1. What is APS Number and where can I obtain it from?

The APS number is APS-HA-2023-001

2. What is the Date Application Submitted, is it the application date?

This is the date on which the applicant is sending his application. For example, if you send your application to Hanga Akazi on May 25, 2023; This will be the date application submitted.

3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number (How do I get it)?

You can obtain a UEI by registering at https://sam.gov/content/home

To find out more on how to complete your registration and obtain an UEI, please watch this video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C87wSCYKTcE

Remember: You can submit the application without an UEI. However, we encourage you to continue the process of getting the UEI number after, as it takes time to obtain it. An UEI is required before an award can be made.

4. Concept Note Title, is concept note developed and attached separate doc?

Concept Note Title is the title of your proposed project. The concept note shall not exceed 5 pages and must be included in your proposal.

5. In the financial support requested, what is the Applicant Leverage Amount (RWF)?

The applicant Leverage amount is your contribution as an applicant to the submitted proposal. Contributions can be in the form of cash (capital or loans), infrastructure, property, equipment, new staff & others directly used for the proposed activity.

6. Period of Performance, what is the total number of months?

This is the duration of your proposed project/activities.

7. Technical Approach (limit 5 pages), Instructions have been provided in italics. They do not count toward page limits, and you may choose to delete them. Kindly explain more on this.

When you are submitting your 5 pages proposals, you may choose to delete Hanga Akazi instructions provided in italics to give you enough space to elaborate more on
your technical approach. Note that your technical approach should be not more than 5 pages limit.

8. Can a company operating outside of food system eligibility to apply for the grant? This APS is targeting existing & new businesses, Cooperatives, Training providers, & Other private sectors operating in the agri-food system in Rwanda are eligible to apply. These may include but not limited to individuals, firms, cooperatives, associations, NGOs, TVET, IPRCs etc operating in Rwanda

9. Is nongovernmental organization also eligible to submit application for grant?

Yes, NGO are eligible to submit the proposals if their initiatives contribute to the achievement of project results which is employment and entrepreneurship promotion in agri-food system.

10. Can a person/individual submit application for the grant?

No. Only institutions or organizations including private entities are eligible.

11. What is the limited budget to apply?

The maximum threshold amount is USD 250,000 per project.

12. During Implementing the project, can the project support the purchase of some food processing equipment?

Yes, equipment can be supported by this APS. However, you have to provide more details on what kind of equipment is needed and how they are going to contribute to achieve Hanga Akazi project results which is employment and entrepreneurship promotion in agri-food system.

13. Must the target beneficiaries either be Youth, Women and people with disabilities or one of them or all, need more clarification.

No, the targeted beneficiaries must not necessarily be youth, women and persons with disabilities. In other words, this APS is open to all beneficiaries irrespective their sex, gender or social category, however, special considerations will be given to businesses led by women, youth, & PWDs.
14. Is it possible, through this project, for a technical college to enhance the curriculum and establish a Career Officer and Innovation officer in their organization to give impetus to entrepreneurship?

Yes, technical colleges are eligible to apply for this APS especially under the skills building and talent management domain if they fulfil the requirements. In this case the college must demonstrate how the career and innovation initiatives will promote entrepreneurship opportunities and enhance employment to the targeted beneficiaries. Kindly note that standard operational costs that include rent, staff wages or salaries for career and innovation officers, insurance etc will not be considered as part of this grant.

15. We started the Macadamia Project whereby the company has invested in cultivation of Macadamia on 35 hectares in 5 Districts of Rwanda. We want your support in purchasing different types of processing machines for our harvest. The Company is preparing its contribution part for construction of warehouse able to host the processing equipment. The company is ready to prepare different types of nutritious final products made in macadamia.

Is this project eligible for this Grant?

Yes, equipment can be supported by this APS. However, you have to provide more details on what kind of equipment is needed and how they are going to contribute to achieve Hanga Akazi project results which is enhancing employment and entrepreneurship promotion in agri-food system.

16. Fish farming project: Is the project of fish farming in cages floating in the lake eligible? We have started Fish farming in Muhazi lake but we need this kind of Grant from Feed the Future/ Hanga akazi especially in providing support in term of fish feeds (at least 3 containers of fish feeds) that can help us to survive after heavy investment so far made and reach to the breakeven point without failing our journey of contributing on Rwandan food security and nutrition by providing a big production of fish from our local lakes in Rwanda. As a Long term solution after this funding, we would like to start our Fish feeds processing plant in Rwanda.

Is this project eligible for this Grant?

Fish farming and fish feed processing plant projects are both eligible for this grant, however the applicant must clearly demonstrate how the proposed projects will grow, scale and create more employment in agri-food system.
17. Can NGOs who have previously worked on youth skills development apply for the grant? We have trained youth on job creation and advocacy.

Yes, NGOs are eligible to submit the proposals if their initiatives contribute to the achievement of project results where skills building, and talent management domain is one of the areas that this grant will support.