Notice of Invitation for Early Market Engagement

Date of Event: 29 September 2026

Venue: Dembesh Hotel, Juba,

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

Project ID: P180171

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

Event Arrangement: Hybrid (In person and Virtual)

Sector: Water

South Sudan

Country: South Sudan

Region: East Africa

Link to Information: https://mwri.gov.ss/

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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 provide opportunities for joint ventures and partnerships between experienced international bidders and competent national companies with substantial capabilities and extended knowledge of local conditions.
- 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

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- Receive feedback on the proposed procurement approach and possible adjustments 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).
- Identify risks, incentives and opportunities, and propose ways for effective management.
- 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 **29 September, 2026 at Juba, South Sudan**. The venue of workshop will be announced a week prior to the event in case of any change to the proposed venue mentioned above, 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 **25 September, 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(s) including proposed evaluation criteria/weightings and Contract Conditions*

4. **Planned Procurement Activities**

The project is planning to implement the following two main procurement packages:

- **Package 1: Flood Control Structures in Bor South and Twic East in Jonglei State**
- **Package 2: Flood Management System in refugee-hosting areas in Maban County**

The Flood Control Structures in Bor South and Twic East in Jonglei State are mainly a 94km Dykes and associated structures for both fluvial and pluvial flood management in the designated area.

The Flood Management System in Refugee Hosting Areas in Maban County covers the of refugee camps and settlements of host communities in Maban counties which are highly vulnerable and affected by flooding of Yabus river and riverine system.

The estimated cost of the two procurement packages is about USD 100 million. The rehabilitation under package 2 (In Maban) and construction under package 2 (In Bor South & Twic East) of the Flood Management Structures will be packaged separately, and award will be based on each of the two packages and their associated lots

5. **Procurement Process**

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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 Seventh 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	25 September, 2026, 16.00 Hours East Africa Time
EME Workshop Date	29 September, 2026, 09:00-14:00 Hours, South Sudan Time
Estimated date of publication for Bid Invitation on Client & WB website	8 October, 2026
Deadline for bid submission	20 November 2026
Anticipated Award Date	18 December 2026
Due Diligences and contract signing process	31 December 2026

The submittals should be presented in English. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday, 8:00 Hours Local Time to 16:00 Hours Local Time.

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Indicative Details of Package 1: Flood Control Structures in Bor South and Twic East in Jonglei State

This project, in Bor South and Twic East Counties of Jonglei State, involves the complete rehabilitation and construction of a dyke and several associated structures, including culverts with and without flap gates, retention ponds, animal crossings and a side access road prepared for future use. Accordingly, the works can be divided into the following main parts:

1. Temporary works: access roads, cofferdams and dewatering
2. Additional material investigations, sourcing and exploitation for the works
3. Dyke foundation preparation: clearing, grubbing, drainage, etc.
4. Dyke embankment works: earth fill, borrow areas, sand drain
5. Dyke protection works: geotextile, vegetation, protection of slopes/ crest/toe
6. Culverts: concrete works, masonry works, flap gate installation
7. Retention ponds: excavation, material transportation, protection, haffir preparations

The dyke is located in Jonglei State, running approximately 94 km in a northward direction, starting at grid reference 3378880.111E, 722177.009N (WGS84, UTM Zone 36N) at its intersection with the Juba-Bor-Malakal Highway, approximately 38 km north of Bor town. The dyke crosses six payams - Jalle, Pakeer, Ajuong, Nyuak, Kongor, and Lith - spanning both Bor South and Twic East Counties.

The original dyke was constructed in 2002 but was abandoned without maintenance following the outbreak of civil war in 2013. It has since experienced progressive erosion, widespread breaching, and structural degradation. The World Food Program (WFP) undertook emergency ad-hoc rehabilitation works, which are considered insufficient for sustainable flood risk management. The proposed intervention constitutes a comprehensive rehabilitation and upgrading of the dyke and associated drainage infrastructure.

The project is intended to be fully completed and commissioned within a timeframe of 36 months between January 2027 and December 2029.

LOT 1: Flood Protection Dyke Works – Section 1 (Bor area): approx. Ch. 0+000 to Ch. 31+300 (≈ 31.3 km), including associated crossing/drainage structures and retention ponds;

LOT 2: Flood Protection Dyke Works – Section 2 (Jalle area): approx. Ch. 31+300 to Ch. 62+600 (≈ 31.3 km), including associated crossing/drainage structures and retention ponds;

LOT 3: Flood Protection Dyke Works – Section 3 (Panyagor area): approx. Ch. 62+600 to Ch. 94+000 (≈ 31.4 km), including associated crossing/drainage structures.

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The 36-month construction program is divided into four broad phases, aligned with the seasonal flood calendar of the Bahr-el-Jebel River:

Phase	Duration	Season	Principal Activities
Phase 1 - Mobilisation and Preparation	Months 1-3	Dry season onset	Mobilisation of plant and equipment, establishment of site offices and laboratories, survey and setting out, construction of access tracks, installation of site soil laboratory, procurement of cofferdam fill material
Phase 2 - Cofferdams, Dewatering and Foundation Preparation	Months 2-30 (overlapping)	Dry season	Construction of temporary cofferdams at inundated locations, installation and operation of dewatering systems, clearing and stripping of dyke footprint, foundation preparation and compaction trials
Phase 3 - Main Earthworks and Structures	Months 4-30	Year-round with seasonal adjustment	Dyke embankment fill placement and compaction, vetiver plantation, Grass seeding culvert construction, soil-cement protection, geotextile installation, haffir excavation, haffir structures and fencing
Phase 4 - Finishing and Demobilisation	Months 28-36	Dry season	Cofferdam removal and site reinstatement, commissioning of flap valves and haffir mechanical works, as-built surveys, handover and demobilisation

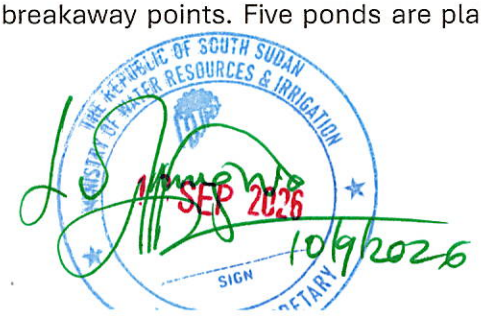
Annex-2

***Indicative Details of Package 2:* Flood Management System in refugee-hosting areas in Maban County**

This project, in Maban County of Upper Nile State, is a system of flood management for refugee and host communities highly affected by flooding. The project involves three main flood management interventions: 1) Reinforcement and extension of existing protection embankments round Bunj town and camps, 2) Construction of breakaway points in Yabus river to block main side channels flooding downstream areas, and 3) Retention ponds with conveyor system from intakes at breakaway points.

The scope of each of the three main interventions is briefly described below:

1) **Reinforcement and extension of the existing embankment:** These are intended to protect flood-prone areas by preventing water overflow from the large flood plane into settlements, agricultural land, or critical infrastructure through construction of a new flood embankment and restore and improve the protection level of the existing embankment system through crest raising, closure of breaches, and structural reinforcement of weak sections. The existing embankments are between the right bank of Yabus River and the settlements of Bunj. The proposed intervention consists mainly of defense line within the floodplains to limit the flooding issue towards settlements. The proposed paths of extended embankment and some minor shortcuts for the existing embankment are identified and two access ramps are proposed along both of them.
2) **Breakaway control structures:** These are off-takes hydraulic structures at the main breakaway points meant for both control flood in the Yabus River and connect the river with retention ponds that can also be used as water harvesting storage structures. The proposed breakaway control structures consist of localized flood control measures aimed at regulating or preventing uncontrolled flow diversion into secondary river channels, floodplains, or settlements, while still allowing controlled discharge under specific hydrological conditions. The intervention would generally include earth embankments combined with reinforced concrete control structures equipped with sluice gates, wing walls, local erosion protection works, and access platforms or roads.
3) **Retention ponds and associated conveyor channels:** Retention ponds are intended to be excavated/prepared to receive water from the river through conveyance systems connected to intakes on the river at the breakaway points. Five ponds are planned with approximate



capacity of each of 1.5 Mm^3. The location of the retention ponds and the conveyor systems were selected on the basis of the topography of the area, the existing secondary river channels, and the vicinity to settlements and camps where communities / refugees will use the water stored in the retention ponds during the dry season.

The works are planned to be distributed into three lots following the main interventions and their different location and kind of work, as follows:

LOT 1: Reinforcement and extension of the existing embankment: This lot constitutes of crest raising, breach closure, slope reprofiling, and toe protection of the existing embankments (planned to be 1.5 km of >2.5 m height and 2.5 km of >1.5 m height, and extend the existing embankment by about 3.5 km with an average height of 1.5 m, details of which will be provided by the Consultant;

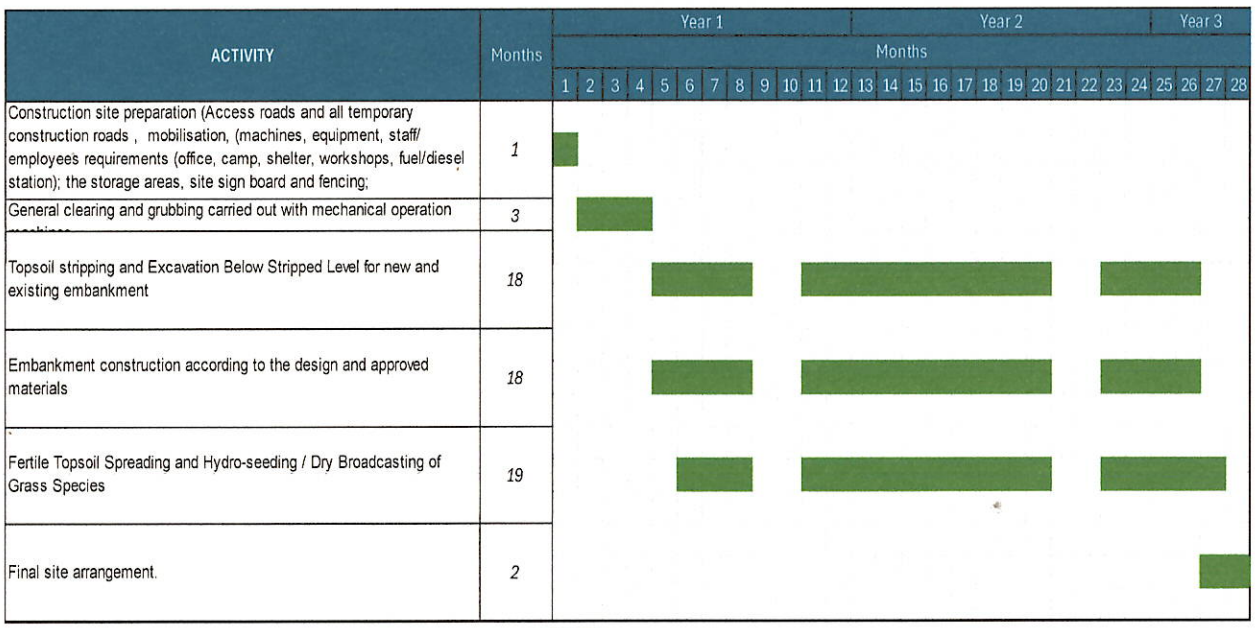
LOT 2: Breakaway control structures: These are at three breakaway points, two are near each other at Gismalla (upstream and downstream) and the third is at Kulkola;

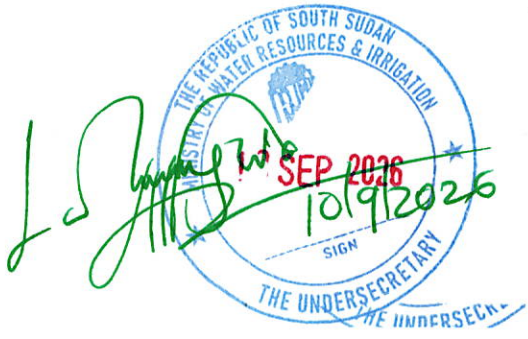
LOT 3: Retention ponds and associated conveyor channels: These are five ponds, two of which are taking water through conveyor system from Gismalla downstream intake while three are taking water from the intake at Kulkola breakaway control structures

While Lot 2 and Lot 3 are not expected to take more than one year for implementation, Lot 1 is intended to be fully completed and commissioned within a timeframe of about 30 months between January 2027 and June 2029, as shown below.

Workplan for Package 1- Flood Control Structures in Bor South and Twic East in Jonglei State and Package 2 - Flood Management System in refugee-hosting areas in Maban County

ACTIVITY	Months
Construction site preparation (Access roads and all temporary construction roads , mobilisation, (machines, equipment, staff/ employees requirements (office, camp, shelter, workshops, fuel/diesel station); the storage areas, site sign board and fencing;	1
General clearing and grubbing carried out with mechanical operation	3
Topsoil stripping and Excavation Below Stripped Level for new and existing embankment	18
Embankment construction according to the design and approved materials	18
Fertile Topsoil Spreading and Hydro-seeding / Dry Broadcasting of Grass Species	19
Final site arrangement.	2





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Annex-3: Proposed Evaluation Criteria/Weightings:

Package 1- Flood Control Structures in Bor South and Twic East in Jonglei State
Package 2- Flood Management System in refugee-hosting areas in Maban County

Technical Evaluation Criteria.

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

The Weighting to be given for the Rated Criteria

- Borrower proposes Technical = **70%** and Financial Cost = **30%**
- The minimum Technical Score to advance to the Financial Evaluation stage: 70%
- This proposal is subject to revision as necessary, based on the outcomes and findings of the EME

The technical factors (sub-factors) and the corresponding weight out of 70% are:

TECHNICAL FACTORS	WEIGHT IN PERCENTAGE
(1) Methodology and Planning	**30%**
(i) Construction Method Statement	15
(ii) Site organization	10
(iii) Mobilization and Construction Schedule	5
(2) Contract Administration	**25%**
(i) Relevance of completed contracts	10
(ii) Qualification and experience of Key personnel	15
(3) Environmental, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) Management Strategies and Implementation Plans	**20%**
(i) Quality and adequacy of C-ESMP	8
(ii) Site-specific risk assessment and implementation arrangements	6
(iii) Gender and GBV/SEA-SH risk management measures	3
(IV) Monitoring and continuous improvement:	3
(4) Engagement of local personnel and local value addition	**15%**
(i)Percentage of local personnel relative to total workforce	5
(ii) Subcontracting local companies	5
(iii)Proposed use of locally sorted material	5
~~*(5)*~~ **Training and capacity building plan**	**10**
(I) Relevance of proposed trainings to contract activities	5
(ii) Detailed plan for training employer´s staff in operation and maintenance of works, including local workers	5
Total	**100%**

The technical proposal scoring methodology is specified in Section III- Evaluation and Qualification Criteria. In addition, the rated criteria and technical scoring will apply to desirable features and sub features as follows:

Score (percentage [%] of maximum score for the technical factor)	Description

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0 - 20	Required feature is absent; no relevant information to demonstrate how the requirement is met
21 -50	Required feature present with deficiencies such as insufficient or information that lacks clarity
51 - 80	Sufficient information to demonstrate how the requirement will be met
81-100	Sufficient information to demonstrate a very good understanding of the requirements and how they will be met.

The scores of the six (6) technical features will be combined to determine the overall technical score.

Annex-4: Contract Conditions

General Conditions (GC) published by FIDIC 2017-2022 and the Particular Conditions by the World Bank.

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