



## INVITATION TO TENDER FOR TRAININGS ON GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (GESI) FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY ENTITIES IN UGANDA

### TENDER REFERENCE NO: 83472770

#### *Strengthening the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for Clean Cooking-SEE Clean Cooking: Higher Tier Cooking Component (HTCC) Uganda*

#### 1. Background

The Strengthening the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for the Clean Cooking Sector-SEE-Clean Cooking programme is a five-year programme that was commissioned in 2020. It aims to strengthen the supply side of the clean cooking sector by supporting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in improving their business operations and gaining access to finance for upscaling and innovation. The program consists of two main project components, the African Biogas Sector Component (ABC) and the Higher Tier Cooking Component (HTCC) which are implemented across seven countries including Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Niger, Burkina Faso, in Africa and Cambodia and Bangladesh in Asia. In Uganda, the ABC project is implemented by a consortium of SNV Uganda (lead implementer), GIZ Uganda and Biogas Solutions Uganda Limited (BSUL), while the HTCC project is implemented by GIZ Uganda (lead implementer) and CLASP. The two projects work in close cooperation with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, as well as global thematic implementers supporting gender mainstreaming and business development services i.e., ENERGIA and Energy Enterprise Coach (EEC) respectively.

At the inception of both the ABC and HTCC projects, a detailed gender analysis was conducted which supported the development of respective Gender Action Plans (GAP). From these assessments and similar studies, it was observed that women are often marginalized and not given equal opportunities as their male counterparts in relation to the operation of clean cooking and biogas enterprises. Hence the need to equip more companies to be gender sensitive and inclusive in the way they conduct their businesses. Through this assignment, the project implementers aim to:

1. Equip renewable energy SMEs especially solar, cooking and biogas enterprises, with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to effectively support and enhance actions towards gender equity, gender equality and promote social inclusion.
2. Foster a deeper understanding of gender dynamics and social barriers to women and other marginalized groups' participation and progression within the renewable energy enterprises to empower the participating entities in addressing these gender barriers.
3. Facilitate the development and implementation of gender-responsive and applicable gender-transformative workplace policies, strategies, and practices that promote marginalized groups' (including women, youth, and people with disabilities) participation and leadership across clean energy business operations and value chain.

#### 2. Invitation to Bid

GIZ Uganda through the SEE-Clean Cooking: HTCC Uganda project invites bids from competent and eligible firms to provide consultancy services for trainings on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) for Small and Medium Enterprises and relevant energy entities in the renewable energy sector of Uganda.

#### 3. Requesting for Tender Documents and Terms of Reference

Interested and eligible bidders can obtain detailed bidding/tender documents in soft copy form only. To request the bidding/tender documents, please send an email to [procurement-giz-uganda@giz.de](mailto:procurement-giz-uganda@giz.de) starting from **12th September 2024**, the date of the first publication of this tender. Ensure that you include the tender reference number "83472770" in the subject line of your email.

#### 4. Seeking Clarification Regarding the Bidding Documents, Tender Terms and Conditions

All requests for clarifications regarding this tendering process must be submitted in writing and addressed to GIZ Uganda via email to [procurement-giz-uganda@giz.de](mailto:procurement-giz-uganda@giz.de) at least 5 days before the bid submission deadline. Please include the tender reference number "Tender number and subject of procurement" in the subject line of your email.

#### 5. Bid Submission Deadline

Interested bidders should submit their bids/offers electronically by **3rd October 2024 at 4:00 PM (EAT) to UG Quotation@giz.de**. Please indicate the tender reference number "83472770" in the subject line of your email.

#### 6. Important Information to Note

- a. Indicate the tender reference number in the subject line of all your electronic communication.
- b. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- c. Bids submitted with GIZ staff or other GIZ emails in copy will not be accepted.
- d. Only submissions sent to [UG\\_Quotation@giz.de](mailto:UG_Quotation@giz.de) will be acceptable.
- e. Bids should only be submitted in PDF and ZIP folders to ensure compatibility with GIZ software. Do not encrypt your offers.
- f. Use two separate emails to submit the technical and financial proposals. Submit the technical proposal in one email and the financial proposal in a separate email.
- g. Only use GIZ's file transfer service at <https://filetransfer.giz.de/> for submitting documents that exceed the default mail size of 30 MB. Alternatively, use the two separate email option, one for submitting the eligibility documents along with the technical proposal/offer, and another for the financial proposal/offer.
- h. Should you use the file transfer service, ensure you provide the password before the submission deadline and reference the tender number associated with the password. Failure to provide the password will result in automatic disqualification of your offer.
- i. The financial offer should be submitted in Uganda Shillings using the provided bid sheet template.
- j. Failure to follow all the above instructions may result in your offer being encrypted and/or rejected.

**GIZ reserves the right to cancel this process at any stage without informing the providers and without any obligation to refund the providers who will have participated in this tender process.**