

All District Secretaries
Commissioner General, Department of Agrarian Development
Director General, Dept of Agriculture
All Provincial Directors of Agriculture
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Establishing Centralized Agri Nerve Center

As per Open Government partnership (OGP) signed by Sri Lanka with 68 Governments, it is mandatory for Sri Lanka to establish Centralized Agri Nerve Center under the Digital Economy Strategy from 01.03.2019 to 31.08.2021 for which the cabinet approval has also been granted.

Accordingly, this Ministry is responsible for strengthening agricultural economy of the country by providing the farmer community with accurate information. As the initial step of this undertaking, the Ministry has to collect and maintain data on land ownership of the farming community, their production and marketing and make arrangements to analization and interpretation of data. As the initial step of this Programme data collection on paddy land commenced in Gampaha district while data collection on vegetable and fruit commenced from Badulla district.

The aim of this project is to provide benefits to farmers, Government Officers, input suppliers, agro based operators and marketing institutes. At present data collection on farmers and farm lands of the above mentioned two districts is conducting in collaboration with Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board. In this exercise the contribution of Grama Niladharies and Agriculture Research & Production Assistant (ARPAs) is directly obtained. In addition obtaining collective contribution of District Secretary, Divisional Secretaries, District Director of Agriculture, Deputy/Asst. District Commissioners of Agrarian Development, Agrarian Development Divisional Officers and Development Officers is also very important to ensure effective and successful implementation of the programme within a district. Accordingly, their contribution is expected in the following manner.

Contribution of District Secretaries

1. Issue instructions for co-ordination with the Ministry and project officers in respect of necessary activities and providing facilities.
2. Instruct Divisional Secretaries for providing necessary data and information.

Contribution of Divisional Secretaries

1. Instructing officers for providing data and information within the Division.
2. Instructing Dept./Asst. District Commissioners of Agrarian Development in providing Data and information required for the project.

Contribution of District Directors of Agriculture

1. Assisting in the process of data collection

Contribution of Deputy/Asst. District Commissioners of Agrarian Development

1. Co-coordinating with the Ministry and project officers in respect of necessary activities and providing facilities.
2. Providing necessary data and information in the district
3. Educate/instruct Agriculture research and production assistants in providing necessary data and information for the project.
4. Make necessary arrangements to complete the project as scheduled
5. Instructing officers to update data base in every cultivation season.

Contribution of Agrarian Development Divisional Officers

1. Supervision of data inclusion in the system
2. Co-ordination of Agriculture Research & Production Assistants and Project Officers.
3. Instructing Officers for updating of database in every cultivation season

Contribution of Development Officers

1. Assisting in the process of data collection

Contribution of Agriculture Instructors

1. Assisting in the process of data collection

Contribution of Grama Niladhari

1. Cooperating with those without National Identity Cards to obtain the same.
2. Availability of data on farm families
3. Assisting Project Officers in computerizing upland farming records
4. Assisting in the process of data collection

Contribution of Agriculture Research & Production Assistants

1. Provide information on farmers
2. Provide information on farm lands
3. Assist in identifying land for mapping of farm land and provide other information required.
4. Updating of database in every cultivating season

Your contribution for successfully implementing the above project is highly appreciated.

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