

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Supply and Delivery of Mbereshi Beans

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is a German federal enterprise which offers workable, sustainable, and effective solutions and systems for efficient service delivery. Most of GIZ's work is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

GIZ is hereby inviting suitable bids from established firms for the Supply and Delivery of Certified Mbereshi Beans on **DDP** basis **Mansa**:

Specification Item	Detail/Requirement	Quantity
Item Description	Mbereshi bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) seed. certified	75000Kg
Seed Class	Certified seed class C3 or better - C2, C1	
Variety	Mbereshi.	
Quantity	75,000Kg. Packaged in new uniformly 2.5kg sized bags (30,000 packs in total).	
Packaging and Labelling Compliance	- For ease of transportation the 2.5Kg packs should be packaged in 50kg sacks with each sack accommodating 20 packs, bringing the total number of 50Kg sacks to 1500 sacks - The beans seed in of the 2.5Kg packages should be dressed in a seed guard - Each 2.5Kg bag must be tagged with an official SCCI tag for Class C3, C2 or C1 seed, stating species, variety (Mbereshi), lot number, net weight, date of test, and germination percentage.	
Mbereshi beans Variety Characteristics	Growth Habit: Bush (Type I) Seed Colour: Dark red mottled Seed Size: Large Days to Maturity: 80-85 days Yield Potential: 1,500 - 2,000 kg/ha Adapted Regions: Region III and II (and Region I under residual moisture) Resistant to Angular leaf rot, Anthracnose, Rust, and BCMV diseases, and tolerant to Common bacterial blight Special Attributes: High in Iron and Zinc	
Genetic Purity	Minimum 99.0% (Varietal purity as determined by field inspections and post-control grow-outs).	

Physical Purity (Pure Seed)	Minimum 98% by weight.	
Inert Matter	Maximum 2.0% by weight.	
Other Crop Seeds	None found in a sample of the specified weight.	
Weed Seeds	None found in a sample of the specified weight.	
Germination Capacity	Minimum 85% by number.	
Moisture Content	suitable for safe medium-term storage.	
Phytosanitary Condition	The seed lot must be free from live storage insect pests and any seed-borne diseases and or any sign of deterioration.	
Delivery	• Mansa • Including offloading	

Selection Criteria:

To qualify for consideration in the tender procedure, interested companies/firms are required to submit the following information and documents for eligibility assessment:

- Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) and confirm **NO** ongoing litigation.
- Company profile and legal documents with a turnover of K5,500,000.00 or more for the past financial year.
- Offer validity for 90 days.
- Prices should be quoted in (ZMW) Zambian Kwacha **ONLY**
- Experience in supplying certified seeds, preferably Mbereshi beans or legumes in Zambia
- Bidder must hold a valid seed seller's license issued under the Zambia Seed Act
- Mbereshi bean seeds must be certified by SCCI, meeting germination, purity, and health standards. Provide evidence of certification – valid certificate or a valid seeds status letter from SCCI if the seed is still undergoing the certification process.
- Ability to supply required seed quantity within specified timeline, with recent harvest (within the last 12 months) - seed grown in the 2025/2026 season.
- (GIZ) and its partners will conduct an inspection (due diligence) of seed lot and draw representative samples for an independent quality test by an SCCI-accredited laboratory before final acceptance.

Submission Details:

- Cover letter with offer summary.
- Company details: Brief description of the company including copies of registration documents (physical address, contact details, etc.).
- Delivery Period

Bidders must comply with the Value Added Tax (VAT) regulations as stipulated by the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA). Specifically:

- Bidders with an annual taxable turnover exceeding ZMW 800,000 or a taxable turnover exceeding ZMW 200,000 in any three-month period are required to be VAT-registered and must issue electronic invoices through the ZRA's Smart Invoice system.
- Bidders below these thresholds are not mandated to register for VAT but may do so voluntarily.
- Compliance with these requirements is essential for participation in this procurement process.

How To Submit:

Local bidders must submit their sealed physical bids with specifications and data sheet enclosed and indicate the subject line “**07.08.2026_MBERSHI BEANS _ 7000018251/ 32963**” marked on the envelope and dropped off at the following address:

GIZ Country Offices

Plot No. 2, corner of Great East/Kariba Road, Kalundu

Lusaka.

The closing date for handing in the **BIDS is Friday 7th August 2026 at 13:00hrs.**

For further clarification request **for specifications/terms** of purchase, interested parties may send enquiries to **zm_inquiry@giz.de**

GIZ Zambia may request for necessary and/or more information during the evaluation.

Important Note.

Before entering into any contract, GIZ reserves the right to ascertain the origin of the goods offered. This assessment will be conducted to ensure compliance with embargoes and other trade restrictions in place within the scope of GIZ's due diligence. This is particularly true of the EU sanctions against Russia, Belarus, Crimea and the affected parts of Eastern Ukraine [1] currently in place (primarily the EU Council Regulations No.: 833/2014 and 765/2006).

By submitting their bid, the bidder undertakes towards GIZ the responsibility that in the event of a probable award, the bidder will provide all necessary support to enable GIZ to ensure compliance with the sanction's regime – this assurance is thus given prior to the award of any contract. This includes in particular the obligation, if so, requested by GIZ, to complete a self-declaration to determine the origin of the goods offered and/or to provide GIZ with the required evidence of the origin of such goods. Should the bidder fail to meet these obligations or fail to do so within a reasonable period of time, this can result in their bid being excluded.

A contract can only be awarded on completion of this assessment of the origin of the goods offered. Should this check give grounds for concern or reveal facts that constitute a contractual impediment, GIZ shall inform the bidder without delay. GIZ shall also reserve the right in such cases to award the contract to the next-ranked bidder in the competitive tender procedure.

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