



Expressions Of Interest (EOI)



Hiring of a Consultancy Firm for conducting Training Programmes on Operation and Maintenance of Minor Irrigation Schemes

[Contract Ref. No.: MOA/SARP/PMU/2026/CS/CQS/O&M/934]

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP)

The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP), implemented under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation and financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from qualified and experienced Consultancy Firms for conducting Training Programmes on Operation and Maintenance of Minor Irrigation Schemes as required to strengthen the capacity of farmers and relevant Government Officers.

The closing date for the submission of EOI will be **09th November 2026**

Please visit www.sarp.lk for more details [detailed request of EOI and Terms of References (TOR)] about the required qualifications, experience, and as well as the application procedure.

Project Director,
Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project,
759/2, Mayurapada Pirivena Road, Thalangama South, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.

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The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP) contribute to smallholder poverty reduction, food security and nutrition in the Dry Zone region of Sri Lanka. The development objective is to build resilience and market participation of 40,000 rural smallholder households in the project area, representing approximately 148,000 persons.

SARP is implemented in selected project districts in the North, North Central, Central and North Western Provinces, with interventions linked to climate resilience, inclusive value chains, market participation, tank rehabilitation, climate-resilient production investments, youth entrepreneurship, nutrition, and other project-supported livelihood activities.

SARP seeks a Consultancy Firms for conducting Training Programmes on Operation and Maintenance of Minor Irrigation Schemes as required to strengthen the capacity of farmers and relevant Government Officers on the effective operation and maintenance of minor irrigation schemes, improve water management practices, enhance climate resilience and ensure the sustainable operation of rehabilitated irrigation infrastructure under SARP.

The selected Consultancy firm needs to design training materials, conduct field-based training programmes, demonstrate practical applications and submit individual training reports for each irrigation scheme in accordance with the approved Terms and References (TOR).

Those who are interested can download the Terms of References (TOR) & request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) through website www.sarp.lk

Please forward your EOI on or before **09th November 2026** by registered post/by hand to reach the following address and e-mail a soft copy of the registered post application with all the documents indicating subject of the email as "Hiring of Consultancy Firms for conducting Training Programmes on Operation and Maintenance of Minor Irrigation Schemes - Contract Ref. No.: MOA/SARP/PMU/2026/CS/CQS/O&M/934" to **procurementsarp@gmail.com**. Please indicate the same topic on the top left-hand corner of the envelope while posting the EOI.

For more details, please contact Senior Procurement Specialist on 077-3441309 or procurementsarp@gmail.com during working days, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Address

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Terms of Reference (TOR)

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1. Background

Efficient water management and maintenance of minor irrigation schemes are crucial for sustainable agricultural productivity and water resource conservation. To strengthen the capacity of stakeholders involved in irrigation, a training consultant is required to develop and conduct training sessions aimed at enhancing knowledge and practical skills in water management and irrigation maintenance.

2. Objective

The main objective of the consultancy is to provide technical training and capacity-building support to irrigation stakeholders, including farmers, water user associations, and government extension officers, on effective water management and the maintenance of minor irrigation schemes in the Project area.

3. Scope of Work

The selected Consultancy Firm will be responsible for:

- Conducting a training needs assessment to identify key knowledge gaps and capacity-building requirements.
- Designing and developing a training plan, programme schedule, training materials, tailored to the needs of various stakeholders.
- Delivering interactive training sessions on water management, efficient irrigation techniques, and maintenance practices.
- Demonstrating practical applications of irrigation system maintenance and basic troubleshooting and appreciate responses to common operational challenges.
- Provide Guiding on water conservation strategies and climate-resilient irrigation practices.
- Document the training activities, participants attendance, key lessons learned, evaluation findings and recommendations for future capacity building activities..

4. Deliverables

The consultancy firm is expected to produce the following outputs:

- Training needs assessment report.
- Training-related resource materials.
- Training evaluation results and a summary of participants feed back
- Final report summarizing training activities, outcomes, challenges, lessons learned and recommendations.

5. Duration and Location

The consultancy will be for Nine months, with training sessions conducted at field sites or locations closer to the relevant minor irrigation schemes.

6. Qualifications and Experience

The consultant should possess:

Basic Requirements and Experience

- The Consultancy Firm shall demonstrate at least five years of relevant experience in irrigation system operation, maintenance, management or related technical work.
- Demonstrated experience in planning and conducting training programmes and developing capacity building materials.
- Sound knowledge of minor irrigation systems, water management and water conservation practices.
- Ability to conduct field-based training and provide practical demonstrations.
- Strong facilitation, communication, coordination and report writing skills.

Extra Requirements and Experience

- Previous experience on working with Government agencies and Farmer Organizations.
- Experience in climate resilient agriculture.
- Experience in preparing training evaluation tools, documenting results and developing recommendation for follow up capacity building.

7. Application Process

Interested Consultancy Firms should submit:

- The detailed CVs highlighting relevant qualifications and experience along with the EOI.