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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE (GPN)

Country: [Malawi](#)
Name of Project: [Rehabilitation of Kapichira I and Nkula B Hydropower Plants](#)
Sector: [Electricity](#)
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1. Introduction

The Government of the Republic of Malawi has applied for a grant from the African Development Fund to finance the Rehabilitation of Kapichira I and Nkula B Project. The grant was approved on 12 November 2025. Implementation of the project is expected to start in **June 2026**. The total cost of the project is estimated at UA16.89million net of taxes and duties, and the project will be implemented over a period of 2 years.

2. Objectives of the project

The objective is to increase reliability and efficiency of power generation thereby contributing to increased socio-economic growth, affordable and sustainable electricity through rehabilitation of existing generation stations Kapichira and Nkula B Hydro PP.

The expected procurement methods to be used under the Bank Procurement Policy and Methodology (BPM) are Open Competitive Bidding International (OCBI) and Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS), applicable for the advance procurements, Component (a).

3. Components of the project

The project includes the following three (6) components and the ADF Grant will be used for Component 1 rehabilitation of Kapichira and part of Component 3 Technical Consultancy Supervision and Procurement Expert Services only. The EU/EIB funding and Counterpart funding will be used for other components.

a) Component 1: Rehabilitation of 64MW Kapichira I

The broad area for the scope includes rehabilitation of Turbines, Generators, Electrical Systems, Auxiliary Systems, SCADA and Control Systems. The specific components to be rehabilitated includes two Turbine Units, Main Inlet valve, Cooling Water Systems, Shaft seal water supply, Hydraulic and Digital Governor Systems, Drainage and Dewatering System, Fire Fighting, Powerhouse Overhead Travelling Crane, Draft tube stoplogs & gantry crane, two Generator Units, Generator

Auxiliaries, Excitation Transformer, Generator Transformers, LV AC Systems, DC Systems, Control System, and Protection System.

b) Component 2: Replacement and Rehabilitation of 100MW Nkula B

The broad area for the scope includes rehabilitation of Turbines, Generators, Electrical Systems, Auxiliary Systems, SCADA and control systems. The specific components in the scope include five Turbine Units, five Main Inlet valves, Cooling Water Systems, Shaft seal water supply, Hydraulic Turbine Governor, Digital Turbine Governor, Drainage and Dewatering System, Air Ventilation System, Fire Fighting, Powerhouse Overhead Travelling Crane, Draft tube stoplogs & gantry crane, Air Admission system, Generator, Generator Auxiliaries, Excitation Transformer, Generator Transformers, LV AC Systems, DC Systems, Auxiliary Transformer, HV AC Equipment, Control System, and Protection System.

c) Component 3: Technical Consultancy Supervision and Procurement Expert Services

The Executing Agency will procure services of a consultant to ensure planning, engineering, design reviews, contract management and project execution are smooth, and quality of work assured. The Supervision Consultancy Services will be provided through the traditional Owners Engineer. (Inclusive of a Procurement Expert). The Consultant will also provide capacity building and best practices in technical details of rehabilitation and maintenance of power plants to EGENCO.

d) Component 4: Environmental and Social Management

The major risks on the project include health and safety; incidence of GBV/SEAH, prevalence of communicable diseases and water pollution. The major adverse E&S impacts include health and safety for workers and communities such as accident and incidents; incident of GBV and prevalence of communicable diseases including HIV/AIDS associated with labour, influx to the project area; pollution due to waste generation and improper waste management and disposal, loss of aquatic biodiversity and disruption of power and water supplies during rehabilitation work. The mitigation measures for addressing the risks and impacts are outlined in the ESMP.

e) Component 5: Project Implementation Unit Operations and Capacity Building

The objective of Project Implementation Unit (PIU) operations is to plan, review designs, oversight of contract and project management in collaboration with the Consultant. PIU has been established already and comprises Director of Planning and Project, Project Manager and Legal Expert who will manage both projects. The two power plants will have dedicated teams of experts namely, Electrical Engineer, Environmental Safeguards Specialist, Project Coordinator/Electrical Engineer, OHS Safeguards Specialist, Public Relations Specialist, Social Safeguards Specialist, Procurement Management Specialist, Gender Expert, Finance Management Specialist, Civil Engineer and Mechanical Engineer. The technical staff will collaborate with the Consultant Owners Engineer as counterpart staff.

f) Component 6: Corporate Social Responsibility

EGENCO will have Corporate and Social Responsibility Program in several activities will be implemented inclusive of (i) sinking boreholes in the power plant surrounding communities to provide clean water, (ii) construction of girls dormitories for two secondary schools in the nearby communities, (iii) provide internships for both surrounding communities and colleges nationally to ensure skills creation especially for girls as well as (iv) community outreach programs for safety, benefits and the dangers of the project. EGENCO will meet the cost of operations of the PIU and Corporate Social Responsibility using the counterpart contribution.

4. Procurement of goods and/or works will be in accordance with the Bank's Rules of Procedure for the Procurement of Goods and Works. Acquisition of the services of consultants will follow the Bank's Rules of Procedure for the Use of Consultants. Bidding documents are expected to be available in **March 2026**.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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