

Integrated Rurban Development and Climate Resilience Project (IRDCRP)

Terms of Reference (TOR) - Project Officer (Component 3) PS 6

Introduction to 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 Profile

Coordinate with relevant stakeholders for activities of component 3 (**Strengthen the Enabling Environment for Sectoral Growth**) such as; *Better Quality and Availability of Agriculture Data, Quality Infrastructure Improvements and Enhancing Provision of Agricultural Insurance*

Duties and Responsibilities

- Coordinate with all agencies are engaged in the implementation of activities
- Assist PMU for procurement of goods, works, and services related to the activities under the component.
- Coordinate with focal points of each department/ agency as relevant for the preparation of ToRs /Specifications and bidding documents
- Coordinate with IT division of the ministry to enhance the quality and management of data within selected institutes under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands,

and Irrigation by improving existing administrative data collection and collation systems, adopting advanced technologies such as Big Data analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and cloud computing.

- Coordinate with IT division of the ministry for arranging training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), data science, and AI, and developing a comprehensive Management Information System (MIS) to enable the efficient management of the Ministry's programs and policies.
- Coordinate with Project Director (PD), DPD and other relevant staff of PMU and line agencies/department to improve infrastructure of relevant institutes for setting standards or regulations to carry out conformity assessments, operate laboratories, to support the trade of commodities.
- Coordinate with PD/DPD to supply laboratory consumables (e.g. glassware, plastic ware, reagents and chemicals, etc.) which are in short supply to relevant agencies to carry out mandated functions of setting standards/regulations to carry out conformity assessments
- Coordinate with PD/DPD and PMU of IRDCRP project to support improvements in Sri Lanka's NQI by addressing issues in sanitary and phytosanitary certification, for trade. The focus of interventions includes digitization and automation of services, capacity building, and providing equipment to support specific gaps and high-priority investments, especially for export sectors.
- Coordinate with PD/DPD to provide support to the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board (AAIB) in expansion of their insurance coverage with aim of improving the operational efficiencies, digitization and expansion of insurance coverage for potential beneficiaries including the farmers benefitted under this IRDCR project and their produce.
- Any task assigned by PD

PS - 6 Level - Basic Qualifications and Experience Required - (1) or (2) or (3) below.

1. A 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 **or** Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the **NVQ Level – 7**, issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for a post related to Technical field **and** at least **03** years of experience in the required area of specialization.
2. Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the **NVQ Level – 6**, issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for a post related to technical field **and** at least **08** years of experience in the required area of specialization.
3. Having obtained a certificate of proficiency not below than the **NVQ Level – 5**, issued by a Technical/Vocational Training Institute accepted by Tertiary and Vocational

Education Commission for a post related to technical field **and** At least **13** years of experience in the required area of specialization.

Skills

- i. Good knowledge of the institutional, technical, and commercial aspects, specifically documentation related to task
- ii. Excellency writing in English is must;
- iii. Demonstrated computer skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite especially, Word, Excel and PowerPoint;
- iv. Ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously, set priorities, and work independently, or under minimum supervision;
- v. A commitment to achieve the targets and objectives of the organization;
- vi. Knowledge of experience with other international development organizations' procurement procedures would be an added advantage;
- vii. Experience working in the projects with the World Bank or similar projects is preferable.
- viii. Financial management, administrative skills Managerial, leadership and staff motivation.
- ix. Data analysis and report writing.
- x. Excellent communication and organization skills.
- xi. Ability to work under pressure and work extra hours when required.

Travels to Project Areas

Require to travel project implementation areas when required

Working Location

PMU at Colombo/Battaramulla