



**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR POTENTIAL INVESTORS TO INVEST IN BLOCK FARMS THROUGH THE ENGAGEMENT OF YOUTH AND WOMEN UNDER THE BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW (BBT) PROGRAM

The Government is aware of youth and women's challenges in the agriculture sector including access to agricultural land, capital, technology and the market. The Government has initiated a special program known as Building a Better Tomorrow – Youth Initiative for Agribusiness (BBT-YIA) to address youth and women challenges in the agriculture sector. The program will be implemented through various agricultural value chain projects under the block farming model for youth and women. Currently, the Ministry of Agriculture has identified 162,492 acres of arable land for crop production in the following regions:-

- i. Mbeya – Chunya District (52,165 Acres);
- ii. Dodoma - Chamwino District (17,000 Acres) and Bahi District (3,600 Acres);
- iii. Kagera – Misenyi and Karagwe (3,227 Acres)
- iv. Kigoma – Uvinza and Kasulu (86,500 Acres)

For sustainable value chain flow, in every block farm, there will be one large-scale farmer for farming, off-taking, value addition and supporting youth and women as out growers. Under this program, youth and women will be provided with land ranging from 1 – 10 acres within the block. The investors (Offtakers) will be provided with arable land ranging from 1,000 – 20,000 acres with long-term sub-leasing title in the block farm.

The Potential Investors are expected to have the following attributes

- i. Capacity to prepare a viable business plan for the project;
- ii. Vast experience in crop production, value addition and ability to buy farmers' produce and provide extension services to outgrowers; and
- iii. Capacity to develop agricultural land ranging from 1,000 to 20,000 Acres with important agricultural infrastructures and facilities, to serve as model farms for investors and youth.

How to Apply

Expression of interest should be submitted to Permanent Secretary through the email address: ps@kilimo.go.tz and copied to bbt@kilimo.go.tz. The window for applications will be open starting 15th January 2023 and will be closed on 30th April 2023 at 1400 hours.

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