

**PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE FOR THE AWARD OF THE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN OF THE
MANICA AGRI-FOOD CENTRE (CAAM)**

(Art. 81 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 36/2023)

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) Name: Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) – Maputo Office

- Head Office Address: Via Cantalupo in Sabina 29, 00191, Rome (Italy). NUTS Code: ITI43;
- Maputo Office Address: Rua Damião de Góis, 381, Maputo, (Mozambique);
- Website: <https://maputo.aics.gov.it/>;
- Contact person: Giovanni Rossi, *Project Manager (RUP)* – e-mail: giovanni.rossi.ext@aics.gov.it.

I.2) Main activity: formulation, financing, management of international cooperation initiatives.

I.3) Communications: all documents relating to the procedure, including the **terms for the submission of tenders** and requests to participate, will be made available on the **website** of AICS Maputo at the following address:

<https://maputo.aics.gov.it/en/home/opportunities/tenders/>.

SECTION II: SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

II.1.3) Type of tender: Services.

Main sectors of activity covered by the tender: Engineering and architectural services. The subject of the tender arises from an agreement between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Republic of Mozambique concerning the allocation of a concessional loan for the Programme entitled “**Manica Agri-Food Centre**” (hereinafter, “CAAM” or “Centre”). The implementation of the project will be carried out through the following tender procedure (hereinafter, “Tender II”):

Tender II: The purpose of this tender is to select an operator responsible for the executive design of the CAAM. This phase includes:

- The structural and engineering design of the CAAM infrastructure (e.g. equipment, plant systems, etc.);
- The environmental and social impact assessment, aimed at evaluating and mitigating potential adverse effects on the territory and local communities;
- The preparation of the technical documentation related to Tender III, as described below.

Tender II is financed through the grant component of the CAAM initiative and aims to ensure that the design of the Centre complies with the highest standards of quality, sustainability, and economic feasibility.

The design activities shall comply with the Italian Public Procurement Code (Legislative Decree No. 36/2023) and the applicable Mozambican public works legislation.

Estimated value of Tender II: approximately **EUR 2,100,000.00**, excluding VAT and social security charges, where applicable.

CPV: 71000000-8 – Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services.

Project delivery deadline: estimated duration of 12 months.

It should be noted that the design is preparatory to the subsequent procurement of the **construction and equipment** of the CAAM. This next phase (**Tender III**) will involve the award of the construction works and supply of equipment to an EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) entity, which will be responsible for:

- The physical construction of the infrastructure outlined in the executive design acquired through the implementation of Tender II;
- The supply and installation of the equipment necessary for the operational activities of the Centre;

The awarding of the construction and equipment contract will be managed by the Mozambican governmental authorities and financed through a concessional loan granted by Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A. (CDP) to the local Government, within the framework of a financial agreement between the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Mozambican Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Legal Framework

In order to ensure transparency, efficiency, and full regulatory compliance, the service shall be carried out in accordance with the following applicable legal and procedural framework:

- Italian Legislative Decree No. 36 of 31 March 2023 – Public Procurement Code;
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Decree No. 192 of 2017, as amended – Governing the rules applicable to procurement procedures and contract performance abroad;
- The “Guidelines for the Procurement of Works, Services and Supplies by AICS Foreign Offices,” approved by Decision of the Director of AICS No. 1047 of 10.04.2024;
- The Concessional Loan Agreement between Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) and the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Mozambique, formalized in December 2021;
- The Bilateral Intergovernmental Financial Framework Agreement between the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique (MINEC).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of the contract notice: The procedure is expected to be launched between 01/06/2025 and 31/07/2025.

III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) Conditions for participation: The eligibility requirements will be specified in the documentation which will be made available in accordance with the modalities set out in Section I.3).

SECTION VI: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information: it is hereby specified that this Notice, issued for the purposes set out in Article 81 of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, as amended, shall not be deemed to constitute a contract notice.

Maputo, 05/05/2025



The RUP

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