



**Request for Applications (RFA)
from Local Development Organizations to serve as
USADF's Partner Organization in Cabo Verde**

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 Praia. USADF has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Finance and Business Promotion in Cabo Verde to promote the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the agriculture, renewable energy, blue economy, youth employment, women empowerment and entrepreneurship sectors.

USADF's Country Program office in Praia provides on-going support to projects that have been financed and continues to develop new projects in a participatory manner with local small and medium-sized enterprises that show potential to create employment opportunities, generate incomes, and have broad social impact beyond the project activity.

Funding criteria for USADF's projects 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 community groups and businesses to ensure that their economic activities 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 **September 9, 2024**, an electronic copy of this **RFA may be obtained** from our website at <http://www.usadf.gov/> or by sending an e-mail request to RFACVEPartner2025@usadf.gov. Additional information about USADF can be obtained from our website. Any questions regarding the RFA may also be addressed to RFACVEPartner2025@usadf.gov. **The submission deadline for proposals is October 11, 2024 at 17:59 hours Eastern Standard Time (23:59 Cabo Verde time).**