



# Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation

## Integrated Rurban Development and Climate Resilience Project (IRDCRP) Component 1

### Calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI – 2026/1)

*Join Hands to Build a Resilient, Sustainable,  
and Prosperous Rural Economy*

*Association with “AgriConnect”, a World Bank Group initiative*

The **Integrated Rurban Development and Climate Resilience Project (IRDCRP)** of the **Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation (MoALLI)** supported by the **World Bank Group** invites **Producer Organizations** — including Farmer Producer Organization, Public Unlisted Companies, Producer Cooperatives, Associations, Societies, and other similar organizations-with **innovative business ideas** in value chains investments, commercial and export-oriented agribusiness, and value-addition activities to submit their **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** for consideration under the **Productive Partnership Development** initiative.

The development of a modern and commercially diversified agri-food sector is a crucial part of the Government’s strategy for economic recovery and rural prosperity. Accordingly, IRDCRP promotes **sustainable agri-food systems, climate-smart agriculture, efficient water management, and improved livelihoods** for rural communities.

#### Productive Partnerships for Value Chain Development

IRDCRP Component 1 focuses on enhancing market access, through productive partnership and developing value chains in **agriculture, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, spices, and plantation crops**. It also aims to strengthen private sector provision of **agri-services**, including **youth entrepreneurship**, in order to increase incomes and resilience to climate and economic shocks.

Bankable value chain investments will be identified and financed through a **cost-sharing arrangement**, whereby a portion of the investment cost will be covered by IRDCRP as catalytic investment, while the remaining cost will be borne by beneficiary contributions and a loan secured from a commercial bank.

#### Productive Partnership Windows

The project will support two (02) Productive Partnership Windows based on the maturity assessment of the respective **Producer Organizations**, with each window offering different technical and financial support.

**Window 1 – Emerging Productive Partnerships:** intended for Producer Organizations that are relatively weak in governance and management systems, have limited membership, and/or demonstrate a low level of participation in the proposed investment activity.

**Window 2 – Mature Productive Partnerships:** intended for Producer Organizations that are assessed as mature, with sound governance, strong management systems, and a clear understanding of the proposed investment, including other relevant maturity attributes.

#### Financial Parameters by Window

Description	Window 1	Window 2
Investment Grant	35% or up to US\$300,000 (Rs.93 Mn approx.)	25% or up to US\$500,000 (Rs. 155 Mn approx.)
Beneficiaries Own Contribution	15%	25%
Financial Institution loan	50%	50%
Maximum Investment Grant per Beneficiary per Business Proposal (BP)	US\$2,000 (Rs. 620,000 approx.)	US\$2,500 (Rs. 770,000 approx.)
Minimum number of beneficiaries per Business Plan or Productive Partnership	Agriculture	100
	Livestock	50
	Plantation	20
	Fisheries	20

#### Eligible Sectors

Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Spices, Plantation Crops

#### Application Procedure

Interested Producer Organizations are invited to submit their **Expressions of Interest (EOIs)** by **registered post** using the prescribed format available on the **Ministry of Agriculture website (www.agrimin.gov.lk)** under **Documents - Forms (https://agrimin.gov.lk/downloads/forms)** or “**Read Our Latest Insights**”.

**The submission of the EOI should clearly indicate “EOI 2026/1” on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.**

The initial deadline for the **EOI submission is 10th April 2026 (For more information, refer the Guideline in the above weblink)**

#### Selection Process

Applicants will be shortlisted based on the criteria developed by the **Project Management Unit (PMU)**. The selection will be made on first-come, first-served basis. Shortlisted applicants will undergo **interviews, field verification, and proposal development process** prior to project support.

#### Further Information

For further information, please contact Project Management Unit **011 2 877 550**

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