



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION AND AGRIBUSINESS  
REVITALIZATION PROJECT (STAR-P)  
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Gardnersville – Monrovia, Liberia**

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**Letter of Invitation for Bids**

*Monrovia, Liberia  
March 3, 2026*

**Re:** *Supply and Delivery of Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Agro-Inputs) for 2000 Smallholder Farmers;*

*Ref No: LBR-2000001194-0008-G-NCB*

1. The *Government of Liberia* has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of the *Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization (STAR) Project* and intends to apply part of the financing for the purchase of these goods. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies, and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents, and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with the *Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization (STAR) Project*.
2. The *Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization (STAR) Project* includes **improving** livelihood and food security for smallholder farmers in the rice and oil palm value chains. The scaled-up phase will add 35,525 beneficiaries, including: (i) 16,825 smallholder farmers accessing matching grants through FBOs/cooperatives; (ii) 12,000 rural residents benefiting from community action plans (CAPs); (iii) 1,700 individuals supported via MSME matching grants; and (iv) 5,000 farmers receiving direct production support. After five years of project implementation under World Bank supervision, IFAD assumed project supervision in July 2025 to implement the IFAD Additional Financing until September 2029.
3. The Ministry of Agriculture, through the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P), now invites sealed bids from eligible entities (“bidders”) for the provision of Supply and Delivery of Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Agro-Inputs) for 2000 Smallholder Farmers, as detailed below:

<b>Lot #</b>	<b>Description of Procurement</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Delivery Period</b>	<b>Destination</b>
1	Supply and Delivery of Certified Seed Rice (NERICA L-19, NERICA 4 Suakoko 8, and LAC 23)	60,000kg	90-90 days	MOA/STAR-P Warehouses in the 15 Counties
2	Supply and Delivery of Certified Seed Rice (Legion 1-Ex-Baika and Jasmine 85)	20,000kg	60-90 days	MOA/STAR-P Warehouses in the 15 Counties
3	Supply and Delivery of Certified Seed Rice (CY2, V4 Aromatic and Orylux 6)	16,000kg	60-90 days	MOA/STAR-P Warehouses in the 15 Counties
4	Supply and Delivery of Vegetable Seeds	113,250kg	60-90 days	MOA/STAR-P Warehouses in the 15 Counties

5	Supply and Delivery of Oil Palm Seedlings	15,000 Plants	60-90 days	Destinated STAR-P Farmers Sites
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More details on these goods and related services are provided in the schedule of requirements in this bidding document.

4. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to the restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully deliver the goods and related services.
5. Bidding will be conducted using the **national competitive bidding (NCB)** method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook, which is provided at [www.ifad.org/project-procurement](http://www.ifad.org/project-procurement). The NCB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
6. Please note that a pre-bid conference *will not* be held as described in the bid data sheet BDS, Section II of the bidding document.
7. Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall obtain the bidding document free of charge. Bidding documents can be obtained by sending an email or an expression of interest letter, including the bidder's full contact details, to the following point of contact ([smarvie@moa.gov.lr](mailto:smarvie@moa.gov.lr) with a copy to [rqlaydor@moa.gov.lr](mailto:rqlaydor@moa.gov.lr)). This will ensure that the bidders receive updates regarding this bidding document.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address and in the manner specified in the bid data sheet – instructions to bidders 23.2, no later than *2:00 pm Monrovia Time on March 31, 2026*.

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9. Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened to the bidder. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security (as required) in the manner and amount specified in the bid data sheet.
10. Please note that electronic bids shall not be accepted as defined in ITB BDS 25. However, bidders **must include a USB drive containing the files for their bids/proposals** to accompany the hard copies.

Yours sincerely,

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