

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

12 February 2025

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – EOI SOM/002/2025
FOR PROVISION OF A COMPREHENSIVE DROUGHT MODEL DEVELOPMENT FOR SOMALIA/ SOMALILAND

Closing on 24th February 2025 at 23:59 hrs (East Africa Time)

A. Background

1. The United Nations World Food Programme hereinafter referred to as the “WFP”, with its Headquarters located in Via C.G. Viola, 68/70, 00148 Rome, Italy is the leading humanitarian organization saving lives and changing lives, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience by assisting almost 100 million people in around 83 countries each year. About 17,000 people work for the organization, most of them in remote areas, directly serving the hungry poor.
2. The World Food Programme (WFP) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified and experienced consultants, research institutions, and other relevant entities to enhance disaster response capacity for drought shocks in Somalia. This initiative aims to strengthen the technical and infrastructural capacities of the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SODMA) and the National Disaster Preparedness and Food Reserve Authority (NADFOR) for Somaliland to improve drought forecasting, early warning systems, and anticipatory actions.
3. The main objective of this EOI is to identify and shortlist capable service providers who can deliver robust drought forecasting models with triggers and thresholds and capacity-building programs and initiatives tailored to the needs of SODMA and NADFOR. The selected service providers will work closely with WFP to design and implement programs that enhance disaster response management, improve early warning systems, and build resilience against drought-related risks.
4. Scope of Work: The consultant/company will be responsible for:
 - a. Capacity Assessment:
 - i. Conduct a detailed evaluation of SODMA, NADFOR, and other relevant stakeholders to identify existing capabilities and gaps in drought forecasting and early warning systems.
 - ii. Deliver a Capacity Assessment Report outlining drought capabilities for Somalia and Somaliland.
 - b. Drought Model Development and Capacity Building:
 - i. Conduct a desk review of existing drought models and case studies to identify best practices and lessons learned.
 - ii. Design and implement appropriate drought modeling tools, such as Statistical (ARIMA, Regression) or integrated/hybrid models with various indices.
 - iii. Provide training and capacity-building support to SODMA and NADFOR staff on practical applications of selected drought models.
 - iii. Deliver reports on Model Development, Validation, and Training Implementation.
 - c. Consensus Formation:
 - I. Engage with local stakeholders to forge consensus on drought metrics, triggers, and thresholds linked to anticipatory actions.
 - II. Develop forecast thresholds informed by historical drought data.
 - III. Deliver Consensus Reports and Threshold Development Reports.
 - d. Knowledge Transfer and Sustainability Planning:
 - i. Provide comprehensive training sessions for SODMA and NADFOR staff to ensure mastery of developed models.
 - ii. Develop a Sustainability and Exit Strategy Document outlining maintenance plans and contingency measures.
 - iii. Establish monitoring and evaluation frameworks to assess model performance and institutional capacity.
5. WFP invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in providing the requested services.

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B. The purpose of this EOI

The purpose of this request for EOI is to identify suppliers with verified technical and financial capacity to provide the services. Eligible suppliers will be invited to participate in the bidding process for the proposed tender.

6. Eligibility to participate in the proposed tender will be determined on the basis of submission of the requested documents.
7. After the deadline for submission of responses has passed, WFP will evaluate responses received and will notify eligible participants of the outcome of the evaluation.

C. How to prepare and submit your Expression of Interest

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

The filled in EOI Response Form, which includes:

- Table 1. WFP Requirements
 - Table 2. Supplier Information;
 - Table 3. Supplier Financial Status;
 - Table 4. Supplier Relevant Experience;
 - Signatory by the authorized company representative and company stamp.
8. All supporting documentation listed above shall be prepared in accordance with the instructions provided and sent somalia.procurement@wfp.org, copying abdi.jelleaden@wfp.org, and meity.kadarwati@wfp.org.
 9. WFP will not consider incomplete or unsigned submissions. All responses and supporting documentation received will be treated as strictly confidential and will not be made available to the public.
 10. 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.
 11. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at somalia.procurement@wfp.org.

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EOI RESPONSE FORM

TABLE I. WFP REQUIREMENTS

A. Company / Organization's competencies/ capacities			
	List of WFP requirements/evaluation criteria	Yes	Comments
1	Name and contacts of three previous clients for whom similar services were conducted	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Sample similar piece of work completed recently	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	CVs of key staff outlining relevant qualification and experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Legal Capacity – Valid business registration/business licence and permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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TABLE II. SUPPLIER INFORMATION

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

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TABLE III. SUPPLIER FINANCIAL STATUS

B. Company / Organization's Financial Status	
Item	Value USD
Gross Turnover [Insert year]	
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<i>Maximum contract value in relation to which your Company can be engaged:</i>	
USD 0 – 30,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
USD 30,000 – 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 two years audited accounts or alternative assessed within WFP's discretion are attached to prove the information stated above	<input type="checkbox"/>

TABLE IV. SUPPLIER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

List at least 4 contracts in the last two years relevant to the provision of similar studies.

C. Company / Organization's Relevant Experience				
Commenced (Month / Year)	Completed (Month / Year)	Type of Contract	Total Value (USD)	Client

Provide CVs of senior staff (no more than three) [if applicable].

TABLE V. SIGNATORY & ORGANIZATION STAMP

D. Signatory	
Name of Company/Organization:	
Name of the authorized representative:	Signature:
Title:	Date:

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