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1<sup>ST</sup> CALL FOR PROPOSALS

FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS FROM FOCAL DEVELOPMENT AREA (FDAs) TO APPLY FOR GRANTS  
FROM UPPER TANA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROJECT (UTaNRMP)

1. BACKGROUND

Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project is an eight year project (2012-2020) funded by Government of Kenya, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Spanish Trust Fund and the Local community. The goal of the project is to "contribute to reduction of rural poverty in the Upper Tana river catchment". This goal is pursued via two development objectives which reflect the poverty-environment nexus namely (i) increased sustainable food production and incomes for poor rural households living in the project area; and (ii) sustainable management of natural resources for provision of environmental services.

The project is being implanted in the Upper Tana catchment along 24 river basins and the tributaries of the four (4) rivers basins under Mt Kenya Pilot Project For Natural Resources Management that drain into the Tana River as follows

Tributaries of former Mt Kenya Pilot Project for NRM (MKEPP) River Basins (4)	Ena (Itimbogo, Thuura and Gangara) Kapingazi/Rupingazi (Kiye, Thambana, Itabua and Kathita), Kathita (Gaciuma/Kinyaritha, Kuuru, Riiji), Kithinu/Mutonga (Naka, Nithi, South Maara, North Maara and Thuci)
Twelve (12) High Priority River Basins for UTaNRMP	Maragua, Murubara, Nairobi, Ragati, Rujiweru, Rupingazi, SabaSaba, Thangatha, Thanantu, Thiba, Thika/Sasumua and Thingithu
Twelve (12) Other River Basins for UTaNRMP	Amboni/ Muringato, Iraru, Kayahwe, Chania, Mara, Mariara, Mathioya, Nyamindi, Ruguti, Rwamuthambi, Sagana and Ura

The project area is in six counties namely; Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Nyeri, Kirinyaga and Murang'a and the area includes the Mt. Kenya and Aberdares National Parks and surrounding Forest Reserves. The Implementation is through four components namely: Sustainable Water Resources and Natural Resources Management, Sustainable Rural Livelihoods, Community Empowerment and Project Coordination and Management. The project lead agency is the Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Implementing Agencies and Partners include Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Cooperatives, Social Development, KARI, Water Services, WSTF, WRMA, NEMA, KWS, KFS, Rhino Ark, Mt Kenya Trust and local Communities.

2. MATCHING GRANTS TO COMMON INTEREST GROUPS FOR INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

The project is implemented through a Community Driven Development Approach (CDD). The project will provide Matching Grants to Common Interest Groups (CIGs) through the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) to help them implement Income Generating Activities (IGAs) upon submission of acceptable proposals. The grants will be output-based with release of funds being made in tranches upon the achievement of milestones specified in the grant agreement between the PCU and the CIGs.

The CIGs will receive an initial advance of the grant amount, and will subsequently lodge claims for further disbursement as each milestone is reached, and a milestone report is submitted. The PCU will engage the services of an Independent Oversight Agents (a private service provider) to screen proposal (both desk and field) and also to verify the milestone achievements before further financial releases are made. This milestone-based disbursement system is intended to strengthen accountability and transparency and ensure accomplishment of agreed targets.

The project activities funded under this approach must be income generating in nature and friendly to the environment. The project proposal may include the following sectors among others:

- Agriculture/horticulture and related enterprises
- Irrigation and related enterprises;
- Fisheries and related enterprises
- Livestock production and related enterprises;
- Forestry and tree nursery development;
- Value addition and Food processing;
- Energy saving technologies including renewable energy.

3. FUNDING

The CIG will be required to contribute 30% while UTaNRMP will provide matching grants of up to a maximum 70% of Project cost, except in Category B where the maximum grant from UTaNRMP is 90%. Special consideration will also be given to groups of persons with disabilities and the youths that will be funded up-to 90%-100%.

4. CURRENT FOCAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS (from tributaries of former MKEPP river basins and twelve (12) high priority river basins)

S/N	River basin	Name of the FDA	S/N	River basin	Name of the FDA
1	Thangatha	Lower Thangatha	9	Thiba	Kiumbu
		Mauthini -Kanjoro			Marurumo
		Kunati			Nduini
2	Thanantu	Kithiga	10	Rupingazi	Mikarara
		Kereria -Gatunga			Karia
		Nkumbo			Marurumo
3	Rujiweru	Baraimu Kiorimba	11	Murubaara	Romu
		Mutethia			Runyanga (Kiye)
		Nthambiro			Mugambaciura
4	Thingithu	Kimka	10	Rupigazi (Itabua)	Upper Rupingazi
		Ntugi -Ibote			Runyatha
		Karocho -Gakurungu			Lower Rupingazi
		Nkuene	Upper Itabua		
		Kondaki	Lower Itabua		
		Kiija	5K		
		Kiama			

5	Ena Thura	MattaThura	12	Ragati	Gikumbo
	Ena (Gangara)	Gangara			Kangocho
	Ena (Itimbogo)	Matururi			Kakamara
6	Mutonga (North Maara)	Muka	13	Maragua	Kiamwangi
	Mutonga (SouthMaara)	3K- Iruri			Ragati 1 (Githimusa)
	Mutonga(Nithi)	Ikakika			Ragati 2 (Githara)
7	Mutonga (Thuci)	Kaka	14	Thika	Mugagaki
	Kathita (Riiji)	Lower Thuchi Kamaindi			Makikaka
		Karwangichu			Kangema Aberdare
		Kamukima			Komika
Kathita (Ngaciuma)	Nchura	15	Sabasaba	Upper Maragua bridge	
Kathita (Kuuru)	Kambereu			Munuga	
Kathita (Kinyaritha)	Kaluna			Ndakaini and Kigoro	
8	Nairobi	Munyu	15	Sabasaba	Mung'aria
		Kimanga			Sakiuki
		Kigaki			Gitiri-Njaini

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicant must be registered as a community group or cooperative society by a relevant government institution. In addition the group must :-

- Be an active group(with up to date registration) and have been in existence for minimum of 6 months ;
- Have a bank account with a Commercial Bank ;
- Provide evidence of 1/3 (30% minimum) of the costs of the project as evidenced by such an amount in their bank account or access to credit lines, or a combination of labour/materials and cash;
- Be based at the Project Focal Development Area (FDA) listed above and proposal endorsed by Focal Development Area Committee (FDAC), relevant Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAs) / Community Forest Association (CFAs)

6. INELIGIBLE PROPOSALS – proposal will not be eligible if :

- The group is bankrupt or insolvent, being wound up, or having their affairs administered through the courts;
- CIG officials have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct;
- The CIG officials have been found guilty of grave professional misconduct;
- The group has not fulfilled its obligations relating to the payment of statutory contributions or taxes;
- The group or its officials are subject of a judgment for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity; and
- The group or their officials are subject to a conflict of interest or conflicting activities.

**NB: Submission of proposal by a CIG is not a guarantee the proposal will be funded.**

7. DURATION

The proposed projects are to be completed within a 12-month time frame, with the exception of projects in Categories B and C.

8. DEADLINE

The call for proposal deadline is **8<sup>TH</sup> September 2014 (30 days from the date of the Call for Proposals)**

9. APPLICATION FORMS AND ENQUIRIES

Application forms and grants guidelines are available at the following offices and **are not for Sale**

i. Project Coordinating Unit Offices-

Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (UTaNRMP)

P.O. Box 996 -60100. Tel +254-68-31376

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Email: [utanrmp@gmail.com](mailto:utanrmp@gmail.com) Website: [www.utanrmp.or.ke](http://www.utanrmp.or.ke) or [www.mkepp.or.ke](http://www.mkepp.or.ke)

ii. County Offices

County Project Coordinator

Embu County

Embu West -Water Offices

P.O Box 542

Embu

County Project Coordinator

Nyeri County

Tana Water Services Board building –Room 31

P.O Box 1343

Nyeri

County Project Coordinator

Tharaka Nithi County

Meru South -Water Offices

P.O Box263-60400

Chuka

County Project Coordinator

Muranga County

Muranga -WARMA sub region office

P.O Box 460

Muranga

County Project Coordinator

Meru County

Next to Meru WRMA sub –region office

P.O Box 1152

Meru

County Project Coordinator

Kirinyaga County

Kirinyaga WARMA sub region office

P.O Box 360

Kerugoya

iii. County and Sub County Social Development Offices

Embu

Nyeri

Kirinyaga

Tharaka Nithi

Muranga

Meru

iv. All chairpersons of Focal Development Areas (FDAs)

Project Coordinator

Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (UTaNRMP)

For: Principal Secretary,

Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

