TENDER NOTICE
(Tender Ref. No.: KR-GM25-001)

PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
UNDER JAPAN'S GRANT AID
FOR THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA
FY 2025

1. Introduction

The Government of the Republic of The Gambia (hereinafter referred to as "the Recipient") has received a grant of two hundred million Japanese Yen (JPY200,000,000) from the Government of Japan according to the Exchange of Notes between the Governments on January 27, 2026, concerning Japan's Grant Aid for the Food Assistance Programme (KR), aiming for contributing to promotion of the economic and social development of the Recipient.

Japan International Cooperation System (hereinafter referred to as "JICS") acts as a procurement agent for and on behalf of the Recipient for the purchase of the product (hereinafter referred to as "the Products") and services under this grant.

2. Scope of Supply

The scope of supply covered by this tender (hereinafter referred to as "the Supply") consists of the supply and delivery of the Product to the Port of Banjul in the Republic of The Gambia.

3. Products to be procured

Rice stored in Japan by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

4. Eligible Tenderers

(1) Eligible tenderers are those who meet all of the following qualifications:
   1) to be Japanese firms* who have acquired the Tender Documents directly from JICS,
   2) to have an experience of supply of material and equipment in overseas trading under Japan's ODA project in recent five (5) years,
   3) to satisfy the qualification requirement to participate in tendering procedures indicated in the attached form "QUALIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TENDERING PROCEDURES",
   4) to have at least thirty six (36) consecutive months' business experience and be able to submit Financial Statements (balance sheets and profit and loss statement) for the latest three (3) years.

(2) Firms commissioned by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (jutaku jigyo tai) are excluded from the eligible tenderers.

(3) Neither joint venture nor consortium is allowed.

(4) Firms suspended from participating in tenders by the Government of Japan, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, or the Recipient are excluded from the eligible tenderers.

(5) Firms suspended from participating in tenders in accordance with "Debarment Guidelines" set forth by JICS, revised on November 6, 2023 are excluded from the eligible tenderers.
Please refer to JICS's website for information about these guidelines.
https://www.jics.or.jp/jics_html-e/tender/debarment.html

5. How to obtain Tender Documents

Firms or companies who are interested in supplying the Products and/or the Services should download the Form of Expression of Interest (hereinafter referred to as "EOI") from JICS's website and provide it to JICS by e-mail at kr@jics.or.jp. The deadline is on or before 17:00 Japan Standard Time (JST) on September 9, 2026.

- The Form of EOI should be downloaded from JICS's website. The EOI should be in PDF format and attached to an e-mail message. The subject line of e-mail should be clearly marked as in the sample below:
  KR-GM25-001/EOI/*(Name of firm or company)*
- It is the firms or companies' responsibilities to contact JICS by telephone or e-mail to confirm that JICS is in receipt of EOI.
- By sending one e-mail of EOI, firms or companies can receive one set of Tender Documents. If firms or companies are interested in multiple tenders, they should send respective e-mails of EOI according to their interest.
- JICS will send the Tender Documents including "Form of Tender" and "Technical Specifications" to only one e-mail address which the firm or company states in the EOI.
- JICS will send the Tender Documents only one time and will not resend them once JICS has confirmed a firm/company's receipt of the Tender Documents.
- JICS will send the Tender Documents after the deadline of EOI submission to firms or companies whose EOI is received on or before 17:00 (JST) of the deadline.
- The EOI received after 17:00 (JST) of the deadline will be declined and shall not be considered. Time of receipt of EOI is recorded by receiving mail server. JICS will send the Tender Documents on or before the next working day of the deadline.
- A file of EOI should be password-protected. Firms or companies should send a separate e-mail message to inform JICS of the password simultaneously when they send e-mail messages of EOI.
- Firms or companies should screen out viruses from a file of EOI and confirm that it is uninfected before sending it to JICS. JICS shall not be held responsible for any failure of receipt of e-mail message(s) of EOI resulting from such message(s) being virus infected regardless of whether it is by accident or intent.
- The purpose of use of personal information received by JICS through EOI is to send the Tender Documents and proceed with the following procedures related to the tender.
- JICS will not be responsible for any contamination caused by computer virus.

6. Tender opening

Tender opening will be held on October 20, 2026 (JST) at the headquarters of JICS.

7. Contact for obtaining Tender Documents

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*Note:
The term “Japanese firms” shall be defined as Japanese physical persons or Japanese juridical persons controlled by Japanese physical persons. They shall be incorporated and registered under the laws of Japan, and have more than fifty percent (50%) of the total number of the voting rights be held by Japanese physical persons or Japanese juridical persons, and fifty percent (50%) and higher of the officers, meaning directors or other persons equivalent thereto, and the officers having power of representation be Japanese physical persons.

QUALIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TENDERING PROCEDURES

* Mark "X" in the appropriate box "☐" where applicable.

* Total numerical figures must be 60 points or more in order to be qualified as an eligible tenderer.

1	Outputs and sales (average for the last three years)		
	More than ￥20 billion	65	☐
	￥10 billion or more but less than ￥20 billion	60	☐
	￥5 billion or more but less than ￥10 billion	50	☐
	￥2.5 billion or more but less than ￥5 billion	40	☐
	Less than ￥2.5 billion	0	☐
2	Owned capital (average for the last three years)		
	More than ￥1 billion	15	☐
	￥100 million or more but less than ￥1 billion	12	☐
	￥10 million or more but less than ￥100 million	9	☐
	Less than ￥10 million	6	☐
3	Current ratio		
	More than 140%	10	☐
	120% or more but less than 140%	8	☐
	100% or more but less than 120%	6	☐
	Less than 100%	4	☐
4	Experience of supply of product under the Food Assistance Programme (KR) in the last five years **(KR2020-KR2024)**		
	3 or more	10	☐
	1 or 2	5	☐
	0	0	☐
5	Number of “Notification of liquidated damages” received in the last one year by the date of Tender Notice of the Programme		
	0	0	☐
	1	-10	☐
	2	-20	☐
	3	-30	☐
	(Add rows as necessary, according to the number of notifications you have received; 10 points per case shall be deducted without limit.)		
6	Total number of programmes (per country and per year) pointed out by “Instruction for business improvement” received in the last one year by the date of Tender Notice of the Programme		
	0	0	☐
	1	-5	☐
	2	-10	☐
	3	-15	☐
	4	-20	☐
	5	-25	☐
	(Add rows as necessary, according to the number of notifications you have received; 5 points per case shall be deducted without limit.)		
	Total (1+2+3+4+5+6)		pts