



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF WOMEN, CHILD AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FINANCED FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD RECOVERY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROJECT (L4205)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR RECRUITMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST / GRADUATION APPROACH

Deadline for Submission: 02 January 2023 (14.00 Hrs. Sri Lanka Standard Time)

1. In response to a food insecurity crisis, Asian Development Bank (ADB) supports Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) to ensure access to food and protect livelihoods for the poor and vulnerable through the Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project. The project aims to improve food security and protect the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable nationwide, especially women and children, by temporarily expanding direct financial support to compensate for food price increases, supporting livelihood development activities to counteract food shortages and income losses, and enhancing social protection systems to ensure that the project reaches its intended beneficiaries and strengthen resilience to future emergencies. Part of the project is to support the upgrading, operationalization, and implementation of the graduation strategy to enable the poor to achieve key milestones towards sustainable livelihoods and socio-economic resilience along a pathway out of extreme poverty. The Executing Agency is Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment (MWCASE).
2. The objective of the assignment is to upgrade of the existing graduation strategy, the design and development of operational procedures and tools, and stakeholder capacity building for implementation of the graduation strategy.

Under the guidance of the Secretary/Project Director of MWCASE and the Director General of the Department of Samurdhi Development (DSD), and in collaboration with the project implementation unit (PIU) and international graduation specialist, the consultant will assist MWCASE and DSD in upgrading the existing graduation strategy, the design and development of operational procedures and tools, and stakeholder capacity building for the expansion of graduation strategy implementation, based on the findings of the evaluation of previous pilots, lessons from ongoing livelihood development programs, and international best practices.

3. It is estimated that the consulting services will require about 12 months input period on intermittent basis from a national person. The estimated cost is about USD 23,500 including contingency. A detailed description of the requirements is provided in the terms of reference available on ADB website (<http://csrnl.adb.org>).
4. The assignment location will be in Colombo, Sri Lanka with frequent travelling to project area. Eligible individual consultant is invited to indicate their interest in providing the required services. The Expression of Interest may be submitted either online through ADB's website or in hardcopy to the address indicated below.
5. **For online submission:** (1) register with ADB's Consultant Management System at ADB website <http://www.adb.org> (2) go to <http://csrnl.adb.org> , (3) click on "Sri Lanka", (4) find captioned project name and click on "View CSRNL", (5) click on "Express Interest", and (6) follow the instructions. Important: All requested information must be filled-in completely.

6. **For hardcopy submission:** interested consultants must prepare and submit the “Expression of Interest (EOI)” in a standard form available on ADB website <https://www.adb.org/documents/recruitment-firms-individual-consultants-executing-agencies> Prepare and submit to the address indicated below with the envelope labelled as: **“Expression of Interest for Social Development Specialist / Graduation Approach for Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project”**.
7. The Expression of Interest must be submitted online or received at the address indicated below before **02 January 2023 (14.00 Hrs Sri Lanka Standard Time)**. An individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the consultant qualification procedures set out in the ADB Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by the Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers.

Hardcopy should be delivered to the following address:

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Additional information can be obtained from above address or by visiting ADB website (www.adb.org) or Ministry website (www.childwomenmin.gov.lk)

Secretary
Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
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