



ZAMBEZI REGIONAL COUNCIL

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE

INVITATION TO SUBMIT SMALL BUSINESS PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING UNDER MICRO – FINANCE, REGIONAL SPECIFIC ACTION PLAN FOR FOOD SECURITY & NUTRITION AND CASH/FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR.

Zambezi Regional Council (ZRC) is implementing an initiative aimed at promoting Rural industrialization.

ZRC hereby invites interested Residents of the Zambezi Rural Constituencies to submit project proposals for support through the following programmes: **Micro-Finance Scheme, Regional Specific Action Plan-Food Security and Cash/Food for work Programmes.**

Kindly attach and submit the complete business proposal/plan with at least one (1) quotation to your respective Constituency Offices.

Condition to qualify for funding:

- Applicants and projects must be based in Rural areas.
- Applicants must be a Namibian Citizen above 18 years of age.
- Applicants must aim to create new businesses or expand their existing viable SME to contribute to employment creation and promote self-sustainability and be able to transition from informal enterprises to formal economy.
- The project must be ready to be registered with the Ministry of Industrialization and Trade or to be registered within six months when notification as successful project.
- Applicants may apply individually or as a group.
- Each programme has a separate application form attainable at respective Constituency Offices.
- The project should have a complete business plan/project proposal.

How to Apply

- Applicants should Complete the prescribed application forms available at 7 Rural Constituency Offices.
- All application forms must be fully completed
- Attach at least one (1) quotation for materials and equipment
- Attach copy of certified ID.
- Completed application forms with business plans/proposals and quotations should be submitted at your respective Constituency Offices.

1. Categories of small business will include, BUT NOT limited to the following:

Brickmaking, Agricultural farming, aquaculture (Fish farming), Small Scale Mining, Wood carving, Catering, Poultry, Tailoring, Knitting, Basked Making, Shoe Making or any other project which the beneficiary may find viable. Proposed Small Business must be registered or expect to be registered with the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development within six months of approval. Proposed MSME must be

viable and self-sustaining after the grant.

2. Categories of job creation, particularly among youth through basic rural infrastructure and services development., But must not be limited to the following:

Water pipelines, earth dams, and other related water infrastructures. Construction of kindergartens & clinics, Construction of food storage facilities, construction of community hostels, renovations of community halls, classrooms and fencing, de-bushing of access road, auction and crush pens, cattle trough, clearing of fire breaks, constructing food storage facilities.

☐ **Who may apply**

- Organized groups
- Applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - ✓ The poor and Vulnerable people
 - ✓ Unemployed rural people, especially youth.
 - ✓ A minimum of 10 beneficiaries per project.
 - ✓ A maximum of two (2) beneficiaries per household.
 - ✓ Ensure participation of Women

Closing date: 03 July 2026

Katima Urban Constituency is excluded.

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