

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF): Selection of an Implementing Partner to Roll Out a Challenge Fund in a Refugee Hosting Area in Turkana County, Kenya

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, promotes sustainable private sector investment in developing countries as a way to reduce poverty and improve people's lives.

IFC is issuing this request for expressions of interest to identify an implementing partner for the KKCF in Turkana County, Kenya. The KKCF is a competitive financing mechanism for disbursing donor funding to incentivize for-profit companies, social enterprises, and local and refugee entrepreneurs to start or scale existing operations in the Kakuma-Kalobeyei area.

Attracting the private sector to the area and supporting local entrepreneurs has the potential to expand job opportunities, improve services, provide more choice, and reduce prices. In turn, this could enhance the self-reliance and socioeconomic integration of both refugee and host communities, while also contributing to the development of Turkana County.

Qualification Criteria

- i. Established and relevant track-record of at least 5 years designing and administering challenge funds covering various sectors that target base of the pyramid or vulnerable populations, to ensure experience and proven success;
- ii. Experience in Sub-Saharan Africa, especially in fragile and conflict-affected situations, to ensure that the implementing partner can deal with insecure environments and handle volatile dynamics;
- iii. Presence in Africa, preferably Africa-based, to ensure easy and fast communication;
- iv. Draws on diverse sources of funding, to ensure sustainability over the course of the KKCF project implementation;
- v. Independence (e.g. not connected to one specific donor or agenda), to ensure that the KKCF project concept can be realized as envisioned;
- vi. Has a clear gender strategy, to address female refugees which make up a large portion of the refugee population in Kakuma;

A ToR with further details is available upon request from infokkcf@ifc.org.

Submission Requirements

Please submit a document of no more than two-pages outlining the firm's legal status, experience, fulfillment of criteria, and motivation to become an implementing partner for the KKCF. Submissions should be in English and can be made to infokkcf@ifc.org. The deadline date for submission is 20 January 2019 at 11:59 EAT. Following a review of submissions, a request for proposals will be shared with those firms that are short-listed.