

# Expressions of Interest



**Selection of Individual Consultants**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries**  
**Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP)**



The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP), a project jointly financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Government of Sri Lanka, aims to build resilience and market participation of 40,000 rural households in the climate change affected districts of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Matale, Mannar, Puttalam and Kurunegala. This is pursued through capacity building for climate resilience and inclusive value chains, combined with investments for climate resilience and inclusive value chains including last mile infrastructure. The lead programme agency is the Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries, which would be establish a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) at central level and two regional hubs the implementation of SARP.

## **1.Rural Finance Specialist -01 position (Project Management Unit)**

### **Full Time Basis**

#### ***Qualifications and experience***

- She / He should have advanced degree in Banking, Rural Finance or a field related to rural bank/finance development.
- At least 10 years' relevant experience working with rural banks of which at least 5 years in agri product design and pilots, the preparation of training materials and conducting training courses of agricultural finance in Sri Lanka
- Financial literacy design and implementation as well as digital finance experience will be considered desired
- Solid overall computer literacy, including proficiency in various MS Office applications (Excel, Word, etc.) and email/internet;
- Strong inter-personal skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Fluency in English and Sinhala and preferably Tamil
- Excellent oral and written skills; excellent drafting, formulation, reporting skills;
- 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 3** level Based on the Management Services Circular 01/2019

**General Conditions Applicable for the Above-Mentioned Positions**

**All the Qualifications should be in the relevant field of the post.**

**Age Limit**

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

**Duration of the Service**

Duration of services – 12 months, initially, the contract will be assigned

**Location**

Project Management Unit in Pelawaththa, However, traveling to project locations are involved frequently.

Those who are interested **can download the TOR through website [www.agrimin.gov.lk](http://www.agrimin.gov.lk)** .Please forward your proposal (complete resume with relevant certified copies of the certificates and experiences as per the TOR) **on or before 2.30 p.m. on 18.03.2024 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 [agriminpmu.sarp@gmail.com](mailto:agriminpmu.sarp@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 077 344 1309/ 076 180 2477 or [agriminpmu.sarp@gmail.com](mailto:agriminpmu.sarp@gmail.com) during working days, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

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