

Notice of Invitation for Early Market Engagement

Date of Event: 25 May 2026

Sector: Water

Venue: Imperial Plaza Hotel, Juba,

South Sudan

Title of Event: Early Market Engagement for Activities under RCRP-1 Project

Country: South Sudan

Project ID: P180171

Region: East Africa

Project Name: Regional Climate Resilience Program for Eastern & Southern Africa (RCRP-1)

Link to Information:

<https://mwri.gov.ss/>

Event Arrangement: Hybrid (In person and Virtual)

Registration Email:

crfm.procurement@gmail.com

crfmsouthsudan@gmail.com

Client: Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI), South Sudan.

We, the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of South Sudan, are reaching out to invite you to participate in an Early Market Engagement (EME) session for our upcoming high value procurement package financed by World Bank under the RCRP Project (P180171) whose Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the management of water-related climate impacts in selected sub-river basin in South Sudan. This session is designed to collaborate and gather your valuable insight and feedback for best outcome of the bidding process as we develop our package and bidding documents.


The Project aims to increase Infrastructure Investments and Sustainable Asset Management for Climate Resilience.

The Early Market Engagement will be led by **Mr. Andrew Yunda Stephen, Director for Planning and Programs, MWRI.**

1. Objectives of the Early Market Engagement

The session is intended to:

- To get the international market insight into the procurement and improve the attractiveness of the procurement process.
- To enhance the diversity of the market and encourage new potential Bidders to participate on the procurement process.
- To improve the employer's requirement, technical specifications, contract terms, risk allocation, remuneration/ costing/ Bill of Quantities model, bid evaluation approach/ weightings.
- Identify any current or potentially innovative developments or new technologies in the market that could result in operational efficiency of infrastructure and systems
- Receive feedback on the proposed procurement approach and adjust to attract qualified and experienced bidders.
- Gain an insight into current prices, pricing methods and other factors influencing price.
- Determine the availability of alternative goods and services (product differentiation).



27 APR 2026
27/4/2026

Official Use Only

- Identify the risks, incentives and opportunities.
- Identify common or prevalent risks within the supply chain(s) and propose risk mitigation measures during the pre-contract and post-contract stages.
- Discuss common mistakes that Bidders need to avoid when preparing and submitting Bids.

2. Approaches of Early Market Engagement

The Early Market Engagement will be conducted through a Supplier Workshop on **25th May 2026 at Juba, South Sudan**. The venue of workshop will be announced a week prior to the event, and this information will be available on the websites: <https://mwri.gov.ss/> and <https://comms.southsudanngoforum.org/c/tenders/8>. Registered suppliers will also be notified via email. The workshop will be conducted in hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and virtual participation. Suppliers are kindly requested to confirm to MWRI their participation, either in person or virtually, by **15th May 2026, 16.00 hours East Africa time** by sending request through the Registration Email shown above.

The Early Market Engagement process will be conducted in an open and transparent manner, with all discussions being recorded. Commercially sensitive information from suppliers will be kept confidential and not disclosed to participants or any other individuals not officially involved in the EME process.

3. Shared Documents for Early Market Engagement

The documents shared for Early Market Engagement which are listed below can be obtained from our website: <https://mwri.gov.ss/>, or can be requested via the email addresses provided above.

- *Document -1: Project Description and Technical requirements*
- *Document-2: Sample draft Bidding document including proposed evaluation criteria/weightings and Contract Conditions*

4. Planned Procurement Activities

The project has planned Complete rehabilitation of 8No. Haffirs at various locations in Eastern Equatoria, Jonglei and Lakes States. The estimated cost of one RPS is about USD 11.05 million. The Haffirs will be packaged into three lots, and award will be based on lot-by-lot basis.

5. Procurement Process

Selection of bidders will be conducted through Open International Competitive Procurement in line with the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers Procurement in Investment Projects Financing September 2025 edition.

6. Timeline for Procurement Process

The activity timelines for early market engagement and procurement process provided below may be subject to some amendments.

Activity	Timeline
Deadline for expression of interest to attend the EME Session	Friday, 15 th May 2026, 16.00 Hours East Africa Time
EME Workshop Date	Monday, 25 th May 2026, 09:00-14:00 Hours East Africa Time
Estimated date of publication for Bid Invitation on Client & WB website	Monday, 24 th August 2026
Deadline for bid submission	Tuesday 6 th October 2026
Anticipated Award Date	30 th November 2026
Due Diligences and contract signing process	1 st January 2027

The stamp is circular with the text "THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN" and "MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & IRRIGATION" around the perimeter. In the center, there is a signature in green ink and a red date stamp "27 APR 2026". Below the signature, the word "SECRETARY" is visible.

The submittals should be presented in English. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday, 9:00 Hours Local Time to 17:00 Hours Local Time.

Addresses

Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation

Attention: Andrew Yunda Stephen,
Director of Planning and Programs
Plot No. 11, Block No. AX 11,
Hai Cinema
P.O Box 476

Juba, South Sudan

Tel: +211-91-261-5175

E-mail: crfmsouthsudan@gmail.com, crfm.procurement@gmail.com

Copy to: Fuseini Abu,
Senior Procurement Specialist

Email: fuseinircrp@gmail.com

Tel: +211-92-633-5234

Hassan Omer Amin

Dam Safety Expert

Email: hassan.dse.rcrp@gmail.com

Tel: +211-92-990-8734



Annex-1: Details of indicative upcoming procurement package

Project Title: Construction of No-Regret Water Management Intervention – Complete Rehabilitation of 8no. Haffirs

1. Project Description & Background



This project involves the complete rehabilitation and construction of a no-regret water management intervention aimed at enhancing water security and resilience. The primary focus is the comprehensive rehabilitation of an existing Haffir reservoir to restore and increase its original storage capacity, improve structural integrity, and ensure sustainable water harvesting and management primarily for livestock use.

As a "no-regret" intervention, this project is designed to deliver significant benefits under all future climate scenarios, providing immediate value while building long-term adaptive capacity against drought and water scarcity.

2. Scope of Works

List of Haffirs for complete rehabilitation works

No.	Item	Description	County	State	Coordinates	
					Latitude	Longitude
1.	1.1	Complete Rehabilitation Works of Nakoromai Haffir	Kapoeta East	E. Equatoria	4°40'2.16"N	33°56'32.19"E
	1.2	Namitoit Paired Haffir of Namitoit	Kapoeta North	E. Equatoria	4°55'59.27"N	33°23'49.48"E
	1.3	Complete Rehabilitation Works of Napusiret Haffir	Kapoeta East	E. Equatoria	5°23'21.25"N	33°41'40.52"E
2.	2.1	Complete Rehabilitation Works of Nyangkot Haffir	Rumbek Center	Lakes	6°56'50.89"N	29°42'7.95"E
	2.2	Complete Rehabilitation Works of Ngokjak Haffir	Rumbek North	Lakes	7°44'15.80"N	29°41'27.69"E
3.	3.1	Complete Rehabilitation Works of Mayen Haffir	Bor County	Jonglei	6°33'38.70"N	31°31'49.26"E
	3.2	Minor Rehabilitation	Bor County	Jonglei	6°11'53.56"N	31°41'55.27"E

	Works of Akeer Ajok Haffir				
3.3	Complete Rehabilitation Works of Dhuong Thon Haffir	Bor County	Jonglei	6°37'37.13"N	31°31'2.91"E

The Contractor shall be responsible for the complete execution of all works, which includes but is not limited to the following:

The construction of an integrated Haffir-based water supply system designed for comprehensive rainwater harvesting and distribution. The system begins with excavation of Haffir that collects seasonal runoff through a dedicated inlet channel. Water is drawn from a settled zone via a wet well, housing a submersible pump that lifts it to an elevated reservoir tank. This tank stores water and enables gravity-fed distribution to robust cattle troughs for livestock and a gallery for dedicated handpump, providing a reliable, multi-purpose water source that supports both herders and animal needs while promoting public health and sustainability.

Phase 1: Site Preparation and Earthworks

- Clear and grub the site of all vegetation and debris.
- Conduct topographical surveying and setting out as per approved drawings.
- Complete **de-silting/excavation** of the existing Haffir to rehabilitate and improve its original design depth, as per the detail drawings attached.
- Execute all **excavation, embankment construction, and compaction** to the required design specifications and densities.
- Shape and grade the Haffir basin and surrounding areas.

Phase 2: Structural Construction & Rehabilitation

- Construct a new or rehabilitate the existing **inlet headwall** and associated inlet pipeline to regulate water entry.
- Construct a new or rehabilitate the existing **spillway** to safely manage excess floodwater and protect the embankment.
- Construct a new or rehabilitate the existing **silt trap** to reduce sediment inflow and extend the Haffir's lifespan.
- Construct a new **wet well** (draw-off point) with appropriate protection.

- Supply and install the **inlet pipe**.
- Line the Haffir with an appropriate impermeable material.
- Supply and install and connection completion of handpumps and submersible pumps
- Supply and fix solar array and connect to the system.

Phase 3: Ancillary Works

- Supply and install water reserving tanker
- Construct cattle troughs
- Construct protective fencing around the Haffir perimeter for safety and security.
- Install appropriate signage.
- Re-vegetate and landscape disturbed areas to prevent erosion.

3. Key Milestones and Intended Completion Dates

- **Commencement Date:** The works shall commence within 14 days of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.
- **Milestone 1 - Earthworks and Structures:** All earthworks (excavation, embankment, compaction) and construction of the inlet headwall, spillway, silt trap, and wet well shall be completed within **30 calendar days** of the Commencement Date.
- **Intended Completion Date for the Whole of the Works:** The entire project, including all ancillary works and site reinstatement, shall be achieved within **90 calendar days** of the Commencement Date.



 The stamp is circular with the text "THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN" at the top and "MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & IRRIGATION" at the bottom. A signature in green ink is written across the stamp, and the date "27/4/2026" is written in green ink below the signature.

Annex-2: Technical requirement & Compliance

- All works must conform to the detailed specifications and design drawings provided.
- All materials used shall meet the standards outlined in the technical specifications.
- Workmanship must be of a high standard, subject to inspection and approval by the Employer's Representative.

L. J. Mungwa
27/4/2025

Annex-3: Proposed evaluation criteria/weightings

Technical Evaluation Criteria.

The Weighting to be given for the Rated Criteria

- The minimum weighting criteria is: 50% technical and 50% financial
- Borrower proposes Technical = **60%** and Financial Cost = **40%**
- This proposal is subject to some changes as deemed necessary

The technical factors (sub-factors) and the corresponding weight out of 60% are:

TECHNICAL FACTORS	WEIGHT IN PERCENTAGE
(1) Site Organization, Team Composition and Qualifications and Experience of Contractor's Representative and Key Personnel:	10%
(2) Work Program	20%
(3) Method Statement for Construction Activities.	20%
(4) Economic Participation	20%
(5) Management Strategies and Implementation Plans for ES	10%
(6) Key Equipment Strategy	10%
(7) Extent the technical proposal exceeds the requirements of the Specification	10%
Total	100%

The technical proposal scoring methodology is specified in Section III- Evaluation and Qualification Criteria. In addition, the technical scoring will apply to desirable features and sub features as listed in the tables for each category below. Each sub-feature will be given a score between 0 and 3 as follows:

- 0 - for the sub-feature being absent;
- 1 - for the sub-feature being present but showing deficiencies;
- 2 - for meeting the requirements;
- 3 - for exceeding the requirements.

As described for each Category below, the Category technical score will be calculated by combining the sub-feature scores as weighted sum. The Seven (7) categories of technical scores will be combined based on the weights for each Category in the table above.

L. W. [Signature]
27 APR 2026
27/4/2026
THE UNDERSECRETARY

Annex-4: Contract Conditions

The Contract Terms are as per the World Bank Standard Procurement Document:

For Works: Single Stage, Two-envelope with Rated Criteria with Bank's Disqualification mechanism for non-compliance with SEA/SH obligations (September 2025)



The image shows a circular official stamp from the Ministry of Water Resources & Irrigation, Republic of Kenya. The stamp contains the text "THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA" at the top, "MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & IRRIGATION" around the perimeter, and "SECRETARY" at the bottom. A red date stamp "27 APR 2026" is visible in the center. Overlaid on the stamp is a handwritten signature in green ink and the date "27/4/2026" written below it.