



USAID Heshimu Bahari Activity

Request For Application
Heshimu Bahari RFA 5/2023

The USAID/Tanzania Heshimu Bahari (Respect the Ocean) Activity is a five-year project that aims to improve the ecological resilience and productivity of Tanzania's high marine biodiversity areas. Heshimu Bahari aims to establish an enabling environment and science-driven framework for sustainable MMA and wild-caught fishery co-management by government, communities, and the private sector. The Activity has four integrated objectives:

1. Strengthen an enabling framework for a network of MMAs and fishery replenishment zones (FRZs) for resilient biodiversity conservation, climate resilient communities, and enhanced wild-caught fisheries production.
2. Community co-management of MMAs/wild-caught fisheries and climate resilience strengthened.
3. Private sector investment in MMAs and wild-caught fisheries expanded.
4. Integration of relevant science to MMA and fisheries policy and management improved.

Objective:

USAID Heshimu Bahari is seeking to award a grant to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organization (CSOs) to undertake implementation of community level activities along the coast of Tanzania Mainland from Kinga District south to Mtwara, excluding Tanga Coelacanth Marine Park (TACAMP). The objective of the grant is to support the Activity with the implementation of the Tanzania Coastal Interventions under the USAID Heshimu Bahari Activity emanating from the Activity's Seascapes Intervention plan and Private Sector Intervention Plan. The envisaged Interventions revolves around strengthening and/or establishment of Fisheries Replenishment Zones (FRZs) and Marine Management Areas (MMAs), seascapes strategic planning, Community Livelihoods projects implementation, Capacity Building on MMA management and governance, Conservation initiatives, ecological and community resilience to climate change, private sector engagement in Marine Management Areas, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Social and Environmental Impact Assessments among others as may raise during Activity's Annual Work Planning and during Pause and Reflect Sessions.

Geography coverage and target:

The Grantees will support USAID Heshimu Bahari Activity Intervention Strategy implementation in the following geographies/seascapes.

- Northern Coast seascapes; Tanga (Pangani, Mkinga, Tanga-Municipality excluding Tanga Coelacanth Marine Park (TACAMP))
- Bagamoyo seascape
- Dar es salaam seascapes
- Mafia Seascape
- Kilwa Seascape
- Mnazi Bay Seascape



Applicants can apply to provide service in one or more seascapes. The USAID Heshimu Bahari Project will award grants per seascape following pre award assessment results. Applicants will have to demonstrate residency and a wider footprint in the respective geography/seascapes with a higher rapport with seascape stakeholders and specifically National and Local government counterparts and should demonstrate implementation of various community engagement interventions along with viable structures and human resources in the respective seascape.

Eligible Recipients:

- Applicants must be a registered *non-governmental organization (NGO)* formally constituted, recognized by and in good standing with appropriate authorities in the country in which the entity is registered, and compliant with all applicable civil and fiscal regulations.
- Applicants may only submit *one* application per prime organization under this RFA.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate successful past performance in implementation of community level activities including marine, coastal community fishing activities, livelihood along the coast of Tanzania Mainland or Zanzibar livelihoods.
- Applicants must display sound management in the form of financial, administrative, and technical policies and procedures and present a system of internal controls that safeguard assets; protect against fraud, waste, and abuse; and support the achievement of program goals and objectives. *USAID Heshimu Bahari* will assess this capability prior to awarding a grant.

- For any grant award(s) resulting from this solicitation that is other than in-kind, equivalent to \$25,000 USD or more, and has no anticipated sub-awards, grantees will be required to provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) at the time of award. If the applicant already has a UEI number, it should be included in their application. Otherwise, applicants will be expected to get a UEI number before an award is made. *USAID Heshimu Bahari* will assist successful applicants with this process. More information on UEIs can be found <https://sam.gov>
- Faith-based and community groups will receive equal opportunity for funding in accordance with the mandated guidelines laid out in ADS 303.3.28 except for faith-based organizations whose objectives are for discriminatory and religious purposes, and whose main objective of the grant is of a religious nature.

Funding:

The initial period of performance is January 2024 through December 2024, with the possibility of renewing the award on an annual base in line with USAID Heshimu Bahari period of performance through 2027. Renewal is subject to performance, availability of funds and final agreement during negotiation. The type and amount of the grant will be determined during the negotiation process based on the submitted proposal.

USAID Heshimu Bahari intends to award multiple grants under this award with an anticipated range of TZS 350,000,000 – 800,000,000 per seascape for year one. Award amount and grant mechanism will be determined during negotiations. The geographic and technical scope will determine the award amount and grant mechanism. During the negotiation phase, USAID Heshimu Bahari will hold a conference with successful applicants to align activities, workplan and budget depending on the nature of seascape and activities to be implemented.

Application and Submission Information:

Interested agencies are invited to request for RFA through the mail address HBAprocurement@HeshimuBahari.com



The deadline for submitting of Request for proposals is **December 9th, 2023, 5.00 p.m.** All interested agencies must submit their proposals in electronic version through HBAprocurement@HeshimuBahari.com . with subject clearly marked **RFA 5/2023**.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award or commitment on the part of Heshimu Bahari, nor does it commit Heshimu Bahari to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, Heshimu Bahari reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received and reserves the right to ask for further clarifications from the applicants.