

**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR GROUNDNUT AGGREGATION AND OFF-TAKING TO SNACK FACTORY IN ABUJA: *Groundnut Aggregation and off taking of SAMNUT 23***

**Location of Assignment:** Bauchi - Abuja

**Proposed Level of Effort:** Aggregation of groundnut

**Anticipated Start Date:** November 2019

The Nigeria WAY Project aims to increase the contribution by 16,000 women and youth to Nigeria's economic growth. This will be accomplished by improving entrepreneurial and business acumen of women and youth in three agricultural value chains-Rice, Groundnut and Soybeans, and by reducing barriers to entry (market and societal/cultural) for their enterprise development. The 5-year project (2017-2022) is funded by Global Affairs Canada.

The program's activities are divided into three main components:

1. Improve the business capacities of ENs and SSBs in targeted value chains of Rice, Soybean and Groundnuts.
2. To Improve the business environment of ENs and SSBs in the Bauchi state.
3. Address the issues of early and forced child marriage in the state through social and transformational dialogue.

**Problem Statement**

The Nigeria WAY Project is currently working with Entrepreneurs (ENs) and Small-Scale Businesses (SSB) including cooperatives involved in agriculture value chains and agribusiness-related activities in Rice, Soybean and Groundnuts.

Nigeria WAY's aim is to support the inclusion of women into market systems by facilitating or supporting market linkages to women ENs in and around Bauchi state.

It is in the light of this that MEDA is supporting the aggregation and off-taking of groundnuts from Women producer groups in Bauchi state.

**Objectives of the Assignment**

The main objective of this assignment is to create a groundnut market outlet for women groundnut producers in Bauchi State.

MEDA will support the aggregation and off-taking of Groundnut from women in Bauchi state to a snack production factory in Abuja.

ENs who have initially been trained in the modern way of the production of groundnuts using good agronomics practices including use of "Aflasafe", proper grading, drying and storage to support an excellent quality of supply chain for the factory.

## **Tasks**

The Aggregator will complete the following tasks:

1. Buy Samnut 23 type groundnut from women groups in Bauchi state;
2. Liaise with Women Sales Agents (WoSAs) to aggregate the groundnuts from women producers;
3. Aggregate and off-take Grade A and Grade B of Samnut 23 variety of groundnuts to a snack factory in Abuja in semi-monthly shipments of 18 metric tons.
4. The groundnuts variety must be as specified and recommended by the snack factory.
5. Train women in appropriate cleaning, grading, drying and storage of groundnuts where appropriate.

## **Criteria for selection would include**

1. Experience in a similar job,
2. Willingness or record of engaging women in similar activities.

## **Deliverables**

1. Evidence of groundnut off-taking from women groups in Bauchi state;
2. The list of MEDA recognised WoSAs involved in the aggregation of the groundnut;
3. Acknowledging the receipt of groundnuts by the snack factory in Abuja;
4. Final report on activities to MEDA.

## **Instructions for submission**

All submissions must be sent to: **nigeriaway@meda.org** by 5:00 PM on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please use 'Groundnuts Aggregation and Off-taking Plan' as the subject title of your email application. Prospective market actors are expected to submit Expression of interest indicating:

1. Understanding of the Terms of Reference;
2. Approach and methodology;
3. Work plan;
4. Proposed budget for the entire package of services;
5. Matching Costs by Aggregator including in-kind or cash;
6. Business documents.

Only those EOI that meet the requirements will be called upon to submit a full proposal.