



# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

## Agriculture Sector Modernization Project

### Recruitment of Project Staff - Colombo

The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing the Agriculture Sector Modernization Project (ASMP) financed by the International Development Agency (IDA) of the World Bank in line with the Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) to support smallholder farmers to produce competitive and marketable commodities, improve their ability to market requirements and move towards increased commercialization. The value of the project is US\$ 64.23 Million, and the end date of the project is 30.06. 2023.

Applications are invited from the citizens of Sri Lanka with the below mentioned qualifications and experience to fill the following position of the Project Management Unit (PMU) in Colombo.

#### **FARMER TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING SPECIALIST (PS 3) — ONE POST**

The role and objectives of the above specialist is to support knowledge building and capability improvements of smallholder farmers and establishment of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to help them to respond better to market opportunities. End result is to be that FPOs should be able to run their businesses independently and sustainably.

An international firm/International Service Provider (ISP) has already been working along with the ASMP in developing Agriculture Demonstration Parks. The Institutional Development/ Training Expert of the ISP along with other international consultants, is working closely with the ASMP team. The selected specialist for the above post will have to work collaboratively with the members of the ISP, ASMP, officers of the Ministry of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture, and also with provincial related officers and all other stakeholders.

- Required Qualifications and experience (1 or 2 or 3 below as per the Management Service Circular No:01/2019 dated 05.03.2019) :

1. A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the University Grants Commission,

**Or**

A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field

**Or**

An Associate membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

**With**

At least 10 years post qualifying experience at managerial level

2. A successfully completed Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field, which is recognized by the University Grants Commission

**Or**

A qualification recognized by the University Grants Commission as an equivalent qualification to the degree in the relevant field

**Or**

An Associate membership / a similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

**And**

A Postgraduate Degree in the relevant field or Corporate Chartered membership or similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional institution in the relevant field

**With**

At least 8 years post qualifying experience in Managerial Level

3. Class 1 Officer of a Government All Island Services or a similar status in the relevant field

**With**

At least 03 years of experience in the Class 1 post

- Shall not be more than 64 years of age at the closing date of applications.
- Knowledge and experience in farmer/small business entrepreneurship training is essential
- Knowledge and experience in farmer organization building is important
- Applicants who are in public service should send their applications through their respective Heads of Departments
- Name of the applied post should be clearly stated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the application.

#### **Method of Selection:**

Shortlisted applicants based on qualifications and experience will be called for an interview.

Salary Scale: Salary is based on the Management Service Circular (MSD) No. 01/2019 of 05.03.2019

#### **Conditions of Employment:**

Officers belonging to Government Services may be recruited on secondment/no pay basis as per the Management Service Circular No. 01/2019 and persons outside the public service will be recruited on contract basis. All appointments will be initially for one year period and extension of service will be based on the successful performance of the employee.

#### **Applications:**

All applicants are requested to forward their applications together with Curriculum Vitae along with two non-related referees and copies of the certificates under registered post on or before 31 May 2021 to reach the address given below.

**Project Director**  
**Agriculture Sector Modernization Project**  
**(Ministry of Agriculture)**  
**No. 123/2, Pannipitiya Road**  
**Battaramulla.**

**For details, Contact: Deputy Project Director - 071-4899021**