



**Request for Applications (RFA)
from local Development Organizations to serve as
ADF's Partner Organization in Niger**

The African Development Foundation (ADF), 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 ADF. The prospective Partner organization must have an office in Niamey.

ADF supports private businesses, farmers' cooperatives, associations, and various community-based organizations, especially those serving marginalized peoples, engaged in economic and social development activities. The Foundation started its funding activities in Niger in 1984. ADF's partner organization provides on-going support to projects that have been financed and identifies additional viable local small and medium-sized enterprises that show potential to create employment opportunities, generate incomes, and have broad social impact beyond the project activity.

ADF will accomplish these objectives by providing funds to Nigerien small enterprises and community-based groups, particularly those benefiting youth and women, to secure the technical, managerial, and marketing assistance they need to enhance their impact and sustainability. Funding criteria 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, ADF seeks applications from not-for-profit organizations and for-profit firms that are willing to forego profits that are interested in partnering with ADF to strengthen their own capacity and have the core competency and experience needed to assist small enterprises, cooperatives, associations 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 groups to ensure that their projects are financially sustainable, benefit low-income communities, and meet performance targets.

ADF 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 of the cooperative agreement. ADF 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 **January 21, 2013**, an electronic copy of the **RFA may be obtained** by sending an e-mail request to rfaniger@usadf.gov. Additional information about ADF can be obtained from our website at <http://www.adf.gov/>. Questions about the RFA can be addressed to rfaniger@usadf.gov. The **submission deadline for proposals is Saturday February 22, 2013 at 18:00 hours Eastern Standard Time** (midnight Niger time).