



Invitation for Bids (IFB)-Procurement of Works

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Country: Malawi

1. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development is the lead implementing agency of a six-year Transforming Agriculture through Diversification and Entrepreneurship (TRADE) Programme. TRADE is a successor Programme of the Rural Livelihoods and Economic Enhancement Programme (RLEEP) and it is being co-funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID). The goal of TRADE is to improve the sustainable livelihoods of rural people in Malawi.
2. TRADE Programme is being implemented through three components of which *Enabling Infrastructure* is a sub-component under the *Enabling Environment for Smallholder Commercialisation Component* which was designed to enhance efforts in promoting value chain development in the targeted agricultural commodities through the provision of infrastructural interventions. Most infrastructural bottlenecks currently being experienced by smallholder producers in the value chain paths include lack of bulking, packaging and storage building facilities, poor roads and bridges, lack of water supply points for animals and people, and animal health dipping facilities. The intention is to give mileage to rural beneficiaries and relevant key players in the value chain enhancement by complementing other efforts aimed at bettering the environment for competitive operations of economic activities.

3. Following the general procurement notice that appeared on the IFAD website and the United Nations Development Business (UNDB) website on 17th March, 2022, and the Daily Times, Nation newspaper 17th March, 2022, TRADE intends to apply part of the proceeds for the 2025/26 financial year for procurement of works.
4. TRADE Programme now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors registered with CIRA in the relevant categories for the procurement of the following:

NO.	DESCRIPTION AND PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF LOTS	LOCATION	CONTRACTORS' CIRA CATEGORY /CLASS
A.	CONSTRUCTION OF WAREHOUSES IN CENTRAL REGION: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB	Lot 1: Construction of Phangalagome Cooperative Potato DLS, Mwalawanthunda Potato DLS, Dzalanyama Cooperative Potato DLS, Kalikiliki Cooperative Groundnuts Warehouse in Dedza District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB/LOT 1	Dedza	≥ 5 Billion
		Lot 2: Construction of Kachere Club Groundnuts Warehouse, Mgwirizano Club Groundnuts Warehouse, Chilikhanda Soybean Warehouse, Tisafoke Cooperative Warehouse in Lilongwe District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB/LOT 2	Lilongwe	≥ 5 Billion (Building Works)
		Lot 3: Construction of Miwawa Youth Cooperative Groundnuts Warehouse, madzimayera Groundnuts Warehouse, Chitinthi Soybean Warehouse, Masakamika Youth Club Soybean Warehouse in Mchinji District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB/LOT 3	Mchinji	≥ 5 Billion (Building Works)
		Lot 4: Construction of Namisanjo Soybean Warehouse, Chiziro Cooperative Groundnut Warehouse, Navikali Cooperative Warehouse in Mchinji District and Kaviyele Cooperative Soybean	Mchinji/Kasungu	≥ 5 Billion (Building Works)

		Warehouse in Kasungu District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB/LOT 4		
		Lot 5: Construction of Chisuwe Cooperative Warehouse, Matandani Cooperative Sunflower Warehouse in Kasungu District and Ngolonje Soybean Warehouse, Tchale Cooperative Soybean Warehouse in Ntchisi District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB/LOT 5	Kasungu/Ntchisi	≥ 5 Billion (Building Works)
		Lot 6: Construction of Binga Cooperative Potato DLS, Mtanda Pre- Potato DLS, Mwera Hills Cooperative Potato DLS, Chandumba Cooperative Potato DLS in Ntchisi District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB/LOT 6	Ntchisi	≥ 5 Billion (Building Works)
		Lot 7: Construction of Liweledzi Warehouse, Chimwamkango Cooperative Warehouse in Mchinji District; Sopani Cooperative Soybean Warehouse, Langa Groundnuts Warehouse Groundnuts, Fumbati Cooperative Warehouse in Ntchisi District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB/LOT 7	Mchinji/Ntchisi	≥ 5 Billion (Building Works)
		Lot 8: Construction of Chentcherere Cooperative Groundnut Warehouse in Dedza District; Mapanda Cooperative Warehouse, Nsaru Cooperative Soybean Warehouse, Mitondo Cooperative Soybean Warehouse, Tiyesenawo Cooperative Soybean Warehouse, Malangalanga Warehouse in Lilongwe District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0462-W-NCB/LOT 8	Dedza	≥ 5 Billion (Building Works)
B	REHABILITATION OF EARTH ROADS AND CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB	Lot 1: Rehabilitation of Igubulira to kaku primary school road and associated drainage structures in Chitipa District(10km): TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB-Lot 1	Chitipa	≥ 1 Billion (Civil Works)
		Lot 2: Rehabilitation of M1 to mwaungulu and Mlare dip tank (6km), Rehabilitation of Kasoba to malimbalimba(7km) and Lusako to kasoba cattle market(2km) and associated drainage structures in Karonga	Karonga	≥ 1 Billion (Civil Works)

		District: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB-LOT 2		
		Lot 3: Rehabilitation of Vizala to Mkoloka honey aggregation centre Road (20km) and associated drainage structures in Nkhatabay district: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB-LOT 3	Nkhatabay	≥ 5 Billion (Civil Works)
		Lot 4: Rehabilitation of Phoka court to Chakaka honey aggregation centre(8km), chikhuni Trading centre to Bondi village road(6km) and Lura Trading centre to Mchenga Trading centreroad(6km) and associated drainage structures in Rumphi district: TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB-LOT 4	Rumphi	≥ 5 Billion (Civil Works)
		Lot 5: Rehabilitation of Chinsinga Trading Centre to Malidonga Trading Centre and kamtuwale to Mazi Trading Centre in Kasungu District and Construction of Kavizi and Malidonga Bridges along Chinsinga and Malidonda Trading Centre Roads in Kasungu District (20km): TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB-LOT 5	Kasungu	≥ 5 Billion (Civil Works)
		Lot 6 Rehabilitation of Namitete Junction to Chisomo Club warehouse in Lilongwe District (16km) and Rehabilitation of Nsaru to Ukwe via Mchoka Road in Lilongwe District(14km)- TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB-LOT 6	Lilongwe	≥ 5 Billion (Civil Works)
		Lot 7: Rehabilitation of Kamwendo Junction (M18) to kamange (Dambo la Nyumba Cooperative Warehouse) Chioshya Trading Centre and Associated rainage structures in Mchinji District (30km)- TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB-LOT 7	Mchinji	≥ 5 Billion (Civil Works)
		Lot 8: Rehabilitation of Dedza Portery to Mayani via Mdzuma DLS Road and associated drainage structures in Dedza District (35km)- TRADE-MWI-2000001600-0461-W-NCB-LOT 8	Dedza	≥ 5 Billion (Civil Works)
C	CONSTRUCTION OF MILK BULKING CENTERS, HONEY AGGREGATION	Lot 1: Construction Bvumbwe Milk Bulking and Processing Center and Rehabiliatation of Mikolongwe AI Center in Thyolo District	Thyolo	≥ 5 Billion (Building Works)

CENTERS AND LIVESTOCK MARKETS	Lot 2: Construction Chadzunda 2 Cooperative Milk Bulking Center in Blantyre District, Khonjeni Milk Bulking Center in Thyolo District	Blantyre	≥1 Billion (Building Works)
	Lot 3: Construction of Mbwandu Honey Aggregation Center, Chikwina Honey Aggregation Center in Nkhatabay District	Nkhatabay	≥ 1 Billion (Building Works)
	Lot 4: Construction of Kankhomi Honey Aggregation Center, Ng'onga Honey Aggregation Center in Rumphi District	Rumphi	≥ 1 Billion (Building Works)
	Lot 5: Construction of Bolero Livestock Market, Phwezi Slaughter House in Rumphi District; Ngala Livestock Market in Karonga District	Rumphi & Karonga	≥ 1 Billion (Building Works)
	Lot 6: Construction of Kaseye Livestock Market, Mpale Station Livestock Market in Chitipa District	Chitipa	≥ 1 Billion (Building Works)

5. 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 Transforming Agriculture Through Diversification and Entrepreneurship (TRADE) Programme.
6. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures under IFAD procurement Handbook and the Malawi Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Act 2025. It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that bids are submitted in accordance with instructions to bidders in the bidding documents as non-compliance to the instructions will lead to disqualification and rejection of the bid. A maximum of 1 lot will be considered for award per bidder.
7. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information, request for clarification and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given in paragraph **12 (a)** below from **08:00 to 12:00 hours** and **13:00 to 16:30 hours** from **Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays**.
8. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on request at the address in **12(b)** below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **K30,000.00**. The method of payment will be Cash or Bank Certified Cheque
9. Mandatory site visit will be held as indicated by the schedule below:

DESCRIPTION OF LOTS	LOCATION	DATE	MEETING POINT
Lot 1: Construction Bvumbwe Milk Bulking and Processing Center and Rehabilitation of Mikolongwe AI Center in Thyolo District:	Thyolo	16 th March 2026	Bvumbwe Trading 1030hrs
Lot 2: Construction of Chadzunda 2 Cooperative Milk Bulking Center in Blantyre District, Khonjeni Milk Bulking Center in Thyolo District	Blantyre	16th March 2026	Blantyre District Council 1500hrs
Lot 8: Rehabilitation of Dedza Portery to Mayani via Mdzuma DLS Road and associated drainage structures in Dedza District (35km)	Dedza	17 th March 2026	Dedza District Council 0800hrs
Lot 1: Construction of Phangalagome Cooperative Potato DLS, Mwalawathumba Potato DLS, Dzalanyama Cooperative Potato DLS, Kalikiliki Cooperative Groundnuts Warehouse in Dedza District	Dedza	17th March 2026	Dedza District Council 1000hrs
Lot 3: Construction of Miwawa Youth Cooperative Groundnuts Warehouse, Madzimayera Groundnuts Warehouse, Chitinhi Soybean Warehouse, Masakamika Youth Club Soybean Warehouse in Mchinji District	Mchinji	18 th March 2026	Mchinji District Council 0830hrs
Lot 4: Construction of Namisanjo Soybean Warehouse, Chiziro Cooperative Groundnut Warehouse, Navikali Cooperative Warehouse in Mchinji District and Kaviyele Cooperative Soybean Warehouse in Kasungu District:	Mchinji	18 th March 2026	Kamwendo Trading Centre Total Filling Station 1000hrs

Lot 7: Rehabilitation of Kamwendo Junction (M18) to kamange (Dambo la Nyumba Cooperative Warehouse) Chioshya Trading Centre and Associated drainage structures in Mchinji District (30km)	Mchinji	18 th March 2026	Kamwendo Trading Centre Total Filling Station 10:00hrs
Lot 6: Construction of Binga Cooperative Potato DLS, Mtanda Pre- Potato DLS, Mwera Hills Cooperative Potato DLS, Chandumba Cooperative Potato DLS in Ntchisi District	Ntchisi	19 th March 2026	Ntchisi District Council 0830hrs
Lot 5: Construction of Chisuwe Cooperative Warehouse, Matandani Cooperative Sunflower Warehouse in Kasungu District and Ngolonje Soybean Warehouse, Tchale Cooperative Soybean Warehouse in Ntchisi District	Ntchisi	19 th March 2026	Malomo Trading Centre Meru Filling Station 1130hrs
Lot 7: Construction of Liweledzi Warehouse, Chimwamkango Cooperative Warehouse in Mchinji District; Sopani Cooperative Soybean Warehouse, Langa Groundnuts Warehouse Groundnuts, Fumbati	Ntchisi	19 th March 2026	Malomo Trading Centre Meru Filling Station 1430hrs
Lot 8: Construction of Chentcherere Cooperative Groundnut Warehouse in Dedza District; Mapanda Cooperative Warehouse, Nsaru Cooperative Soybean Warehouse, Mitondo Cooperative Soybean Warehouse, Tiyesenawo Cooperative Soybean Warehouse, Malangalanga Warehouse in Lilongwe District.	Lilongwe	20 th March 2026	Nsaru Trading Centre Lilongwe 0900hrs
Lot 6 Rehabilitation of Namitete Junction to Chisomo Club warehouse in Lilongwe District	Lilongwe	20 th March 2026	Nsaru Trading Centre Lilongwe 0945hrs

(16km) and Rehabilitation of Nsaru to Ukwe via Mchoka Road in Lilongwe District(14km).				
Lot 2: Construction of Kachere Club Groundnuts Warehouse, Mgwirizano Club Groundnuts Warehouse, Chilikhanda Soybean Warehouse, Tisafoke Cooperative Warehouse in Lilongwe District	Lilongwe	20 th March 2026	Nsaru Centre 1040hrs	Trading Lilongwe
Lot 6: Construction of Kaseye Livestock Market, Mpale Station Livestock Market in Chitipa District	Chitipa	23 rd March 2026	Chitipa Council 0800hrs	District
Lot 1: Rehabilitation of Igubulira to Kakasu primary school road and associated drainage structures in Chitipa District(10km)	Chitipa	23 rd March 2026	Chitipa Council 1130hrs	District
Lot 2: Rehabilitation of M1 to Mwaungulu and Mlare dip tank (6km), Rehabilitation of Kasoba to Malimbalimba(7km) and Lusako to kasoba cattle market(2km) and associated drainage structures in Karonga District.	Karonga	23 rd March 2026	Karonga Council 14:00hrs	District
Lot 5: Construction of Bolero Livestock Market, Phwezi Slaughter House in Rumphi District; Ngala Livestock Market in Karonga District:	Karonga	24 th March 2026	Ngala Ginnery/Admarc in Karonga 8:00 hrs	
Lot 4: Construction of Kankhomi Honey Aggregation Center, Ng'onga Honey Aggregation Center in Rumphi District	Rumphi	24 th March 2026	Rumphi Council 10:30hrs	District
Lot 4: Rehabilitation of Phoka court to Chakaka honey aggregation centre(8km), Chikhuni Trading centre to Bondi village road (6km) and Lura	Rumphi	24 th March 2026	Phwezi Centre in Rumphi District 14:00hrs	Trading

Trading centre to Mchenga Trading centre road(6km) and associated drainage structures in Rumphi district.			
Lot 3: Rehabilitation of Vizala to Mkoloka honey aggregation centre Road (20km) and associated drainage structures in Nkhatabay district.	Nkhatabay	25 th March 2026	Nkhatabay District Total Filling Station 0800hrs
Lot 3: Construction of Mbwandu Honey Aggregation Center, Chikwina Honey Aggregation Center in Nkhatabay District	Nkhatabay	25 th March 2026	Mpamba Puma Filling station in Nkhatabay 1330hrs
Lot 5: Rehabilitation of Chinsinga Trading Centre to Malidonga Trading Centre and kamtuwale to Mazi Trading Centre in Kasungu District and Construction of Kavizi and Malidonga Bridges along Chinsinga and Malidonga Trading Centre Roads in Kasungu District (20km).	Kasungu	26 th March 2026	Kasungu District Council 14:00hrs

10. Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on **Friday, 27th March 2026 from 9:00 a.m.** at Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel
11. Bids clearly labeled must be deposited in the Tender Box at the address in paragraph **10(c)** below at or before **10:00 hours (local time) on Wednesday, 8th April 2026**. Late bids shall be rejected. Bidders are expected to sign an appropriate bid submission sheet at the reception area before depositing their tender.
12. Bids shall be opened in the presence of contractors and/or representatives who choose to attend the opening of the bids at the address in **12(d)** below **on Wednesday, 8th April, 2026 at 10:00 Hours**. The addresses referred to above are:
 - a. Inspection of Bidding Documents and request for further information or clarification:

**The Procurement and Contracts Department
Transforming Agriculture through Diversification and
Entrepreneurship (TRADE)**

Area 9/328, Multi-Choice Street
P.O. Box 2130
Lilongwe

Or Email: procurement@tradeprogramme.org/[0999492014](tel:0999492014)
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b. Purchase of Bidding Documents

The Finance Office
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c. Submission of Bids

The IPDC Chairperson
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d. Opening of Bids

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