following stages:

#	Stage	Objectives
1	<b>Expression of interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Register interest</li> <li>Collect basic set of information</li> <li>Confirm acceptance of information processing and confidentiality terms</li> </ul>
2	<b>Screening and prioritization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the financial and non-financial needs</li> <li>Prioritize most impactful prospects against evaluation criteria</li> </ul>
3	<b>Assessment and guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct initial business assessment and define investment case.</li> <li>Propose investment readiness interventions to address any identified gaps</li> <li>Recommend suitable investment facilitation pathways, either with WFP-linked facilities or external investors</li> </ul>
4	<b>Investment readiness and facilitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate investor engagement according to the agreed pathways</li> <li>Support (or conduct) due diligence and engagement with stakeholders</li> <li>Finalize investment case and structure the transaction to meet both the business needs and investor expectations</li> </ul>

##### Information request

Please provide the following information.

##### **A – BUSINESS INFORMATION**

#	Item	Answer
1.1	Business name	<i>Name</i>
1.2	Business website	<i>Website link</i>
2.1	Contact person name	<i>Name</i>
2.2	Contact person email	<i>Email address</i>
3.1	Business type	<i>[SELECT] Enterprise/ NGO/ fin. institution</i>
3.2	Business overview	<i>Short description (up to 50 words)</i>
4.1	Thematic focus	<i>i.e. subsector, Value chain classification</i>
4.2	Geographical presence	<i>Countries</i>
5.1	Number of employees	<i>Number</i>
5.2	Year founded	<i>Number</i>

##### **B – TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT**

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#	Item	Answer
1	Interest rationale and potential investment case	<i>Short description of the rationale for your interest and potential investment case (up to 50 words)</i>
2	WFP relationship	Short description of your past or present relationship with WFP, including informal (up to 50 words)

### C – IMPACT TRACK RECORD

#	Item	Answer
1.1	Breadth / quantity of impact	
1.2	Depth / quality of impact	

### D – FINANCIAL TRACK RECORD

#	Item	Answer		
		[LAST YEAR -2]	[LAST YEAR -1]	[LAST YEAR]
1.1	Revenue			
1.2	EBITDA			
1.3	Net income			

### E – FUNDING ASK

#	Item	Answer			
		Grant	Debt	Equity	Other
1.1	Amount (in USD)				
1.2	Use of funds	<i>Short description of what the funding is need for</i>			
1.3	Historic funding	<i>Short description of funding received in the past, incl. funding type, amount and funder</i>			
1.4	Other support needs	<i>Short description of any other (non-financial) support that would benefit your business</i>			

### Document request

#	Item	Information request	Provided?	Comments
1	<b>Business presentation</b>	Outlining business model and strategy, i.e. pitch deck, business plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	<b>Financial statements</b>	<i>Past 3 years audited if available. Financial model/projections optional</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	<b>Legal documents</b>	Certificate of incorporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Sincerely,  
Procurement Unit  
WFP Somalia

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