



Expressions Of Interest (EOI)



Selection of Individual Consultant
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation
Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP)

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- 1. Head of Value Chain Development (01 position) - Project Management Unit.**
- 2. Human Resource and Administration Manager (01 position) - Project Management Unit.**
- 3. Human Resource and Administration Officer (01 position) - Project Management Unit.**
- 4. MIS Officer (01 position) - Project Management Unit.**
- 5. Agriculture & Livestock Officer (01 position) - Matale District**

The closing date for the submission of application will be **8th December 2024**

Please visit www.sarp.lk for more details about the required qualifications, experience, and as well as the application procedure.

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General Conditions Applicable for the Above - Mentioned Positions

All the Qualifications should be in the relevant field of the post. (Please refer the attached TOR)

Age Limit

Candidates who are below 45 years of age are encouraged to apply

Languages

Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Tamil with Sinhala She/He should have a good sound knowledge in Microsoft office packages as most of the work need to be done by him/herself. Working knowledge of another official language is desirable.

Duration of the Service

Duration of services - the duration of the post is mentioned in particular Term of Reference (TOR)

Location

Hub offices located in Nikawaratiya and Madawachchiya. However, traveling to project locations mentioned in the post are involved frequently.

Those who are interested **can download the TOR & EOI through website www.sarp.lk**. Please forward your proposal (complete resume with relevant copies of the certificates and experiences as per the TOR) **on or before 4.30 p.m. on 8th December 2024 by registered post/by hand to reach the following address and e-mail a soft copy of the registered post application with all the documents indicating subject of the email as the post you apply to procurementsarp@gmail.com** Please indicate name of the post you apply on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

For more details, please contact Procurement Specialist on +94 77 344 1309 or procurementsarp@gmail.com during working days, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Address

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Terms of Reference (TOR)

Head of Value chain Development Individual Consultant -Full Time Basis

Background

The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP) is co-funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Sri Lanka. It aims to contribute to reduce poverty among small-scale farmers and increase food security and nutrition in dry zones by building resilience and enabling rural households to access markets in geographies affected by climate change. The project is focused in select hotspots in Vauniya, Mannar, Puttlam, Kurunegala and Mathale districts aligned across the Deduru oya, Mee oya and Malwathu Oya river basins.

Scope of Work

Under the overall guidance of the Project Director the Head of Value chain development will:

- Provide leadership to the project value chain team and make sure to reach the objective of the project
- Guide the project team in refining the Value Chain Development Plans
- Ensuring smooth Implementation of VCDPs
- Provide technical support to project team and specialists on areas of markets, value chain, agriculture, social inclusion, Nutrition, Natural resource management and project management related issues;
- Provide support to establish functional partnership with stakeholders, private sector value chain actors
- Contribute to develop annual work plans of the project
- Develop mechanism to link micro-entrepreneurs with input suppliers, and establishing market linkages
- Develop collaboration with private sector to provide embedded technical services, especially to improve product quality, packaging, and branding
- Develop value chain strategies and work to link existing value chains to new markets
- Support value chain development by facilitating the
 - identification and development of new market opportunities
 - upgrading of value chains
 - building of market linkages
 - support to producers to meet market requirements
 - strengthening of service markets
 - policy/enabling environment improvements.
- Support other project functionaries for private sector engagement and investment
- Documenting success stories, best practices, innovative models emerging out of project value chain interventions and disseminating them at various forums as relevant.
- Training and capacity building of project staff in value chain development and management
- Any other duties assigned by the project director

Education Qualifications

- Successfully completed bachelor's degree in Agriculture/Agribusiness or a closely related field from a university grant commission recognized University/Institutions with minimum 11 years' experience in development/ management/ promotion of Agri value chain activities out of which 5 years should be in senior managerial level

Or

Successfully completed master's degree in Agriculture/Agribusiness or a closely related field from a university grant commission recognized University/Institutions with minimum 9 years' post qualifying experience in development/ management/ promotion of Agri value chain activities out of which 4 years should be in senior managerial level

- Excellent oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills. Solid overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office
- Solid overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office applications (Excel, Word, etc.) and email/internet;
- Excellent interpersonal skills; culturally and socially sensitive; ability to work inclusively and collaboratively with a range of partners, including grassroots community members, and youth organizations, and authorities at different levels; familiarity with tools and approaches of communications for development;
- Fluency in Sinhala and English. Ability to communicate with Tamil will be distinct advantage
- Ability to work and adapt professionally and effectively in a challenging environment;
- Self-motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision; ability to work with tight deadlines;

Monthly consultancy fee: Equivalent to PS 2 level for Based on the Management Services Circular 01/2019

Duty station and duration

Colombo with frequent travel to the project sites.

Duration of services – Initially for 12 person months (full time) subject to 6 months' probation period.