

CALL FOR BUSINESS PROPOSALS

Youth Entrepreneurship Development Programme

SMALLHOLDER AGRIBUSINESS AND RESILIENCE PROJECT (SARP)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, LANDS AND IRRIGATION

The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP) funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Sri Lanka, intends to reduce poverty among small-scale farmers while enhancing food security and nutrition in dry-zone areas.

The project focuses on building resilience and enabling agribusiness smallholders in climate-affected regions to access markets. Its primary geographical coverage includes selected hotspots areas located in 3 river basins of Deduru Oya, Mee Oya, and Malwathu Oya covering Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Mannar, Puttalam, Kurunegala, and Matale districts.

Under the Youth Entrepreneurship Development (YED) Programme, SARP encourages young individuals to invest for agribusinesses in on-farm development, post-harvest processing, and other agribusiness-related activities. SARP offers a comprehensive assistance package for the eligible youth to encourage them to invest in agribusiness entrepreneurship projects which includes technical training, matching grants (Maximum of Rs. 900,000.00 which is equivalent or less than 45 % of the total cost of the business investment plan), and support to obtain credit facilities, if needed.

Youth who are in the age group of 18-40 years from the project intervention areas are invited to submit their Business Proposals to reach the SARP Project Management Unit (PMU) at the address given below on or before 14th August 2026 (first closing), either by registered post or by hand. Eligible business proposals will be selected through a comprehensive evaluation process and will be considered on a first-come, first served basis. The contact details are given below.

Business Proposal format and the project areas are available on the project's website: **www.sarp.lk** and for more details, contact Youth Entrepreneurship Development Division at 011 277 0986.

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