



**Transforming Agriculture Through Diversification and Entrepreneurship**

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## **Eligibility Criteria**

**The following eligibility criteria will be used for women and youth window applicants:**

1. The applicant is a registered farmer organization, such as a cooperative, Small or medium agribusiness owned by women and youth entrepreneurs.
2. The applicant will work with a minimum of 10 farmers in TRADE supported EPAs and areas.
3. the proposed project is consistent with TRADE goals, objectives and support the pro-poor focus of TRADE Programme of making smallholder farmers increase in production, sales, market price as well as improving access to agricultural inputs and increasing revenues/incomes for participating smallholders”
4. The proposed project will provide demonstrable sustainable benefits to the TRADE target groups of women and youth.
5. The project involves partnerships with private sector entities
6. The applicant has a minimum of 2-year demonstrable experience in the sector
7. The applicant has identified a realistic target market to be competitive.
8. Meets the eligible investment criteria
9. The proposal is within the grant financial parameters:
  - (a) the requested grant is up or under the maximum limit of 100,000 USD;
  - (b) matching contribution, In Cash and in-kind, is at least 20 percent of the requested grant where 5% of the Matching Contribution is in Cash. The contribution should be to the direct cost of the investment and may not come from other grants.
10. The applicant is classified as solvent by its bank
11. The applicant is not implementing a similar initiative using other donor funds on the same targeted population.