



Concept Note:

Procurement of items to support youth led MSEs affected by heavy rains in Kayonza District

1. Introduction

CARE is a leading humanitarian and development organization fighting global poverty. CARE seeks a world of hope, tolerance, and social justice, where poverty has been overcome, and people live in dignity and security. We work around the globe to save lives, defeat poverty, and achieve social justice. CARE International aims to be a global force and a partner of choice within a worldwide movement dedicated to ending poverty. Globally, CARE and partners, through its vision of overcoming poverty by 2030, intends to support 200 million people from the most vulnerable and excluded communities to overcome poverty and social injustice.

2. About the project

CARE International in Rwanda, along with consortium partners Duharanira Amajyambere Y'Icyaro (DUHAMIC-ADRI), Pro-Femmes/ Twese Hamwe (PFTH), Association of Micro Finance Institutions Rwanda (AMIR), and URWEGO Finance secured 5- year project (2023 - 2027) entitled "Supporting and Enhancing Resilient and Viable Employment Opportunities) SERVE funded by the Mastercard Foundation which aimed at building a resilient, sustainable, gender equitable and inclusive entrepreneurial environment that increases dignified and fulfilling work opportunities for predominantly female youth in agricultural value chains in 10 districts across Rwanda.

3. Rationale

Heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds occurred in Kabarondo Sector, Kayonza District, on September 16, 2025, causing significant damage to agricultural activities in the area. The SERVE supported activities that were affected by the rain include: Chili nursery bed established under the SERVE Project to cover 5 hectares, around 1.95ha of French beans, and 1ha for the rotational crops. The crisis affected 25 MSEs (10 females, 15males) project participants aged 18 - 35 years.

The crisis led to loss of income, increased food shortages, and rising uncertainty about the future as many depend on agriculture and small-scale activities for their businesses and food security. The total monetary loss value is Rwf 8,241,150. If not supported, affected youth risk falling deeper into poverty, dropping out of project, and facing long-term livelihood challenges.

It is in this respect that SERVE project activated crisis modifier fund to support the affected youth through procurement and distribution of agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers and pesticides).

4. Objectives

The overall objective is to support youth affected by heavy rains to recover their agriculture business plans, restore basic infrastructure, and build their resilience to shocks. Specifically, the project intends to provide immediate support to youth led MSEs who lost crops and income due to heavy rains, to regain their agriculture business plans and income.

5. Support approach and duration

The procurement process will be directly managed by CARE within one month effective December 2025. Distribution of procured items will be done immediately in close collaboration with local authorities, implementing partner of the project - DUHAMIC ADRI, farmer promoters and affected youth to ensure ownership and sustainability.

Annex 1: Description of crisis modifier items to be purchased and delivered to Kayonza District, Kabarondo Sector

Lots	Items	Units Required	Specifications
Lot 1	Fertilisers		
	Distribution of fertiliser: NPK 17:17:17 (Kg)	750	NPK 17:17:17 (Kg)
	Distribution of fertiliser: DAP18:46:0 (Kg)	750	DAP18:46:0 (Kg)
	Distribution of fertiliser: Urea 46% N (Kg)	375	Urea 46% N (Kg)
	Seeds		
	Green beans/Vanilla	70	Vanilla
	Carrot (continental)/tins	4	Carrot (continental)/tins
	Beetroot (CRIMSON GLOBE)/tins	6	CRIMSON GLOBE
	Pesticides		
	COPPERMAX (KG)/500wp	12	COPPERMAX (KG)/500wp
	Cypermethrin (Liter)	8	Cypermethrin (Liter)
Lot 2	Fertilisers		
	Distribution of fertiliser: NPK 17:17:17(Kg)	150	NPK 17:17:17(Kg)
	Distribution of fertiliser: DAP 18:46:0(Kg)	150	DAP 18:46:0(Kg)
	Distribution of fertiliser: Urea 46%N(Kg)	75	Urea 46%N(Kg)
	Seeds		
	Green beans/Vanilla	35	Vanilla
	Carrot (continental)/tins	4	Carrot (continental)/tins
	Beetroot (CRIMSON GLOBE)/tins	6	Beetroot (CRIMSON GLOBE)/tins
	Distribution of pesticides		
	COPPERMAX (KG)/500wp	6	COPPERMAX (KG)/500wp
Lot 3	Roket/Profenofos 40%/liters	4	Roket/Profenofos 40%/liters
	Fertilisers		
	Distribution of fertiliser: NPK 17:17:17(Kg)	150	NPK 17:17:17(Kg)
	Distribution of fertiliser: DAP 18:46:0(Kg)	150	DAP 18:46:0(Kg)
	Distribution of fertiliser: Urea 46%N(Kg)	75	Urea 46%N(Kg)
	Seeds		
	Green beans/Vanilla	35	Vanilla
	Carrot (continental)/tins	15	Carrot (continental)/tins
	Beetroot (CRIMSON GLOBE)/tins	5	Beetroot (CRIMSON GLOBE)/tins
	Pesticides		
	COPPERMAX (KG)/500wp	6	COPPERMAX (KG)/500wp
	Roket/Profenofos 40%/liters	4	Roket/Profenofos 40%/liters