



**Request for Applications (RFA)
from local Development Organizations to serve as
USADF's Partner Organization in South Sudan**

The United States African Development Foundation (USADF), an independent agency of the United States Government, is seeking applications from organizations that have the expertise and experience to provide technical assistance and support to grassroots groups who are seeking or are recipients of funding from USADF. The prospective Partner organization will be based in Juba.

USADF supports private businesses, farmers' cooperatives, associations, and various community-based organizations, especially those serving marginalized peoples, engaged in economic and social development activities. The Foundation established its funding activities in South Sudan in 2014. USADF's Country Program office in Juba provides on-going support to projects that have been financed and also continues to identify viable local small and medium-sized enterprises that show potential to create employment opportunities, generate incomes, and have broad social impact beyond the project activity.

USADF provides funds to South Sudanese small enterprises and community-based groups, particularly those benefiting youth and women, as well as those working in the off-grid energy sector, to secure the technical, managerial, and marketing assistance they need to enhance their impact and sustainability. Funding criteria emphasize the following principles:

- community participation and ownership;
- significant economic and social impact on low-income communities; and
- impact commensurate with the level of investment, sustainability, and potential for replication of the activity.

Through this RFA, USADF seeks applications from not-for-profit organizations and for-profit firms that are willing to forego profits that would be interested in partnering with USADF to strengthen their own capacity and have the core competency and experience needed to assist small enterprises and community-based economic interest groups in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of community-based enterprise development and expansion projects. Applicant organizations must have experience providing technical assistance, training, organizational management skills, marketing analysis and production and planning to indigenous groups to ensure that their projects are financially sustainable, benefit low-income communities, and meet performance targets.

USADF will award a one-year cooperative agreement grant, which may be renewable for up to five years of service depending on performance during the initial year and each subsequent year of the cooperative agreement. USADF does not award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, which are related to the cooperative agreement program and are in accordance with United States Government regulations may be paid under the cooperative agreement.

Beginning **February 11, 2019**, an electronic copy of the RFA may be obtained by sending an e-mail request to rfaSouthSudan@usadf.gov or on our website <http://www.usadf.gov/>. Additional information about USADF can also be obtained at <http://www.usadf.gov/>. Any questions concerning the RFA should be directed to rfaSouthSudan@usadf.gov no later than February 22, 2019. All responses will be posted to our website, <http://www.usadf.gov/>, and be made available to the public during the week of February 25, 2019. The **submission deadline for proposals is Friday, March 8, 2019 at 16:59 hours Eastern Daylight Time (23:59 Juba time).**