



Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP)

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation



Vacancies

The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP), a project jointly financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Government of Sri Lanka, aims to build resilience and market participation of 40,000 rural households in the climate change-affected districts of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Matale, Mannar, Puttalam and Kurunegala. The lead programme agency is the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation, which would be establish a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) at central level and two regional hubs the implementation of SARP. Total project finance value is USD 59.57 Mn.

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka for the below mentioned positions of for Project Management Unit at Battaramulla.

- 1. Accountant (Category D1) – 01 Position at PMU (Battaramulla)**
- 2. Communication and Knowledge Management Officer (Category D) – 01 Position at PMU (Battaramulla)**
- 3. Audit Assistant (MT 1 – 2025) - 01 Position at PMU (Battaramulla)**

Salary Scale: Based on the Management Services Circular 02/2026.

General Conditions are applicable to the Above - Mentioned Positions.

All the Qualifications should be in the relevant field of the positions.

All applicants are requested to forward their applications along with a Curriculum Vitae, including details of two non-related referees, and copies of all relevant certificates. Applicants who are currently employed in the Government or Semi-Government sector should forward their Curriculum Vitae, including details of two non-related referees and copies of all relevant certificates, through the Head of their institution. All applications should be sent by registered post to the address given below on or before 27th July 2026.

Please visit www.sarp.lk for more details about the required qualifications, experience, and as well as the TOR and application procedure.

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Recruitment of
Accountant (Category D1) – 01 Position
Project Management Unit
Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP)
Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Livestock and Irrigation

The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP) implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation and jointly financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Government of Sri Lanka is for a period of 6 years (2021 to 2027). This Project (SARP), aims to build resilience and market participation of 40,000 rural households in the climate change-affected districts of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Matale, Mannar, Puttalam and Kurunegala, which would be establish a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) at central level and two regional hubs for the implementation. Total project finance value is USD 59.57 Mn.

Applications are invited from qualified Sri Lanka Citizens to recruit Accountant (Category D1) and as per Management Service Department (MSD) Circular Number 02/2026 and Government recruitment procedures for the IFAD funded Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP).

The applicant should possess the following qualification and experience given in the Management Service Department (MSD) Circular Number 02/2026 dated 28th March 2026.

1. Accountant (Category D1) - Project Management Unit

Qualifications and experience:

Based on the Management Services Circular 02/2026.

A Brief Job Description:

The accountant will work under the direct supervision of the Finance Manager, Deputy Project Director & Project Director. The accountant is responsible for the finance and accounts related matters concerning PMU under the SARP at the national level. He/ She will be responsible for building the financial and expenditure management system of relevant PMU under the SARP and will strictly follow all the procedures stipulated for International Fund for Agriculture (IFAD) funded projects, while observing the financial rules of the government of Sri Lanka.

General Conditions:

- Age Limit – Below Sixty-four (64) years on the closing date of application
- All appointments will be initially for a period of one year and extension of services will be based on successful performance.
- Employees are required to travel to project sites depending on the need.
- Working experience in the foreign funded projects in Sri Lanka is preferable
- Proficiency in English, Computer Literacy and familiarity with government rules and regulations.
- Salary for each position will be based on the Management Services Circular No. 02/2026 dated 28th March 2026.
- Short listed applicants based on qualifications and experience will be called for the interview.

Location:

Project Management Unit is located in Battaramulla and the Hub offices are located in Nikawaratiya and Madawachchiya. However, traveling to project locations are involved frequently.

APPLICATIONS:

All applicants are requested to forward their applications together with Curriculum Vitae with two non-related referees and copies of all the certificates attached, under registered post to the address given below on or before **27th July 2026**.

- Applicants currently in government/ semi government services should forward their applications through their respective Head of Departments.
- Applied post should be clearly stated **on the top left – hand corner** of the envelope containing the application.
- The decision of the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigations is final and conclusive on the above recruitments.

Address for Applications

**Project Director,
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For more information, please visit [www.sarp.lk. \(https://sarp.lk/vacancies\)](https://sarp.lk/vacancies)

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19th July 2026

Terms of Reference (TOR)
Accountant (Category D1) – 01 Position
Project Management Unit

Background

The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP) is co-funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Sri Lanka. It aims to contribute to reduce poverty among small-scale farmers and increase food security and nutrition in dry zones by building resilience and enabling rural households to access markets in geographies affected by climate change. The project is focused in select hotspots in Vauniya, Mannar, Puttlam, Kurunegala and Mathale districts aligned across the Deduru oya, Mee oya and Malwathu Oya river basins. The Total Project Finance Value is USD 59.57 Mn.

Scope of work:

The accountant will work under the direct supervision of the Finance Manager, Deputy Project Director & Project Director. The accountant is responsible for the finance and accounts related matters concerning PMU under the SARP at the national level. He/ She will be responsible for building the financial and expenditure management system of relevant PMU under the SARP and will strictly follow all the procedures stipulated for International Fund for Agriculture (IFAD) funded projects, while observing the financial rules of the government of Sri Lanka.

Specific duties of the incumbent will include but are not limited to the following:

- Build the financial and expenditure management system of SARP project.
- Support the SARP Project Management Unit at the national level by planning and managing finances and expenditure related to the PMU under SARP.
- Arrange financial and accounting information and ensure proper record keeping supporting SARP project expenditures at the national level.
- Maintain adequate and updated books of accounts for all financial transactions of the PMU.
- Establish a proper management system of all the SARP project assets on PMU.
- Ensure transparency and accountability in all budget expenditures and authorization and maintains an efficient and transparent financial filling systems.
- Ensure obtaining timely allotments and timely processing of payments.
- Adjustment of tax according to the Ministry of Finance regulations.
- Preparation and forward timely and periodic replenishments to the designated account through finance division of MOALLI.
- Manage financial accounting monitoring and reporting systems of the PMU under the SARP project.

- Work with the PMU in the planning, management, control and reporting on the finances.
- Assist in preparation of annual work plan and budget for the SAR project.
- Prepare monthly, quarterly and annual financial statements and submit those to National Steering Committee, World Bank and the Auditor General.
- Reporting monthly expenditure with treasury records to the finance division of the MOALLI and responsible to the same with Treasury Record.
- Submit financial statements required by the MOALLI to Project Management Unit under the SARP and the Treasury on time to time.
- Replying Audit Surveys raised by the Internal, Audit and Auditor Generals Department in the time prescribed.
- Undertake any additional tasks and responsibilities that may be assigned by the Finance Manager, Deputy Project Director or Project Director/ Secretary –MOALLI.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy, Finance, Commerce or any other relevant degree in Finance/ A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to a degree in the relevant field.

And

Passed the Licentiate II/ Intermediate Examination/ Certificate II in Accounting and Business/ Business Level Examination/ Corporate Level Examination or a higher examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants or a similar professional qualification from a recognized professional body in the field.

With

At least Six (06) years post qualifying experience in the relevant field.

2. An Associate Membership/ A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional body in the relevant field.

With

At least Three (03) years post qualifying experience in the relevant field.

Or

3. An officer of the Government All Island Services Class II/III or above or similar status in the relevant field.

With

At least Six (06) years post qualifying experience in Class II/III post or a similar status in the relevant field.

Other Required Qualifications

- Should possess strong analytical, reporting, and communication skills
- Familiarity with government financial regulations (F.R.), procurement guidelines, and circulars issued by the Ministry of Finance
- Should have a clean disciplinary record and the capacity to work independently under limited supervision

- Proven experience as an IFAD funded projects or other international Agencies would be distinct advantage
- Experience and knowledge of the rules and procedures in force at the IFAD and the Government of Sri Lanka
- Computer-literate and well-versed in the use of MS Word, MS Excel and the Internet
- Experience in working with OPEN System software will be a plus
- Strong inter-personal skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Good oral and written communication skills in English and Sinhala, preferably in Tamil.

Salary Scale:

Based on the Management Services Circular 02/2026.

Location and period of execution

The accountant will be based in PMU with field visits as may be required.

Duration of services

Duration of service is 1 (one) year subject to six (6) months' probation period and extension will be subjected successful performance evaluation according to the Management Service Circular 02/2026.