



**Ministry of Social Welfare and Primary Industries
Agriculture Sector Modernization Project
Component 1: Value Chain Development**

**Lucrative Opportunities for Innovative Agribusiness
Entrepreneurs**

CALLING FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)– 2018/02

The Ministry of Social Welfare & Primary Industries requests **Sri Lankan** farmer producer organizations, cooperatives, entrepreneurs, and individuals who are having innovative business ideas on agriculture value chain investments in commercial and export-oriented agribusinesses and value addition industries, to submit their Expression of Interest to be considered for the technical and financial assistance from Agriculture Sector Modernization Project (ASMP) to make their business idea a success.

With the appreciation of the potentials of Agriculture Sector in the National Economic Development, the Government has given particular emphasis on the Modernization of the Agriculture Sector with a special focus on Agribusiness Value Chain Developments. In view of the facts, the 'Secretariat for Agribusiness' under the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project has been established to uplift the SMEs and large-scale agribusinesses. The interested investors for the establishment of agribusiness startups, expansions, and upgrades with innovations in technology, product, process and market etc. are eligible to submit EOIs.

Fulfilling the requirements of value chain development, the applicants are encouraged to demonstrate mutually beneficial partnerships and business linkages within the value chain. The proposed investments shall also provide substantial opportunities and benefits to targeted small holder farmers, producers and specially women farmer groups.

The project would facilitate developing entrepreneurship skills, transferring technologies, adoption of standards, financing through matching grants and Partial Credit Guarantee to the banker to provide balance finance. The said assistance will be available for projects with total investment starting from Rs. 1.5 Mn and up to 50% of the total investment will be considered as the matching grant amount. Selected investments would have the opportunity of establishing their processing facilities within the proposed Agriculture and Food Processing Zones.

This project is implemented by the Ministry of Social Welfare & Primary Industries with the financial assistance from the International Development Agency of the World Bank.

Eligible Agriculture Value Chains and Inputs

Ceylon Cinnamon and Spices	Fruits and Vegetables	Herbs & Medicines
Livestock and Dairy Products	Fisheries and Aquaculture	Organic Agriculture
Cut Flowers and Foliage	Ornamental Fish	Food & Non-alcoholic
Beverages		
Agriculture Machineries & Equipments	Agriculture Energy Solutions	Storage facilities
Smart Agriculture Equipments	Agriculture Waste Solutions	

Application Procedure

Interested parties are invited to submit their proposed investment in brief, following the format given below to the respective ASMP Regional Offices listed here. The format for the investment in brief could be downloaded from www.mpi.gov.lk or can be collected from the listed regional offices. Investment Project Briefs should be prepared according to the given format.

Eligible candidates will be shortlisted upon evaluation of forms submitted. Shortlisted individual or groups of agribusiness investment proponents will be invited to the respective Regional Office for providing guidance to conceptualize the investment and prepare the Expression of Interest (EOI). Further, agribusiness investment project development, approval, implementation and operation procedures will be explained to the proponents.

The current calling of candidates will be open till 31st October 2018. Eligible EOIs will be considered on the first-come, first-serve basis.

Regional Offices:

Central Region Office

Districts served by the region- *Kandy, Nuwaraeliya, Matale, Polonnaruwa, and Anuradhapura Districts*

Agriculture Sector Modernization Project
Department of Export Agriculture
No. 1095, Sirimawo Bandaranayake Mawatha
Gatambe, Peradeniyay
Tel/Fax: 0812085052
Email: udulabasmp@gmail.com

Eastern Region Office

Districts served by the region- *Ampara, Batticaloa, Badulla, Moneragala, and Trincomalee Districts*

S/3, Deegagamini Mawatha, Ampara
Tel/Fax: 0632224180
Email: dawalagala@gmail.com

Southern Region Office

Districts served by the region- *Galle, Matara, Rathnapura, Hambanthota, and Kegalle Districts*

Agriculture Sector Modernization Project
Department of Export Agriculture
Badie Road, Labuduwa, Akmeemana
Tel/ Fax: 0912228138
Email: asmp.southern@gmail.com

Northern Region Office

Districts served by the region- *Vavuniya, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, and Mulativ Districts*

No. 330, Soosarpillayaer Kulam Road, Vavuniya
Tel/Fax: 02472054858
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Western Region Office

Districts served by the region- *Colombo, Kalutara, Gampaha, Puttlum, and Kurunegala Districts*

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24th June, 2018

3. If you are having a business at present, please provide information below:

3.1. Name of the business:

3.2. Legal status: Proprietorship / Partnership / Limited Liability Company /Cooperative /Association / Other (specify).....

3.3. Names of the Partners'/ Directors'

- I.
- II.
- III.
- IV.
- V.

3.4. Address of the business:

3.5. Business Registration number:

3.6. Date of registration:

3.7. Date of commencement of commercial operations:

3.8. Principal business activities:

4. Please provide experience and qualifications (if any) relevant for the business of the proposed investment:

(Max 05 lines)

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I hereby confirm that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date:

****Any form of canvassing is a disqualification.***