

USAID Heshimu Bahari Activity
Request For Proposal
Electronic Monitoring HO.PO.004

USAID Heshimu Bahari is a five-year (2022-2027) project financed by USAID and implemented by Chemonics International and partners. The goal of the project is to strengthen the enabling environment and science-driven framework for sustainable marine management areas (MMAs) and fisheries co-management in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, by Government, communities, and the private sector, through four integrated objectives:

1. Strengthening the enabling framework for a network of MMAs and fisheries replenishment zones (FRZs) to support biodiversity conservation, climate resilient communities, and sustainable wild-caught fisheries.
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.

Objectives.

To fill data gaps and inform fisheries management, the United Republic of Tanzania through the Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA) will pilot Electronic Monitoring (EM)—the use of onboard video cameras, GPS, and sensors to automatically track and verify fishing activity onboard fishing vessels—to support sustainable fishing and transparency in industrial vessels fishing in its Exclusive Economic Zone.

An 18-month EM pilot project will be used to test and gather lessons learned for how an EM program could be designed to support potential 100% EM application in Tanzania’s industrial vessels, including costs, training, and infrastructure. The EM pilot will help to test the following:

- Acceptability of the EM system by the fishing industry.
- Infrastructure requirements and technical capacity needs.
- Quantity and quality of collected information collected using EM system.

Chemonics International, acting for the USAID Heshimu Bahari, is soliciting proposals from eligible and responsible firms to carry out the following activities:

- The installation and maintenance of EM equipment that meet required Indian Ocean Tuna Commission EM Program Standards for three (3) vessels (with potential option for fourth vessel).
- The generation of raw EM data as well as annotated fishing trip data from the review of EM records.
- The production of analyzed EM trip reports and compliance notifications.
- Comparison of EM data with logbook and human observer data.
- Training of government agencies on data review processes.
- The storage of video and raw and analyzed EM data for at least 12 months from the date annotated.

Eligible Recipients:

By submitting an offer in response to the RFP, the offeror certifies that it and its principal officers are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise considered ineligible for an award by the U.S. Government. Chemonics will not award a contract to any firm that is debarred, suspended, or considered to be ineligible by the U.S. Government.

Application and Submission Information.

Interested firms are invited to request the full RFP via email at HBProcurement@HeshimuBahari.com.

The deadline for submitting a proposal is Monday, 4 March 2024 at 5:00 PM EAT. All interested firms must submit their proposals in electronic version to HBProcurement@HeshimuBahari.com with subject clearly marked “**Electronic Monitoring HO.PO.004**”.

Issuance of this RFP does not in any way obligate Chemonics or USAID to award a subcontract, nor does it commit Chemonics or USAID to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a proposal. Further, Chemonics reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received and reserves the right to ask for further clarifications from the offerors.