



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS GRAIN MILLERS’ MODERNISATION PROGRAMME (GMMP)

Issued by: Uganda Development Bank Limited

Call type: Expressions of Interest for financing under the Grain Millers Modernisation Programme (GMMP)

Target applicants: Eligible grain millers, grain processors, aggregators, storage operators, and local fabricators operating in Uganda and seeking financing to modernise grain milling, drying, storage, quality assurance, energy efficiency, grain trading, and equipment fabrication capacity.

Submission deadline: 4:00 p.m. on, Friday, 30th October 2026

Introduction

Uganda Development Bank Limited invites eligible enterprises to submit Expressions of Interest for consideration under the Grain Millers Modernisation Programme. The call seeks to identify viable enterprises with financing needs that align with the Bank's development mandate and the objectives of the GMMP objective of improving productivity, quality, storage capacity, food safety compliance, energy efficiency, and competitiveness within Uganda's grain value chain.

About Uganda Development Bank Limited

Uganda Development Bank Limited is Uganda's national Development Finance Institution mandated to accelerate socio-economic transformation through sustainable financial and non-financial support to enterprises and projects operating within the Bank's priority sectors. The Bank supports investments that contribute to industrialisation, economic diversification, value addition, job creation, productivity enhancement, environmental sustainability, inclusive growth, and strengthened domestic value chains.

The Financing Opportunity

Eligible applicants may access financing for productive assets, construction and improvement of milling and storage facilities, working capital, quality and compliance improvements, energy efficiency, and local fabrication of grain milling equipment. Financing shall be subject to eligibility screening, detailed appraisal, availability of programme resources, and UDB's internal approval processes. The call is not a grant programme. It is a financing opportunity for commercially viable enterprises seeking to modernise grain milling operations and related value-chain activities.

Objectives of the Initiative

The GMMP aims to provide financing to commercially viable grain millers and other eligible enterprises in the grain value chain to improve productivity, quality, food safety, energy efficiency and competitiveness.

- Support the acquisition and installation of modern milling, drying, storage, cleaning, laboratory and quality assurance equipment.
- Promote improved post-harvest handling, aflatoxin risk reduction, food safety compliance, and product standardisation.
- Strengthen working capital availability for structured grain procurement, aggregation, trading and inventory management.
- Support construction and improvement of milling, warehousing and storage facilities.
- Enhance local fabrication, repair and maintenance capacity for grain milling equipment and spare parts.

Background and Rationale

The Grain Millers Modernisation Programme (GMMP) is a five-year Programme designed to finance the technology modernisation, food safety compliance, energy efficiency improvement, and market integration of small and medium-scale grain millers operating across Uganda's urban centers and priority municipalities.

The Programme seeks to address key challenges affecting the competitiveness of Uganda's grain milling industry, including outdated milling technologies, high electricity costs, limited quality assurance systems, inadequate storage and aflatoxin risks. The Programme is organized around four integrated financing windows comprising:

- I. Asset Financing:** This window will finance acquisition and installation of modern roller mill technology, grain dryers, storage systems, silos, cleaning equipment, laboratory infrastructure, and associated agro-processing technologies aimed at modernisation of grain milling enterprises and improvement of processing efficiency, productivity, and value addition.
- II. Working Capital Financing:** This window will provide working capital financing to support structured bulk grain procurement, aggregation, inventory management, and supply chain stabilization for participating grain millers. The financing will support bulk grain procurement, aggregation and inventory management, helping enterprises secure raw materials and strengthen their operation.
- III. Quality, Compliance and Efficiency Financing:** This window will finance investments in food safety systems, Uganda National Bureau of Standards

certification requirements, packaging infrastructure, laboratory testing facilities, aflatoxin control systems, fortification equipment, quality assurance systems, and energy-efficiency technologies to improve standards compliance, market competitiveness, and consumer safety.

- IV. Local Fabrication Capacity Strengthening:** This window will provide targeted support to local fabricators to strengthen Uganda's capacity to manufacture, assemble, repair, and maintain grain milling equipment and spare parts. The window will provide affordable financing for fabrication equipment and working capital, technical capacity building, technology transfer, product development, quality certification, and business advisory services.

Purpose and Scope of the Call

UDB hereby invites Expressions of Interest from eligible enterprises seeking financing support under the UDB GMMP. The scope of this call includes identification, screening, and appraisal of eligible applicants and proposed investments under the GMMP financing windows. Applicants that meet the preliminary requirements may be invited to provide additional information, participate in consultations, or proceed to detailed financing appraisal.

Eligible Financing Categories

No.	GMMP Financing Window	Examples of eligible investments
1	Asset Financing	Modern roller mills, grain dryers, silos, storage systems, cleaning equipment, packaging equipment, laboratory infrastructure, fortification equipment, energy-efficient machinery, and related agro-processing technologies.
2	Construction and Facility Improvement	Construction, expansion or improvement of milling, warehousing, drying and storage facilities, including supporting civil works directly linked to grain milling productivity, quality and storage capacity.
3	Working Capital Financing	Structured grain procurement, aggregation, inventory management, supply chain stabilisation and grain trading requirements for eligible participating enterprises.
4	Quality, Compliance and Efficiency Financing	Food safety systems, UNBS certification requirements, aflatoxin control systems, quality assurance equipment, laboratory testing facilities, packaging improvements and energy-efficiency technologies.
5	Local Fabrication Capacity Strengthening	Financing for local fabricators to acquire fabrication equipment, strengthen working capital, improve product development, enhance quality certification, and support repair and maintenance capacity for milling equipment and spare parts.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be legally registered and operating in Uganda.
- Demonstrate the ability to implement and manage the proposed investment sustainably.
- Possess the financial capacity to support the investment.
- Comply with applicable legal, environmental and regulatory requirements.

Applicants that do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements may be excluded at the preliminary screening stage.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should prepare and submit an Expression of Interest containing the required corporate, financial, technical, environmental, and financing need-related information. The Expression of Interest should clearly explain the applicant's business, the financing need, the proposed use of financing, and the expected operational and development impact. Applicants should ensure that all submitted information is complete, accurate, and supported by relevant documentation. UDB may request clarifications or additional documents during the review process.

Information and Documentation Required

Interested applicants shall submit:

Corporate Information

- Certificate of Incorporation or Registration.

- Memorandum and Articles of Association or equivalent founding documents.
- Registered ownership information.
- Beneficial ownership declaration.
- Board resolution authorizing engagement with UDB.
- Organizational profile and business history.

Management and Governance

- Organizational structure.
- Profiles of key management personnel.
- Governance arrangements.
- Relevant licenses and permits.

Financial Information

- Audited financial statements for the last two years (where available).
- Recent management accounts.
- Business Bank statements for at least 12 months.
- Financial projections relating to the proposed investment.
- CRB information.

Proposed Investment

- Description of items to be financed.
- Proforma invoices or quotations (where applicable).
- Technical specifications, designs, bills of quantities or implementation plans, where applicable.
- Details of suppliers.
- Business justification for the investment.
- Expected operational and development impact.

Environmental and Social Information

- Environmental approvals where applicable.
- Health and safety compliance information.
- Environmental and social risk management measures.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Expressions of Interest shall undergo initial screening for applicant eligibility, sector alignment, completeness of documentation and consistency with the objectives of the facility. The Bank reserves the right to request additional information or clarification at any stage of the appraisal process.

Indicative Financing Features

Subject to detailed appraisal and programme requirements, successful applicants may access financing solutions tailored to productive grain milling investments, construction and facility improvement needs, working capital requirements, technical support, and enterprise advisory services. The final structure and terms of financing shall be determined in accordance with UDB policies, and the specific financing needs of each approved applicant.

Timeline and Communication

UDB will review submitted Expressions of Interest after the closing date. Applicants may be contacted for clarification, additional documentation, or further engagement. Only applicants that meet the eligibility and preliminary assessment requirements may proceed to the next stage of appraisal. Any updates, clarifications, or amendments to this call may be communicated through official UDB channels. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they submit complete applications within the prescribed deadline.

Submission of Expressions of Interest

Interested applicants should submit one electronic copy to info@udbl.co.ug and one hard copy of their Expression of Interest together with supporting documentation. Online applications can be made via: <https://eservices.udbl.co.ug/udbconnect>.

Submissions should clearly indicate:

“EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR FINANCING UNDER THE UDB GMMP.”

Physical applications should be delivered to:

The Director Investments
Uganda Development Bank Limited
UDB Towers, Plot 22 Hannington Road
P.O. Box 7210, Kampala, Uganda

The deadline for submission is:

4:00 p.m. on, Friday, 30th October 2026

Late submissions shall not be considered.

Important Notice

Issuance of this Call for Expressions of Interest does not constitute a commitment by UDB to provide financing. Submission of an Expression of Interest does not guarantee selection or financing approval. All applications are subject to due diligence, appraisal and UDBL approval processes.

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