

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Reference: REOI/MDF/BR-FS/2026/001

Technical Assessment and Rehabilitation Design of Non-Functional Water Points (Boreholes and Associated Schemes) in Singida and Tabora Regions

United Republic of Tanzania

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Deadline for Expressions of Interest: [7th August 2026], 17:00 EAT

1. About the Mo Dewji Foundation

The Mo Dewji Foundation (MDF) is a Tanzanian philanthropic organisation committed to long-term social investment in water, health, education and livelihoods across Tanzania. MDF has supported rural water supply and related infrastructure in Singida Region since 2005, with an established operational presence, a track record in borehole drilling, pump installation and maintenance, and formal working relationships with the Government of Tanzania, including the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA).

MDF's water programming is delivered under its One Water Strategy for Tanzania - an integrated approach that links safe water access with agricultural livelihoods, food security, health, education and ecosystem resilience. The strategy is aligned with the National Water Sector Development Strategy (NWSDS 2021–2030) and operates in partnership with RUWASA.

2. The Assignment

MDF intends to commission a feasibility study on the rehabilitation, upgrading and development of rural water points across Singida and Tabora Regions in central Tanzania. Both regions face persistent rural water service gaps driven by ageing infrastructure, hydrogeological variability, dispersed settlements, and climate-related water stress.

The assignment has two components:

- **A sector portfolio review** - engagement with the Ministry of Water, RUWASA and related agencies to establish current rural water investments and priorities in both regions.
- **A site-level feasibility study** - covering fifteen (15) selected sites per region (5 new borehole sites, 5 rehabilitation sites, and 5 institutional sites serving schools and health facilities), with emphasis on infrastructure capable of sustainably serving populations exceeding 4,000 people.

The study will assess borehole and scheme condition, undertake hydrogeological investigation and yield testing, evaluate upgrading to motorised or solar-powered systems, screen environmental and social impacts, review community water governance, and prepare Bills of Quantities (BoQ) and cost estimates to a standard suitable for competitive tender. It will conclude in a Feasibility Study Report and a phased Rehabilitation Programme Implementation Plan.

Indicative duration: approximately six (6) to ten (10) weeks. **Indicative start:** 1st September 2026. Site selection will be confirmed in consultation with RUWASA.

3. Purpose of This REOI

This is a prequalification step, not a call for full proposals. MDF invites qualified firms, academic institutions and research consortia to express their interest and demonstrate that they hold the experience, personnel and field capacity required for this assignment.

On the basis of the responses received, MDF will shortlist a limited number of qualified firms. Only shortlisted firms will be issued the full Request for Proposal (**RFP/MDF/BR-FS/2026/001**) and invited to submit detailed technical and financial proposals.

No priced proposal, methodology or CVs are required at this stage. Please do not submit them. Keep your response concise and focused on the qualification criteria in Section 5.

4. Eligibility

Respondents must meet the following minimum eligibility conditions:

- Legal registration as a company, NGO, research institution or joint venture in Tanzania or the country of origin.
- Valid Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) from the Tanzania Revenue Authority, or the equivalent for international firms.
- Certificate of incorporation or registration, and VAT registration certificate where applicable.
- BRELA search, or the equivalent registry evidence for international organisations.
- No current debarment from World Bank, African Development Bank (AfDB), the UN system, or Government of Tanzania procurement.

5. Qualifications and Experience Sought

Firms should demonstrate, with concrete evidence, the following experience and capacity. This is the basis on which MDF will shortlist.

5.1 Firm experience

- **At least two (2) assignments** involving hydrogeological investigation and aquifer characterisation in semi-arid basement rock terrain.
- **At least one (1) assignment** involving solar-powered borehole pump system feasibility assessment or design.
- **At least two (2) completed** borehole assessment, rehabilitation or drilling feasibility studies in Tanzania within the past ten (10) years.
- Demonstrable experience working within RUWASA regulatory frameworks and Government of Tanzania water sector planning systems.
- Familiarity with World Bank or AfDB environmental and social safeguard requirements (an advantage).

5.2 Team capacity

Firms should confirm the ability to field a qualified team across the following disciplines. Detailed CVs will be requested only at the proposal stage from shortlisted firms.

Key discipline	Primary contribution
Team Leader - Hydrogeologist / Water Engineer	Overall technical quality, aquifer assessment and report sign-off (senior, sub-Saharan Africa experience).
Senior Drilling / Borehole Engineer	Condition assessment, downhole camera survey, yield testing, BoQ preparation, solar assessment.
Environmental & Social Specialist	Environmental and social screening, Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) framework, governance assessment (National Environment Management Council (NEMC) registration preferred).
Water Quality Analyst	Field and laboratory water quality testing and quality assurance of data.
GIS / Survey Technician	GPS verification, GIS database and mapping outputs.
Community WASH Specialist	Community and Village Water Committee engagement and capacity assessment (Swahili required).
Financial / Cost Analyst	Unit rates, BoQ costing, tariff analysis and programme budgeting.

5.3 Field mobilisation capacity

- Ability to mobilise a field team of at least four (4) persons to both regions promptly after contract signature.

- Access to a 4WD field vehicle and required equipment, including downhole camera, pumping test equipment, water quality field kit, GPS receivers and safety equipment.
- Access to a NEMC-accredited water quality laboratory - in-house, or under a formal agreement with an accredited laboratory in Tanzania.
- Swahili language proficiency in the community engagement team **(mandatory)**.

6. What to Submit

Expressions of interest should be concise - a maximum of ten (10) pages, excluding registration certificates - and should contain the following, in order:

1. A cover letter expressing interest, signed by an authorised representative of the firm or the lead firm of a consortium.
2. A short statement of capability and firm profile: legal status, ownership, office locations, and number of professional staff.
3. Copies of the eligibility documents listed in Section 4.
4. A summary of relevant experience, using the reference-project format below, covering the criteria in Section 5.1. Include client contact details for verification.
5. A brief statement confirming the ability to field the team disciplines in Section 5.2 and the field mobilisation capacity in Section 5.3.
6. For consortia: identification of the lead firm and a signed statement of intent or memorandum of understanding between the parties. A detailed team structure will be requested only from the shortlisted firms at the RFP stage.

Reference-project format

Field	Detail
Project title	[]
Client & contact for verification	[]
Country / region	[]
Dates (start – end)	[]
Approximate value	[]
Relevance to Section 5.1 criteria	[]
Brief description of the firm's role	[]

Repeat the table for each reference project. A minimum of five (5) reference projects addressing the Section 5.1 criteria is expected.

7. How Expressions of Interest Will Be Assessed

Eligibility (Section 4) is assessed on a pass or fail basis. Eligible respondents will then be assessed on the depth and relevance of the experience and capacity evidenced against Section 5, with particular weight on:

- Relevant borehole and hydrogeological experience in semi-arid, basement-rock and Tanzanian contexts.
- Demonstrated RUWASA and Government of Tanzania water sector experience.
- Availability of the required key disciplines and field, laboratory and language capacity.

MDF will shortlist a limited number of qualified firms - expected to be up to six (6)- to receive the full RFP. This REOI is used for shortlisting only; it is not scored towards contract award, and shortlisting does not constitute any commitment by MDF.

8. Submission Instructions

Expressions of interest must be submitted as a single PDF to info@modewjifoundation.org by **[7th August 2026], 17:00 EAT**, with the subject line:

REOI/MDF/BR-FS/2026/001 - [Firm Name]

- File size limit: 25 MB. Larger files should be shared via a cloud link (Google Drive or Dropbox).
- Queries regarding this REOI must be submitted in writing to info@modewjifoundation.org by [3rd August 2026].
- Late submissions will not be considered.

9. General Conditions

- Submission of an expression of interest creates no contractual or other obligation on MDF, and no obligation on any respondent.
- MDF is not bound to shortlist any firm and reserves the right to shortlist none, or to cancel this process at any stage, without incurring liability or providing explanation.
- All costs of preparing and submitting an expression of interest are borne entirely by the respondent. MDF will not reimburse any such costs.
- Firms shortlisted through this REOI that later provide consulting services under the study will be excluded from bidding for any subsequent construction or supply contracts arising directly from the study outcomes. This will be confirmed in the RFP.
- MDF is committed to transparency, anti-corruption, fair procurement and gender inclusiveness. Any attempt to influence the process through improper means will result in disqualification.