

Government reaffirms commitment to fully implement National Children's Care Reforms by 2032

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The Government is committed to ensuring all children currently placed in charitable institutional care are transitioned to a system where they can grow sustainably within a family and community setting.

Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs Principal Secretary Joseph Motari has observed that the government is currently implementing national care reforms which would see all children held in charitable institutions placed under a family and community set up by 2032.

In his speech read on his behalf by Secretary for Directorate of Children Services Shem Nyakutu during celebrations to mark foster care week in Murang'a, Motari said the care reforms would ensure children get the required social benefits and privileges by being brought in a family and community setting.

"The National Care Reform for Children is a key step in fulfilling Kenya's international commitments, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children," the PS stated.

"By shifting towards family-based care, we place the child's best interests at the forefront," he added.

Motari revealed that since the government started implementing care reforms in 2022, more than 1,600 foster parents have been registered and are currently caring for 862 children.

"We are committed to enhancing the welfare of children by transitioning to a system where every child can grow safely within a family and community setting," he noted.

The PS said together with other partners, Kenya has developed a range of family-based options such as kinship care, Kafala, foster care, guardianship, and adoption.

"These efforts aim to

ensure that all children in need of care and protection are placed within a loving family and environment," he added.

Motari noted that there is a shortage of families willing to foster children with disabilities and special needs.

The ministry therefore is intensifying efforts on sensitization and training to reduce stigma around fostering such children.

"We are accelerating efforts in awareness, recruitment and assessment to make foster care more accessible and efficient; this calls for intensified training on foster care," he remarked.

Nyatuku, on his part, discouraged informal adoption practices, urging parents to follow the government's official guidelines for fostering children.

Head of Alternative Family Care at the Directorate of Children Services Lloyd Isadia noted that most people who were fostering children have not registered with the government.

He emphasized that registration helps the government keep accurate records of children in foster families and follow up on their social welfare.

"Sensitization programmes have encouraged more parents to take in children temporarily before they are connected with their families. However, a number of them have yet to register with the government and we are calling on them to do so," he added.

Country Representative of UNICEF Kenya Catherine Kimotho lauded the government's efforts in ensuring rights and privileges of children are taken care of.

Ms. Kimotho said the country is among the first countries in Africa to implement care reforms that would ensure children are not brought up in charitable homes.

"UNICEF will continue to support the government's commitment in implementing the national care reforms. Successful implementation of the reforms will help to have all children have a family basis in their growth," she said.

EXPRESSION
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF MAJOR HYDROPOWER PLANTS REHABILITATION

(OPEN INTERNATIONAL)

EOI REFERENCE: KGN-BDD-018-2024

The Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen) invites expressions of interest from eligible consultancy firms to conduct a Feasibility Study for the rehabilitation of its major hydropower plants.

1. BACKGROUND GENERAL INFORMATION

KenGen is the leading electric power producer in Kenya, accounting for 62% of the total electric power supplied to the National Grid, with a total installed capacity of 1,726.19 MW. This comprises Hydropower (825.69 MW), Geothermal (755 MW), Thermal (120 MW), and Wind (25.5 MW). KenGen manages nine major Hydropower Plants (HPPs) as tabulated below. These plants were constructed between 1954 and 2012, and their operational capabilities are critical to the stability and sustainability of Kenya's energy supply.

	Hydro Power Plant Name	Region	County	Installed Capacity (MW)	Year of Commissioning /Rehabilitation
1.	Tana	Upper Tana	Muranga	14.4/20**	1954/2011*
2.	Masinga	Eastern Hydros	Machakos	44	1981
3.	Kamburu	Eastern Hydros	Machakos	94.2	1974
4.	Gitaru	Eastern Hydros	Embu	225	1978
5.	Kindaruma	Eastern Hydros	Embu	44/72**	1968/2012*
6.	Kiambere	Eastern Hydros	Embu	144/168**	1988/2011*
7.	Turkwel	Western Hydros	West Pokot	106	1991
8.	Sondu Miriu	Western Hydros	Kisumu	60	2008
9.	Sangoro	Western Hydros	Kisumu	21.2	2012

With rising peak load demands and the increasing integration of intermittent renewable sources, KenGen plans to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study to assess the technical, economic, and financial viability of rehabilitating its major hydropower plants. This will facilitate the negotiation of a new Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to extend the operational lifespan of these facilities.

2. SCOPE OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The consulting services ("the Services") will be for an estimated period of 10 months. The scope of services includes but is not limited to the following:

- Performance Evaluation: Analyse the operational performance of the major hydropower plants during the current PPA period, comparing initial assumptions with actual performance metrics.
- System assessment to determine the suitability for rehabilitation based on the future plan (LCPDP)
- Regulatory assessment to highlight the main regulatory changes and how to incorporate them into the new PPA
- Condition Assessment: Evaluate the current condition of each power plant and identify specific rehabilitation requirements, including cost estimates for necessary upgrades.
- Rehabilitation Strategy: Develop and recommend a rehabilitation schedule for each power plant, detailing expected enhancements in operational lifespan and performance, particularly in relation to ancillary services.
- Financial and Economic Analysis: Conduct a detailed financial and economic assessment of the proposed new major hydro PPA, including the development of a tariff structure that meets revenue requirements.
- Risk Analysis: Identify potential risks associated with the rehabilitation project and recommend suitable mitigation strategies.
- Implementation Plan: Create a comprehensive project implementation plan that outlines timelines, milestones, and key performance indicators for monitoring progress.

3. ELIGIBLE FIRM PROFILE

Consultants responding to this EOI should be from an individual firm or a consortium (with one firm designated as the lead). The consultant team must have demonstrable experience in conducting feasibility studies for hydropower plant rehabilitation, including design, engineering, and project management. It is expected that foreign consulting firms will partner with local consultants to ensure capacity building and compliance with local content regulations.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Shortlisted consulting firms will be selected based on detailed references (or letters of commendation) for successfully completed feasibility studies, along with certified CVs of key staff. Interested consultants must demonstrate the following minimum criteria:

- Demonstrate experience in conducting feasibility studies for hydropower plant rehabilitation. A minimum of 10 years' experience in the design, engineering, and operation of hydropower plants.
- Have undertaken at least one feasibility study assignment for a rehabilitated hydro power plant of at least 100MW which is in operation in the last 10 years
- Availability of professional staff in key disciplines, including Hydropower Engineering, Financial Analysis, Hydrology, and Risk Management.
- Detailed CVs of key team members must be attached.

Selection will follow the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method as set forth by KenGen.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.kengen.co.ke

5. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Interested firms must submit the following documentation:

- Evidence demonstrating that the firm(s) meets the requirements outlined in sections 3.0 and 4.0.

- Certificate of Incorporation/Registration.
- Certified copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association for all consortium members.
- A duly notarized Consortium Agreement (if applicable).
- Power of Attorney designating the Team Lead of the consortium (if applicable).
- Audited Financial Statements for the last three (3) years, including tax registration and compliance certificates.
- List of consultancy services related to hydropower rehabilitation undertaken in the last five years, with reference letters and project descriptions.
- Company profile, including roles of consortium members (if applicable).
- Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
- Information regarding any current litigation involving the consulting firm, certified by a reputable law firm.

6. CLARIFICATIONS

Interested firms may submit requests for clarifications on this EOI up to ten (10) days before the submission deadline. Updates on this EOI will be posted on the KenGen website (<http://www.kengen.co.ke/tenders>).

Clarification requests should be directed to:

General Manager, Supply Chain
Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC,
KenGen RBS Building, 9th Floor next to Stima Plaza III,
Kolobot Road, Parklands
P.O. Box 47936 - 00100,
Nairobi, Kenya.
Tel: +254-20-3666427 / +254-20-3666421
Email: tenders@kengen.co.ke
CC: mogonji@kengen.co.ke; fkamanja@kengen.co.ke

7. EOI SUBMISSION

Three (3) copies of the EOI must be submitted—ONE (1) "ORIGINAL" marked as such, and TWO (2) marked "COPY" in separate sealed envelopes. Each envelope should be clearly marked: KGN-BDD-018-2024 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF MAJOR HYDROPOWER PLANTS REHABILITATION and submissions should be delivered to:

General Manager, Supply Chain,
Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC,
KenGen RBS Building, 10th Floor next to Stima Plaza III,
Kolobot Road, Parklands
P. O. Box 47936 - 00100,
Nairobi, Kenya.
Tel: + 254 20 3666708; Fax: +254 20 248848

Deadline for submission: **26th November 2024 at 10.00 a.m.**

The EOI will be opened on **26th November 2024 at 10.30 a.m.** in the presence of representatives from interested firms.

The EOI can also be viewed and downloaded from the KenGen website: www.kengen.co.ke. Bidders are advised to be checking the websites from time to time up to three (3) days before closing date for any updated information through clarification/addendum.

The bid document must be dropped in the tender box located on the ground floor of Stima Plaza Phase III.

Only firms prequalified under this procedure will be invited to submit proposals. KenGen reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

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