AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (ADO)

Hargeisa, Somaliland

TENDER DOCUMENT

Invitation to Tender for Construction of Two Rooms in Erigavo and Mansory water tank at the Midhisho Community Seed Bank in Sanaag Region, Somaliland.

Tender Reference	ADO–Darwin Project/3/2026
Date of Issue	9rd November 2026
Closing Date and Time	22st November 2026, 3:00 PM (Hargeisa local time)
Submission Address	ADO Head Office, Hargeisa – Street No. 1, near Young Muslim Academy School
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1. Letter of Invitation to Tender

The Agricultural Development Organization (ADO) invites qualified, registered and experienced construction contractors to submit sealed bids for the construction of two rooms in Erigavo district for the MoAD and a masonry water tank at the Midhisho Community Seed Bank in Sanaag Region, Somaliland.

2.1 Introduction

The Agricultural Development Organization (ADO) was established in 1993 and has worked throughout the Somaliland regions, implementing emergency, recovery and long-term rural development projects. Its work includes agriculture, environment and climate change adaptation, resilient livelihood building for poor agro-pastoralists, watershed and irrigation management, nutrition, community innovations and entrepreneurship support. ADO has also empowered rural women through needs-based small business projects and Self-Help-Group initiatives. Working directly with community associations, ADO has supported more than 776,000 households, including IDPs, returnees, farmers and women across Somaliland.

ADO has its Head Office in Hargeisa, with regional branch offices in Burao, Borama and Erigavo (Togdheer, Awdal and Sanaag regions). ADO is also expanding its programs and presence in the Somali Region of Ethiopia, South-Central and Southern Somalia. ADO is an active member of the main local umbrella groups, namely NAGAAD, SOLPAF and SONSEF, and has strong networks with academic institutions in Europe and Africa and with development and agricultural research institutions.

ADO's partners include, but are not limited to, the European Union, UNHCR, UNDP, WFP, UNEP, Oxfam, CARE International, ISF Finland, NDF Norway, NORAD, UK Aid, WHH Germany, the Somaliland Development Fund (SDF), KNH Germany and LUKE (Natural Resources Institute Finland).

2.2 About the Project

ADO is implementing the Darwin Initiative Project (2022–2027), funded through the Darwin Initiative with support from the Development Fund of Norway (DF). ADO is responsible for implementation of the project on the ground. The overall objective of the project is to improve seed, food and livelihood security among agri-pastoralist households in Somaliland. The project aims to strengthen the resilience of three communities through improved access to quality seeds, enhanced soil and water management practices, increased awareness of farmers' rights, and strengthened capacity among community members and government institutions for the sustainable use and management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture. The project also supports the promotion of relevant policies to ensure the long-term sustainability of these interventions.

To improve farmers' access to quality seeds and strengthen community-based seed systems, ADO, in collaboration with the Darwin Initiative and the Development Fund of Norway, has supported the establishment and strengthening of Community Seed Banks (CSBs). A new Community Seed Bank has been established in Midhisho, with the necessary equipment, training and management structures to support its operations and sustainability. The existing Community Seed Bank in Beer has been strengthened through the provision of improved equipment.

The overall objective of this tender under the **Darwin Project** is to strengthen agricultural institutional capacity and improve community seed bank infrastructure in the Sanaag Region through the following construction works:

1. **Construction of a Two-Room Extension at the Regional MoAD Office in Erigavo:** To enhance institutional and operational capacity by providing additional office space, improving staff working conditions, and strengthening the coordination and delivery of agricultural services.

2. **Construction of a Masonry Water Tank at Midhisho Community Seed Bank:** To improve access to a reliable water supply for seed bank irrigation and members' domestic water needs, supporting sustainable seed production, efficient seed bank operations, and community resilience.

2.5 Closing Date and Time for Submission of Tenders

Closing Date	22 November 2026
Closing Time	3:00 PM, Hargeisa local time

Tenders received after this deadline will not be considered.

2.6 Submission of Tenders

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes to the ADO Head Office in Hargeisa, Street No. 1, near Young Muslim Academy School, between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM on normal working days. The envelope must be marked with the tender title and tender reference, and must show the name of the tenderer. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders.

For further questions and for bid documents, contact ADO by telephone on +252 63 4429439 or by e-mail at yurub@adosom.org.

2.7 Language, Validity of Offers and Currency

Language of offers	Offers must be written in English.
Period of validity of offers	Prices quoted must remain valid for a minimum of two (2) months from the closing date for submission.
Currency	Price must be given in United States Dollars (USD).

2.8 Content of Tenders

Tenderers must ensure that the following documents are included in the bid:

- Company profile within key personal CVs
- Completed 'Tenderer's Relevant Experience' form and evidence- contacts, purchase order, certificate of completion etc
- Financial Offer/Filled BoQ
- Valid Company Certificate of Registration from the Ministry of Public Works as well as valid certificate of tax clearance
- Company bank statements for the past six (6) months
- Detailed Workplan for the construction

Absence of required documents may result in disqualification of the bidder.

2.9 Evaluation of Tenders

Tenders will be evaluated by a Tender Evaluation Committee in three stages, based on the following criteria:

Stage	What is assessed
1. Administrative compliance	Tender submitted on time, properly sealed, and all required documents completed.

Stage	What is assessed
2. Technical competence	Compliance with the construction specifications and responses to the Technical Evaluation Form, together with the tenderer's relevant experience.
3. Financial bid	Price offered for the compliant items, assessed for the bids that pass the technical stage.

ADO does not consider the financial offer to be the most important factor. Technical compliance and previous experience are considered equally important.

2.11 Clarification of Tender

A prospective bidder who wishes to seek clarification on any aspect of the tender may contact ADO on 00252-63-4429439 before 22th November 2026. Questions will be shared with the Tender Evaluation Committee, and any clarification that affects the tender will be communicated to all bidders.

2.12 Cancellation of the Tender Procedure

The Tender Evaluation Committee has the right to cancel the tender process at any stage without having to explain the situation. The committee may take this action due to failure to receive a minimum number of bids, a significant alteration in the material specification, costs exceeding the budget limit, or cancellation of the project itself.

2.13 Appeals Process

If you wish to appeal or raise any concerns, contact ADO on 00252-63-4429439 and quote the tender reference.

2.14 Conflict of Interest, Ethics and Anti-Fraud

Tenderers must disclose in Section 3 any relationship (family, friendship or business) with ADO staff. ADO applies a zero-tolerance policy to fraud, corruption, collusion and the offering of gifts or favours. Any such conduct will result in immediate disqualification and may be reported to the donor and the relevant authorities.

2.15 Data Protection and Confidentiality

ADO ensures that all procurement activities are fully and transparently documented for internal audit purposes. ADO ensures the confidentiality of the procurement process.

3. Company Information

3.1 Business Profile

Name of company	
Physical address	
Telephone number	
E-mail (if applicable)	
Contact name, title and telephone number	
Type of business (contractor / limited company / partnership, etc.)	
Ministry of Public Works registration number	
Years in operation	
Any relationship with ADO staff (friends / family / business partners, etc.)?	

3.2 Bank Details

Bank name	
Bank address	
Bank account name	
Bank account number	
How long has this account been open?	

4. Technical Specification

Tenderers must ensure “Tenderer’s Offered Specification” as per ***the Bill of Quantities and drawing as per the attachment***. Offers that do not meet the required specifications may be rejected.

5. Tenderer's Relevant Experience

Please complete the table below to summaries the major relevant construction carried out by the tenderer over the past Five (5) years. The number of references provided must not exceed ten (10) for the entire tender. Evidence of construction (such as contracts must be attached).

Company Name	Contact Details (NGO / Company)	District	Total Contract Value (USD)	Dates	Description of Contract	Related Services Provided

6. Tenderer's Financial Bid

All prices must be quoted in United States Dollars (USD), and this tender will remain valid for a minimum of two (2) months.

Name of company	
Name of authorized signatory	
Title / position	
Signature	
Date	
Company stamp	