

Integrated Rurban Development and Climate Resilience Project (IRDCRP)

Deputy Project Director – (PMU - Component 1) PS 2

Introduction of the Project

The Integrated Rurban Development and Climate Resilience Project (IRDCRP) is a project to be implemented under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands & Irrigation jointly funded by the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) and the World Bank (WB). Total project cost is US\$ 103 Million, and it is designed to support small- and medium-scale holdings in the subsectors of agriculture, livestock, fisheries, and plantation for addressing identified lapses along the value chain from farm to folk. The main objective of this 5-year project is to improve productivity, competitiveness, and climate resilience of agri-food production in the project areas.

The project objective is to improve climate resilience of farmer families and productivity of irrigated agriculture in selected climatically vulnerable Hot-Spot Areas in Sri Lanka. This will be achieved through increased adaptation of climate-resilient agricultural practices and technologies, and increased access to markets in targeted smallholder farming communities. Project beneficiaries will include smallholder farmers, producer organizations, and agribusiness entrepreneurs who will benefit from improved and modernized irrigation, drainage and flood protection systems; adoption and dissemination of advanced CSA technologies on high efficiency irrigated agriculture techniques and practices; agriculture diversification; and improved market access.

Job Summary

The Deputy Project Director (Component 1) will have overall responsibility to implement component 1 with Implement Support Firm (ISF) with the Project Management Unit (PMU) and stakeholders. The core duties of this position include coordinating and working with relevant entities to develop value chains, business plans of Public Unlisted Companies (PUCs), Farmer Producer Societies (FPSs) Farmer cooperatives, & Farmer organisations to submit EOIs and members of the evaluation Team to short list EOIs. He/she will lead, coordinate and guide the relevant project staff/ISF in the preparation and work plans in accordance with the project documents and agreements between **IRDCRP** and the World Bank in order to achieve desired goals.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Have the overall responsibility for the management and implementation of the Component 1
- Evolve project implementation plan of the Component 1 and monetize the activities in term of multiyear budgeting.
- Coordinate with finance unit of PMU in respect of financial management of the project. Responsibilities include preparation of periodic financial forecasts, preparation of monthly and quarterly and annual financial expenditure and budget versus actual reports, and ensuring compliance to the overall financial operation manual of IRDCRP.
- Identify PUCs based on situation analysis done with the relevant stakeholders and the government line Ministries/agencies to submit EOIs for Round 1, 2 and 3
- Identify and guide PUCs/FPOs to submit “Business proposals” to submit creative and viable EOIs for round 1,2 and 3.
- Identify FPOs to develop business proposals to submit EOIs.
- Convert FPOs to Viable PUCs Coordinating with secretariate service, service providers of FBS training and business proposal development etc
- Development of competitive business proposals **through Implementation Support Firm (ISF), featuring a** blended financing arrangement
- Monitoring of activities and deliverables outlined in the respective Terms of Reference (TORs) of ISF to implement business plans.
- identifying innovative entrepreneurs (particularly women and youth) along the value chain for technical support in agricultural services
- Coordinate with IRPCRD staff in finalizing technical specifications and related attributes for technology packages, machinery, Cold chain and other items to be procured.
- Any task assigned by the Project Director

PS 2 Level - Basic Qualifications and Experience Required - (1) or (2) or (3) or (4) below.

1. A successfully completed Bachelor’s Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission (**UGC**) **or** a qualification recognized by the UGC as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field **or** an Associate membership/a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field **with** at least **13** years of post-qualifying experience at Managerial Level out of which **06** years should be in the Senior managerial Level
2. A successfully completed Bachelor’s Degree in the relevant field, which is recognized by the UGC **or** a qualification recognized by the **UGC** as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field **and** Corporate Chartered membership or a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field **or** A Postgraduate degree in the relevant field **with** at least **11** years of Post-qualifying experience in Managerial Level out of which **5** years should be in the senior Managerial level.
3. A successfully completed Bachelor’s Degree in the relevant field, which is recognized by the UGC **or** a qualification recognized by the UGC as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field **and** A Postgraduate Degree in the relevant field **and** Corporate

Chartered membership or a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field **with** at least **09** years of Post-qualifying experience in Managerial Level out of which **4** years should be in the senior Managerial level.

4. Grade 1 officer of a government all Island Services or a Similar status in the relevant field **with** at least **5** years of experience in a Grade 1 post

Basic/Additional Qualification will be considered in the following areas;

Micro finance, Development Economics, Development Studies, Project Management, Project Planning, Project Monitoring, Public policy, Economics

Skills

- Experience with the World Bank or similar projects is preferable.
- Experience working on development and management of projects
- Managerial, leadership and staff motivation.
- Financial management and administrative skills.
- Data analysis and report writing.
- Be able to use the MS Office package (Word, Excel and Power Point)
- Problems Solving / Coordination Collaboration.
- Excellent communication and organization skills.
- Have the ability to take a strategic view of the results to be delivered and to conceptualize how the IRDCR project can fit into the overall development objectives in the project area.
- Ability to work under pressure and work extra hours when required.

Travels to Project Areas

Required to travels project implementation areas when required

Working Location

PMU at Colombo/Battaramulla