1. The Government of United Republic of Tanzania has received a loan from the African Development Fund to finance the Marketing Infrastructure, Value Addition and Rural Finance Support Programme (MIVARF).

2. The principal objective of the programme is to reduce rural poverty and accelerate economic growth on a sustainable basis in Tanzania through enhanced rural incomes and food security. The specific objective of the ADF component is to enhance rural incomes and food security through improved market access (feeder roads, market centres and storage, community management of infrastructure), increased share of value added of small- and medium-scale producers and processors including training and matching grants for equipment.

3. The programme includes the following three components (1) Marketing Infrastructure and Systems Development; (2) Rural Finance; and (3) Programme Coordination and Management. The programme will be financed by the African Development Fund in parallel with IFAD. ADF will finance the Marketing Infrastructure and Value Addition aspects of Component 1 and part of Component 3.

3.1 Sub-components to be financed by ADF are as follows:

3.1.1 Marketing Infrastructure: 70 district markets/storage facilities and market-to-production area connecting feeder roads (1550km) will be constructed;

3.1.2 Value Addition: Rehabilitation and resourcing of 16 Post Harvest (PH) training centres. In addition, the PH Training Centres will be assisted to undertake various studies, provide training to medium-scale producers and processors and link them up to service providers; and

3.1.3 Programme Coordination & Management: Planning; management, coordination; implementation of project activities; Monitoring and Evaluation; and Procurement of various goods and services.

4. Procurement of goods and/or works (through National Competitive Bidding – NCB) will be in accordance with the Bank’s Rules and Procedures for the Procurement of Goods and Works. Acquisition of the services of Consultants (through Quality and Cost-Based Selection - QCBS procedures) will follow the Bank’s Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants. Bidding documents are expected to be available from October 2012.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting the:

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