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The Feed the Future Haiti Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancement (HRASA) Activity is funded by USAID and is part of the U.S Government's Feed the Future Initiative.

FTF HRASA is a five-year (2021-2026) project that seeks to increase individual, household, and community resilience through strengthened, well-functioning, and inclusive market systems. HRASA's activities are centered in two Resilience Focus Zones (RFZ)—one in the North/North-East/Central Plateau region and the other in the Southern Les Cayes region—and cover a total of 33 communes.

The project has a partnership mechanism, consisting of combined grant and local sub-contract funds, which will be used to de-risk private sector investment in selected market systems to benefit smallholders' farmers, young people, and women directly or indirectly. The objectives of HRASA are:

- I. Increased market system efficiency.
 - A. Increase private sector investment and engagement across market systems.
 - B. Increased household and community ability to recover from shocks and stresses.

The purpose of this RFA is to proceed with applications from industrial organizations established in the North-east department which work in the development of rice production, post-harvest handling, milling, distribution, and marketing and collaborate with producers and Madan Sara. The organization whose application best meets the requirements of this Request for Application (RFA) will be designated as a partner through which HRASA's investment can be directed to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Improve rice productivity and production through access to production resources and new technologies.
2. Enhance rice quality through improved post-harvest handling and processing.
3. Strengthen collaboration between market actors for a more efficient, effective, and inclusive market system.

Through this RFA, Applicants are requested to apply for a grant to meet following targets:

- Number of farmers with access to production resources through partnership with enterprises
- Number of farmers applying new technologies in rice production and storage
- Number of "Madan sara" and other actors with access to rice milling services through industrial enterprises
- Increase in rice yield per hectare
- Increase in production and sales of rice (paddy and milled) by producers and enterprises
- Number of producer organizations with improved capacity
- Number of individuals including youth and women benefiting from the market system

The grant may include technical assistance, equipment's, demonstration plots among other means of intervention to achieve the fixed goals.



Pursuant to 2 CFR 700.13, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments such as grant awards. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (2 CFR 200 Subpart E for all US-based and for non-US based non-profit organizations, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for for-profit organizations), may be paid under the grant.

As non-US organizations, the Standard Provisions for Non-US Nongovernmental Recipients will apply. For US organizations, 2 CFR 200 and the Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental Recipients will apply. See Annex I for Standard Provisions.

Subject to the availability of funds, DAI intends to provide at least one grant to one market system actors up to a maximum amount of US \$100,000 for the North-east RFZ to support the development of production and productivity in the Rice sector. The expected duration of DAI support or the period of performance is 15 months. DAI, as primary implementer of the HRASA, reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

For the purposes of this program, this RFA is being issued and consists of this cover letter and the annexes as attachments :

Applications must be received at the HRASA office in hard copy, or email not later than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of issuance indicated at the top of this cover letter at the place designated below for receipt of applications. Applications and modifications thereof shall be submitted in pdf (preferred) or other electronic format to HRASA Grants Team at partnership_facility@haiti-rasa.com or hard copy to the following address: 44, Rue des Antilles, Pipo Ville, Mombin Lataille, Cap-Haitien, Haiti.

Award will be made to the responsible applicant(s) whose application(s) offers the best value.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award commitment on the part of DAI, nor does it commit DAI to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, DAI reserves the right to reject any or all applications received. Applications are submitted at the risk of the applicant. All preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

Any questions concerning this RFA should be submitted in writing not later than 10 days prior to the closing date shown above to HRASA Grants Team, info_partnership-facility@haiti-rasa.com. Applicants should retain for their records one copy of all enclosures which accompany their application.

Thank you for your interest in HRASA activities.

Sincerely,

Harvey Schartup
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DAI, USAID Contractor