



Integrated Rurban Development and Climate Resilience Project (IRDCRP)

Component 1.3

Calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI – 2026/YW1) 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 **Women, Youth, the disabled, and other under-represented and marginalized populations** 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 **Sub Component 1.3 to Strengthening private sector provisions of agri-business through youth entrepreneurship** 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.

Empowerment of Youth & Women Entrepreneurs.

Sub-component 1.3 of the Integrated Rurban Development Project (IRDCRP) aims to **strengthen the private sector provision of agribusiness by supporting youth and women led entrepreneurship along agricultural value chains with limited availability of affordable, reliable, and climate-smart agriculture**. Addressing this constraint is essential to improving productivity, reducing post-harvest losses, enhancing market access, and fostering inclusive rural employment, 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.

Investment Windows

The Project will support **works, goods and services to spur private sector provision of agribusiness, with a particular focus on promoting business opportunities for women and youth along the value chain**.

Financial Parameters for component 1.3

Description		Window 1	Window 2
Minimum Total Investment		Rs. 2,000,000 to Rs. 6,000,000	Rs. 6,000,000 Or Above
Investment Support from IRDCRP		50 % or maximum Rs. 2,000,000	35 % or maximum Rs. 3,500,000
Beneficiaries Own Contribution or Financial Institution Loan		50 % (Minimum)	65 %
Age Limit	Youth	18 - 40 Yrs	18 - 40 Yrs
	Women	18 - 50 Yrs	18 - 50 Yrs

Eligible Sectors

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

Application Procedure

Interested Agri entrepreneurs are invited to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOIs) by registered post using the prescribed format (*Component 1.3 – Youth & Women Entrepreneurs*) 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/YW1**” on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. The initial deadline for the EOI submission is **15th May 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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