

Karindi residents demand halt to sand harvesting over erosion concerns

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Residents of Karindi village in Kabura/Uhuyi sub-location, Siaya, have petitioned the government to crack down on unscrupulous sand harvesters operating along the banks of the Nzoia River, warning that their land and livelihoods are at risk.

According to the residents, uncontrolled sand harvesting has caused severe erosion, leading to parts of their land sinking into the river and reducing the amount of arable land.

Speaking at Wath Kojwando in Siaya West Sub-County, residents said the illegal activities along the riverbanks pose serious risks to both humans and domestic animals that rely on the river for water.

Mzee Michael Osunga added that their appeals to local administrators have often fallen on deaf ears, as the sand harvesters grow bolder with each report.

Osunga said that they have in the recent past saved three women from drowning after the soil collapsed as they were drawing water for domestic use.

The residents, among them Abednego Odhiambo said the sand scoopers, who operate at night come armed to the teeth and often beat and hurl unprintable abuses to anybody who dare question or attempt to stop them from carrying out the illegal activities.

Dereda Leah Amunga and Kevin Oduor Okumu, a water vendor, lamented that more than 3,000 people who rely on Wath Kojwando water point for their domestic water supply were no longer safe as they risk breaking their limbs due to gulleys and weak soil that keeps on collapsing.

Odhiambo said that unless quick action was taken by the relevant authorities, the locals will have to mobilise themselves to protect their land from the marauding gang that they said operates from the neighbouring Ugenya sub county.

An environmentalist,



1. The residents of Kabura - Uhuyi sub location in Alego / Usonga stand at an eroded bank of river Nzoia. They are blaming government officials of turning a blind eye on environmental degradation caused by illegal sand harvesting.

2. Cattle struggle to manoeuvre through gulleys after drinking water at Wath Kojwando water point along River Nzoia.

3. "We have had enough", the residents of Karindi village demonstrate to call for urgent government intervention.

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George Spencer Wambiya who hails from the area warned of irreversible damage to River Nzoia's ecosystem.

Wambiya, who donated bamboo seedlings to the residents to plant at the damaged river bank lamented that by targeting the riverbanks instead of concentrating their activities in the riverbed, the sand scoopers were accelerating erosion and threatening lives.

The residents called on the national government and the county government of Siaya to act fast and stop the activities, failure to which they will be forced to violently stop the intruders.

Karindi villagers' cry comes hot on the heels of another petition by the residents of Rapenji village in Sigoma - Uranga sub location who cried that they have lost close to 20 acres of land due to the uncontrolled activities of the sand scoopers operating in river Nzoia.

With no intervention from the relevant government bodies, despite making numerous visits to the authorities, the residents are worried that soon they will lose everything after the river forced a water way in one of the farms, creating an island.

Early last year, a security meeting called to settle dispute over sand harvesting in the area ended in disarray when the chairman of the sand harvesters was clobbered to death after skirmishes broke out.



SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)

SIRARI CORRIDOR ACCESSIBILITY AND ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: ISEBANIA - KISII - AHERO (A1) ROAD PROJECT.

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND COMMISSIONING OF SIX (6) NO ADVANCE LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCES AND EQUIPMENT TO POST CRASH CARE CENTRE

SUB LOT 2D: MRI MACHINE TO ST. JOSEPH NYABONDO MISSION HOSPITAL

Invitation for Bids [IFB] Goods (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

IFB Number:	KeNHA/2926/2026
Purchaser:	Kenya National Highways Authority
Project:	Sirari Corridor Accessibility and Road Safety Improvement Project
Contract title:	Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of Six (6) No Advance Life Support Ambulances and Equipment to Post Crash Care Centre
Sub Lot 2D:	MRI Machine to St. Joseph Nyabondo Mission Hospital
Country:	Kenya
Loan No. / Grant No.:	5580155000451
Procurement Method:	Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)
OCBI / LCB No:	KeNHA/2926/2026
Issued on:	20th January 2026

1. The Government of the Republic of Kenya (GoK) has received financing in form of a loan from the African Development Bank (AfDB) hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of the Sirari Corridor Accessibility and Road Safety Improvement Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of Six (6) No Advance Life Support Ambulances and Equipment to Post Crash Care Centre; Sub Lot 2D: MRI Machine to St. Joseph Nyabondo Mission Hospital. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment Disbursement method, as defined in the Bank's Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
2. The Government of Kenya through the Kenya National Highways Authority, herein referred to as the Client now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of Six (6) No Advance Life Support Ambulances and Equipment to Post Crash Care Centre Sub Lot 2D: MRI Machine to St. Joseph Nyabondo Mission Hospital
3. Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) method as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding documents during office hours i.e., 0800 to 1700 hours at the address given in item 9 below
5. A complete set of bidding documents prepared in English language will be available from **22nd January, 2026** and may be obtained free of charge from the Kenya National Highways website - www.kenha.co.ke or the Government of Kenya Supplier Portal - PPIP Procurement Portal: www.tenders.go.ke.
6. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a Bank Guarantee of KShs. 5,000,000 (Kenya shillings Five Million Only) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency.
7. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
8. A physical pre-bid meeting and organized site visit (at Nyabondo Trauma Centre) will be carried out on 5th February, 2026. Bidders are encouraged to make arrangements to attend the organized site visit and familiarize themselves with the delivery site to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the scope of works.
9. Bids must be enclosed in plain packages and clearly marked with the Tender Reference Number and Description for identification as appropriate, sealed and transmitted by courier or delivered by hand so as to be received at the address below, not later than **1100hrs local time on 20th February, 2026**.

**Deputy Director (Supply Chain Management),
Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
2nd Floor, South Wing, Block C, Barabara Plaza,
Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi
Off Mazao Road (Opposite Aviation House)
P.O. Box 49712-00100, Tel: +254 700423606, +254 20 8013842**

10. Electronic Bidding will **NOT** be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Opening of the Bids will take place immediately thereafter at the KeNHA Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Block C, Barabara Plaza, on **20th February, 2026 at 1100Hrs local time** in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend.
11. Further information and clarification on the bidding documents may be obtained at the address below:

Attention:	Director (Development)
Street Address:	Kenya National Highways Authority, Barabara Plaza, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi, Off Mazao road (Opposite Aviation House)
Floor/Room Number:	1 st Floor, North Wing, Block A
City:	NAIROBI, KENYA
Telephone:	+254 700423606, +254 20 4954200
Email addresses:	directordevelopment@kenha.co.ke , procurement@kenha.co.ke

12. Interested bidders are required to continually check the Kenya National Highways Authority website: www.kenha.co.ke for any additional information or clarifications that may arise before submission date.
13. Kenya National Highways Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any (or all) bids.

**Deputy Director, (Supply Chain Management)
For: Director General**

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