



Environmental Screening Report

Strengthening Field Crops Research and Development
Institute's (FCRDI) Activities- Technology for Development of
Maize and Chili Hybrids and Upgrading of Seed Quality
Improvement Facility for Basic Seeds in Mahailuppallama



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ABBREVIATIONS

Al Agriculture Instructor

ASMP Agriculture Sector Modernization Project

ASC Agrarian Service Center

ATDP Agricultural Technology Demonstration Park

CBO Community-Based Organization
DSD Divisional Secretary Division

EMF Environmental Management Framework

EMP Environmental Management Plan ESR Environmental Screening Report

FO Farmers Organization

FPO Farmers' Production Organization

GAP Good Agricultural Practices GND Grama Niladhari Division GoSL Government of Sri Lanka

IDA International Development Association
 IEE Initial Environmental Examination
 IPM Integrated Pest Management
 LGA Local Government Authority
 MOA Ministry of Agriculture

IVIOA IVIIIISTI Y OI AGIICUITUIE

MOPI Ministry of Primary Industries

NIRP National Involuntary Resettlement Policy

NGO Non-Governmental Organization

OP Operational Policy

PAP Project Affected Persons
PCR Physical Cultural Resources
PMP Pest Management Plan
PMU Project Management Unit

SLRs Sri Lanka Rupees

ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING REPORT (ESR)

A. THE PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Title	Strengthening Field Crops Research and Development Institute's (FCRDI) Activities- Technology for Development of Maize and Chili Hybrids and Upgrading of Seed Quality Improvement Facility for Basic Seeds in Mahailuppallama		
Project Proponent	Agriculture Sector Modernization Project (ASMP)		
Purpose and	The purpose of the ESR is to provide viable mitigation measures against		
scope of ESR	all identified environmental impacts during the screening process of the subproject. This ESR includes the basic information of the subproject, justification of the subproject selection, anticipated impacts, and environmental condition of the subproject area, and stakeholder consultations and concerns on subproject identification, designing, and implementation, the implementation plan of the viable mitigation measures against the identified environmental impacts.		

B. PROJECT LOCATION

Location	The subproject's activities will be mainly implemented in the land belongs to Field Crops Research and Development Institute (FCRDI)-Mahailuppallama. The institute is located at Mahailuppallama 35 km away from Anuradhapura city in Ipalogama DS division of Anuradhapura district in the North Central Province Under this subproject, development of hybrid and basic seeds and upgrading of seed quality improvement facility for basic seeds will be implemented. The location maps are annexed as Annex 1.1.	
Location (Google Map) 1. Mahailuppallam a 8°06'42.21" N 80°28'01.26" E	Family Corp Research & Development Institute. Mahailuppallama Figure 1: Location of the Field Crops Research Institute- Mahailuppallama	
Definition of	The research history of Mahailluppallama dates back to the year 1903 in	
Project Area	which field experiments were initiated aiming to identify suitable	

(The geographical extent of the project & areas affected during construction)

economic crops for dry zone rainfed conditions. Cotton, Sisal, Tobacco, and Groundnut were given more emphasis, however, remoteness and other difficulties led to the close down of the research station in 1919. Research Programs were then operated at Vavuniya and Anuradhapura (1926), Kurundakulama (1938), Relapanawa, Olukaranda and Makalanagama (1949).

In 1950 a fully equipped research station was established at Mahailluppallama and many research findings have been reported since then. The station was renamed as Field Crops Research and Development Institute in 1994 and entrusted the responsibility of conducting research programs on field crops

There are nine (9) main divisions and six (6) subdivisions come under FCRDI

- 1. Plant Breeding Divisions
 - Chili

Coarse grains

Onion

Soybean & Cowpea

Mungbean & Blackgram

Vegetables

- 2. Agronomy Division
- 3. Soil & Water Management Division
- 4. Soil Science Division
- 5. Biotechnology Division
- 6. Entomology Division
- 7. Plant Pathology Division
- 8. Weed Science Division
- 9. Horticulture Division.



Figure 2: Field Crop Research and Development Institute- Mahailuppallama

Adjacent land and features

The total land extent under FCRDI- Mahailuppalama is about 360ha (890 acres) and it includes research station buildings, staff quarters, and cultivation area. The area where FCRDI is located belongs to Ipologama DS division of the Anuradhapura district in North Central Province. The area belongs to the low country dry zone.

This research station mainly aims at development of the field crops since the major portion of the field crop production is generated by the low country dry zone of Sri Lanka. The institute is aiming at developing new technology and facilitating the technology dissemination for enhancement of production and productivity in the field crop sector. Field crops include condiments (chili and onions), grain legumes (mungbean, cowpea, black gram, pigeon pea, and chickpea), oilseed crops (groundnut, soybean, sesame, and sunflower) and non-rice cereals (maize, sorghum, finger millet, and other millets).

There are no privately owned lands adjacent to FCRDI but it is surrounded by many government institutions. They are;

- Government Seed and Planting Material Production Farm-Mahailuppallama
- Seed Certification Service- Regional Office
- Seed Certification Laboratory
- Plant Protection Service Office
- Farm Mechanization Research Center- Mahailuppallama
- In-Service Training Institute, Department of Agriculture, Mahailuppallama
- Veterinary Office
- Mahailuppallama Sub Campus (Dry Zone Teaching, Research, and Outreach)
- Mahaweli Block Manager's Office
- Mahaweli Community Radio
- A Primary Medical Care Unit

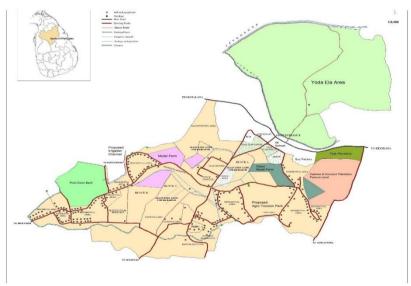


Figure 3: Site map of the FCRDI-Mahailuppallama

C. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Need for the project
(What problem is the project

The ASMP has launched its activities in nine districts of seven provinces of the country. Project Management Unit (PMU) and Provincial Project Management (PPMUs) directly implement the two kinds of subproject activities that mainly consist with Productivity Enhancement and

going to solve

Diversification Demonstrations and the infrastructure development programs. The Department of Agriculture (DOA) acts as the main project partner agency of Productivity Enhancement and Diversification Demonstrations. DOA's activities consist with designing of subprojects, training farmers, monitoring subprojects' activities and involving the troubleshooting of the program. The agricultural research stations play remarkable role in ASMP's activities by providing technical inputs, and introducing new hybrid varieties to the farmers. Further, analyzing soil & crop samples of the farmers and giving recommendations for the fertilizer usage, and investigating pest and disease attacks of the crops and giving viable mitigation measures to overcome the issues timely are services provided by the agricultural research stations. The services of the research stations have extended to increase productivity and profitability of other field crops (OFC) farming, make available quality produces and resource conservation, and eco-friendly OFC farming.

The main objective of the research and the development activities of these research station are:

- To make available demanding OFC varieties for stakeholders
- To make available associated technologies for high productivity, profitability, and sustainability with an emphasis on climate change mitigation/adaptation/escape
- To minimize post-harvest losses and enhance value addition
- To assure the availability of quality seeds for stakeholders

The conventional farming techniques and the field crops varieties are not enough to produce the country food requirement. Major portion of the field crops production except locally grown vegetables are imported to the country to cater the existing demand. Further, a considerable foreign exchange has to be paid by the country annually to import the high yielding hybrid vegetable seeds. This situation makes burdens to the country, one is it threats on the food security and importation of the field crops production requires high foreign exchange while it directly effects on the country's economy. Hence, producing of hybrid crop varieties that are giving high yielding and continues research activities pertaining to the field crop production is essential to ensure the production.

The need of this subproject emphasizes that enhancement of hybrid seed production (Chili and Maize) that are implemented under ASMP. These two crops have potential benefits to the country economy.

Chili is one of the most important cash crops grown in Sri Lanka and an essential condiment. In 2019, Sri Lanka produced 75,000 t of green chili, meeting about 95% of the national requirement. However, the total requirement for Dry Chili is imported approximately 50,000 t per annum. The national average yield of green chili was stagnated at 4.7 t/ha until the recent past, which could be boosted to 20 t/ha with the introduction of locally-developed Chili hybrids which are moderately resistant to LCC and with associated precision farming technologies. The chili hybrids, MICH HY 01 and MICH HY 02 have the yield potential of over 35 t/ha of green chili. But the limited production of hybrid Chili seeds, fulfilling less

than 25% of the demand, is the major constraint to expanding its cultivation, which is about 2,000 kg per annum at present. Hence, about 15,000 ha Chili cultivation is still under open-pollinated varieties (OPV). Current efforts by the DOA in collaboration with the farmer organizations, foreign-funded projects, and the private sector to produce Chili hybrid seeds need to be expanded to achieve self-sufficiency in both green and dry chili production. More than 10,000 ha of hybrid Chili cultivation and 8,000 ha of OPV as commercial cultivation as well as a home garden crop is required to meet the demand for green and dry Chili. Hence, the annual hybrid Chili seeds requirement is 6,500 kg. Hence, efforts to strengthen the capacity of seed production of locally developed Chili hybrids at a reasonable price are timely.

Maize is the second-largest cereal extent in Sri Lanka, next to rice. Mainly used for animal feed (80% of the production) and the rest is used in the confectionery industry. A low percentage of maize is harvested at the green cob stage for direct consumption as boiled cobs, while the whole maize plants are harvested as fodder for the dairy industry. The demand for maize grains increased over the years and was about 500,000 t in 2019. However, the local production was 391,000 t in 2019 and the rest is imported. Farmers have gradually shifted to the cultivation of hybrid seeds during the last two decades, thus, increasing national productivity. More than 95% of farmers are growing hybrids at present, but about 95% of the total seed requirement is fulfilled by imported maize hybrids.

The DOA recently released new maize hybrids i.e., MI Maize HY 3, MI Maize HY 4, and MI Maize HY 5, and these hybrids, are comparable in yields with most of the imported hybrids and moderately resistant to drought. These locally developed hybrids are well adapted to rainfed upland ecosystems in the Dry zone where major maize-growing areas are located. The total hybrid seed requirement is about 1,200– 1,500 tons per annum. The local maize hybrid seed production, a very limited quantity, is still confined to the government sector. With the inadequacy of local production, the price of imported hybrids is increasing annually making them unaffordable to most farmers. Therefore, interventions through public-private-producer partnership to enhance seed production of locally-developed hybrid maize varieties at least to meet 25% of the seed demand is essential and timely.

The cultivation of locally-produced Chili and Maize hybrids among Sri Lankan farmers is low, which is mainly attributed to the non-availability of their required quantities in local markets.

Thus, producing hybrid seeds suitable for local environments and making them available at a reasonable price is a prerequisite for the productivity enhancement of chili and maize crops in Sri Lanka. The private sector has not invested in large-scale hybrid seed production but continues its operations on a limited scale. FCRDI will implement a separate subproject to enhance the Maize and Chili hybrid seeds production. Under this subproject, FCRDI hopes to develop the technology in the improvement of seeds quality by adhering to the new technology. The

existing method in seeds quality improvement is a manual and conventional system. With the enhancement of seeds production, the existing method will not be enough to maintain the quality of the seeds. Therefore, strengthening of the facilities available at Mahailuppallama is considered an essential and timely need for Chili and Maize hybrid seeds quality improvement, which can be utilized by other public and private sector agencies to enhance the hybrid seed production in Sri Lanka But existing seed production facilities of the stations are not enough to cater to the farmers and the country requirements. Strengthening infrastructure and Technological/Technical capacities of the Department of Agriculture is an essential need to ensure provision services and follow-up support for the farmer production organization (FPOs) established under Component 2 of the ASMP. This is further to the basic field facilities established for basic seed production of chili and maize (FIELD CROPS CENTER), vegetables including potato vegetable CENTER), and the fruit crops (FRUIT Center), which the centers of excellence of the relevant crop categories established at Mahailuppallama (including Kilinochchi and Aralaganiwila), Gannoruwa/ Kundasale/ Dondagolla/ Seetha Eliya Complex, and Horana, respectively.

Improvement of hybrid seeds qualities in FCRDI- Mahailuppallama, will be a sustainable solution for the continuing of modern technologies that are introduced to the farmers by ASMP. Therefore, launching of capacity building program to enhance the hybrid seeds quality of FCRDI is an essential and mandatory requirement of the agriculture sector modernization.

Purpose of the project (What is going to be achieved by carrying out the project)

The project will directly result the improvement of hybrid seeds quality in the process of seeds production at FCRDI- Mahailuppallama. Ultimately, it gives the benefits to the farmers who have engaged in field crop cultivation in the country. The following purposes will be achieved by implementing the subproject.

- Improving the quality of hybrid seeds produced by the FCRDI of Excellence is imperative to achieve the objectives of the ASMP, especially in terms of sustainability through continuous interventions.
- Providing high-quality basic hybrid seeds to selected farmers and private organizations to promote them for hybrid seeds production.
- Providing technical support to the farmers/private organizations to improve crop productivity, especially in the established SL-GAP farms through the services provided by the Centers of Excellence and the Extension and Training arms of the DOA, Provincial Departments of Agriculture, and the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.
- Field quality assurance by auditing and issuing of SL-GAP certificate to the GAP farms established through the involvement of the Centers of Excellence and with the assistance of the Seed

Certification Service in the DOA, which regulates the auditing of SL-GAP farms.

- Support the establishment of productive model farms, including GAP Model Farms, in the project sites through technological intervention from the Centers of Excellence, including the production of Chili, Maize and other field crops.
- Continuous laboratory monitoring programs to be carried out island-wide on pesticide residues, contaminants, and pollutants in the agriculture environment comprise of food, soil, and water and monitoring programs for periodic assessment of toxicity of pesticides to pests, natural enemies, and beneficial organisms for maintaining the sustainability of model farms

The expected outcomes through the implementation of the subproject are as follows;

- Chili: 3 varieties (high yielding: 35 t/ha green chili), tolerant to leaf curl complex, suitable for dry chili production)- Three varieties within 5 years)
- Maize: 3 varieties (high yielding: 8-10 t/ha, having complete husk cover and complete cob filling up to tip. (Three varieties within 5 years)
- Developed inbred lines for hybrid variety improvement program-Chili: 6 lines and Maize: 8 lines
- Developed cost effective technology packages for hybrid seed production
- IOT-based infrastructure facilities for future research & development activities
- Novel land preparation and development technologies
- Plant protection diagnostics -Effective diagnosis of diseases and thereby managing diseases-
- Quick identification of samples

The ultimate effort of the ASMP is to establish good agriculture practices (GAP) in the farming activities by introducing new technologies.

considered (Different ways to meet the project need and achieve the project

Alternatives

purpose)

FCRDI has more than 4 decades of experience in conventional methods of seeds quality improvement. With the introduction of cost-effective new technology to the seeds quality improvement process and cater the high demand in high-quality seeds are the emerging needs in the sector. To compete with the imported hybrid seeds, enhancement of hybrids' seeds quality is the only alternative that can be applied. There is no private sector service also to hire locally.

Therefore, enhancement of hybrid seeds quality is the one and only alternative to cater the national requirements of the both crops. But DOA's research stations have no capacity to produce the whole hybrid seed requirement of the country. Through these initiatives, FCRDI hopes to promote the farmers and private organizations in high quality hybrid seed production industry of the country.

To achieve this objective, FCRDI will supply the basic seeds for the hybrid seed producers, transfer technology through the training and demonstration programs, conduct continues auditing, and intervene to solve the issues arisen timely.

D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

March 2022		
(03 Months)		
May 2022		
SLRs 100.0 Mn		
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FCRDI-Mahailuppallama is located on the state land that is under the		
purview of the DOA. The total land extent belongs to FCRDI is 360ha (890		
acres).		
This subproject is mainly focusing to technology for development of		
Maize and Chili hybrids and upgrading of seed quality improvement		
facility for basic seeds. The following activities will be implemented as		
the scope of the subproject.		
1. Materials for automated controlling units (4 units) for sprinkler		
irrigation (6 acres)		
2. Automated weather station (1 unit)		
3. Agriculture machinery		
i. Inter-cultivators (5 units)		
ii. Seeders (5 units)		
iii. Weeders (5 units)		
iv. Bush cutters (10 units)		
4. Construction of Thermo Gradient Tunnel (1 unit)		
5. Automation of existing rain-out shelters (3 units)		
6. Renovation of glass houses (3 units) and rain shelters (3 units)		
7. Renovation of a quality improvement unit (existing infrastructure at		
FCRDI - Mahailluppallama) including rooms for dryer, seed extractor,		
color sorter, packing machine, seed coating machine – (1 unit each)		
- Seed Dryers (2 units)		
- Color sorters (1 unit)		
 Vacuum packing machines (1 unit) 		
- Seed extractors (maize and chili) (3 units)		
- Seed coating machine (2 units)		
8. Cold room facility for seed storage		
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The sub-activities with the cost allocation under the subproject is		
presented in Annex 2.		
The design drawings of the Thermo Gradient Tunnel are presented in		
Annex 3.		

Project Management Team

A Project Management Unit (PMU) has been established under the Ministry of Agriculture to implement the proposed project activities. Contact Persons:

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Nature of Consultations and Inputs Received

Consultations with Environmental and Social Safeguard Specialist/ PMU and field visits to the project site.

F. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SUBPROJECT ACTIVITIES

1. Supplying Equipment to the Laboratories

Existing Condition of the Facilities

There are nine (9) main divisions and six (6) subdivisions that come under FCRDI- Mahailuppallama. Each division has laboratory facilities within the premises and research activities have been undertaken by the well-experienced & qualified research staff that consists of Director, Additional Director (Research), Deputy Director (Research), Assistant Directors Agriculture (Research), Research Assistants, and Technical Assistants. As the main research divisions, there are 1. Plant Breeding Division that consists of the subdivisions categorized as (i) Chili, (ii) Coarse Grains, (iii) Onion, (iv) Soybean & Cowpea, (v) Mungbean & Blackgram and (vi) Vegetables, (2) Agronomy Division, (3) Soil & Water Management Division, (4) Soil Science Division, (5) Biotechnology Division, (6) Entomology Division, (7) Plant Pathology Division, (8) Weed Science Division and (9) Horticulture Division. Apart from these research divisions, FCRDI-Mahailuppallama has six (6) laboratory facilities that have been established to conduct research and experiments. Bio-Technology, Entomology & Plant

Pathology, Soil Science, Breeding, Agronomy and Soil & Water Management are the main laboratories that help to FCRDI activities.

There are seven (6) research units that come under the heading of RARDC-Kilinochchi. They are;

- 1. Plant Breeding: Developing new plant varieties suitable for dry and intermediate zones of Sri Lanka. Changing the traits of plants to produce desired characteristics.
- 2. Plant Pathology: Evaluation of disease samples collected from research and farmers' fields. Detect the causal organism and suggest the possible solution to control the disease. Evaluation and efficacy of biocontrol agents for pathogens.
- 3. Plant Entomology: Management of insect pests of field, fruit, and OFCs. Deliver effective solutions using integrated pest management strategies.
- 4. Breeder Seed Production
- 5. Soil and Agronomy
- 6. Organic Agriculture

Major research related activities of RARDC- Kilinochchi are as follows,

- Development and release of new plant varieties which suitable for dry and intermediate zones.
- Development of high yielding locally preferred and field tolerant crops to major fungal diseases.
- Collect and analyze soil and water samples and generating reports with recommendations.
- Organic control methods for pest and other insects

DOA annually allocates funds for the recurrent expenditures of the laboratories. But existing equipment and the facilities are not enough to expand the labs' services. These labs should be equipped to expand their service to produce hybrid varieties of the crops and other crops related research stations and developments.

The FCRDI has established the facilities required for the existing research works, seed production activities and the lab testing program at the request of farmers and the private sector.



Figure 4: The rain shelters identified to rehabilitate



Figure 5: Glass houses in dilapidated condition





Figure 6: Seed sorting machine

Figure 7: Existing cool storage

2. Other factors

Solid waste

All the crop residuals and post-harvest waste generated at the research station are burnt to keep the hygienic condition of the farm land. The agrochemical waste and their containers are kept in a separate safe store building established in Mahailuppallama research station. This store premise is arranged to store the chemical wastes of all research stations until properly destroyed. This store is being monitored by the DOA's special audit team timely whether there is quantity and process are going properly. This is a special and important process observed during the screening process. There are no residential houses, staff quarters, offices, sensitive areas (community gathering centers, Tank, waterways, Marshy land, Forest patches...), or any other activity within a 500m radius of this safe store. DOA selects a contractor who has the facilities for the insulation of these waste at higher temperature (through Cement Kiln Co-processing) as approved and appropriate method. Most often, the cement factories have been selected as the qualified contractor for this job. This process is being monitored by the DOA's special audit team timely whether there is quantity and process are going properly



Figure 8: Chemical waste store located at Mahailuppallama research station

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		the crop residuals and post-harvest waste are burnt to keep the hygienic		
		dition of the farm lands		
E-Waste	The t	total solution of the e-waste disposal consists of three main pillars.		
Management	They	are E-Waste Collection, E-V	Vaste Logistics, and E-Waste Dismantling.	
Process	Durir	During the e-waste collection, segregation is the most important step that		
	helps	helps to decide the disposal system. The segregation of the waste should		
	be do	one at the place of origin and	research stations will segregate and store	
	their	e-waste in the safe storage r	oom. The CEA has introduced the E-Waste	
	dispo	osal system to Sri Lanka	when it became a national issue.	
	Simu	Simultaneously, they have introduced the Licensed E-Waste collectors to		
	manage the logistics and the dismantling steps of the waste disposal			
	proce	process. The research stations have a responsibility to hand over their e-		
	•	waste to the licensed waste collector timely. The list of CEA licensed E-		
		Waste collectors is annexed as Annex 5. Based on the type of e-waste,		
		following disposal systems have been identified for the proper		
	management.			
	- Management			
	SN	Type of waste	Disposal System	
	1	Printed Circuit Board /	Exported for Recycling	
		Core Waste		
	2	Plastic Waste	Redirected to Recyclers	
	3	Wire Waste	Redirected to Recyclers	
	4	Metal Waste	Redirected to Recyclers	
	5	Unrecyclable Waste	Disposed of through Cement Kiln Co-	

E. DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

1. Physical features — Ecosystem components			
Topography and terrain	Geologically, the Mahailuppallama area belongs to the Vanni Complex of Sri Lanka and the elevation is below 113m AMSL. Generally, the area is having a flat to undulating terrain with a low slope (<slope 30%).="" a="" agro-ecological="" and="" area="" combination="" country="" dl2="" dry="" falls="" features="" into="" is="" lanka="" low="" of="" project="" site="" sri="" th="" the="" this="" zone="" zones<=""></slope>		
Climate and Meteorology	Climatically the area belongs to low country dry zone and the average temperature is 27.8°C and maximum and minimum are 35.1°C and 29.4°C respectively. The average annual rainfall varies from 1,300 mm to 2,416 mm and average 1,400mm. Relative Humidity varies from 70% during the day to 90% at night.		
Soil (type and quality)	Two main soil groups can be identified; i.e., Reddish Brown Earth and Low Humic Gley Soils are the soil types in this area (Source: soil map of Sri Lanka). The area is not identified as landslide-prone areas as per the Soil Conservation Act of Sri Lanka.		
Surface water (Sources, distance from	Many open water bodies such as tanks and irrigation canals are located within the Ipalogama DSD. Mahailuppallama Tank is located at the southern boundary		

processing

the site, local uses and quality) of the research station land. And Yoda Ela (Right distribution canal of Kalawewa) runs at Northern boundary of the research station land.



Figure 9: Open water bodies located within area

Use: The main surface water sources of the area are irrigation canals and tanks. The use of surface water for bathing & washing purposes, animals, and agriculture is common.

Quality: The quality of surface water in the area is moderate

Ground water

(Sources, distance from the site, local uses and quality) The groundwater of the area is available. Generally, the groundwater table is located within 3-5m depth and many farmers, institutions have constructed dug wells, agro wells, and tube wells for the use of domestic, animals, and irrigation purposes. The groundwater table of the areas is recharged with the tanks and the irrigation canal network located within the area.

The quality of groundwater present in this area is moderate in condition and use for washing/bathing activities. Most of the residents of the area use at least domestic level RO¹ (Reverse Osmosis) units to purify the groundwater for drinking purposes.

The FCRDI has constructed a rainwater harvesting system using roofs of the research premises buildings. The collected rainwater is mainly used for the washing purposes of the research station.

¹ Reverse Osmosis (RO) is a water treatment process that removes contaminants from water by using pressure to force water molecules through a semipermeable membrane. During this process, the contaminants are filtered out and flushed away, leaving clean, delicious drinking water.

	Figure 10: Rainwater collection underground tank
Air quality (Any pollution issues)	Any major pollution source near the three research stations area is not recorded
Noise	No any noise pollution sources in the vicinity of the station.
2 ECOLOGICAL FEAT	TURES — ECOSYSTEM COMPONENTS
Vegetation (Trees, ground cover, aquatic vegetation)	Scrubland and disturbed secondary vegetation type is prominent in the area. In addition, agricultural lands and river associated vegetation are common habitat types present in this area. The whole land belongs to research station except the built-up area is used for the cultivations and to establish the propagation houses (Polytunnels, glass houses, net houses, etc.) The flora such as <i>Mimosa pudica</i> (Nidikumba), <i>Panicum rapens, Paniucum notatum</i> (Ginigrass), <i>Ricinious communis, Ziziphus oenoplia</i> (Heen Eraminia), and <i>Azadirachta indica</i> (Neem) are commonly observed in the surrounding area of the research station.
Presence of wetlands	No wetlands present in the area adjacent to research station
Fish and fish habitats	Open water bodies such as tanks and irrigation canals are water bodies that are ideal for fish habitat and also found with freshwater fish varieties.
Birds (waterfowl,	The research station area is closer to the waterways and agricultural lands and there is a possibility of recording bird species in these habitat types.
migratory birds, others)	The several bird species were observed such as the Crows, Parrots, Eagles and Egrets, Red-Vented Bullbull, Black-headed Ibis, Chestnut Headed, Bee-eater, Pheasant-tailed Jacana Common mynah, Great Cormorant, Lesser Whistling Duck, tailed godwits, Pheasant tailed Jacana. The species were recorded in this habitat are very common for this type of habit
Presence of special habitat areas (special designations and identified sensitive zones)	No presence of special habitat areas is reported within a 5 km radius of the research station. According to environment sensitive areas map of CEA, no any environmental sensitive area recorded in the close proximity of the project site
3 OTHER FEATURES	

Residential/Se nsitive Areas (E.g., Hospitals, Schools)	All labs belonging to the three research stations are located separately from the other institutions and they do not impact sensitive areas such as hospitals, schools, etc
Archaeological resources (Recorded or potential to exist)	The research station is located on DOA owned lands and there is no archaeological or Physical Cultural Resource (PCR) to record or potential to exist.

G. SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

1	Stakeholders	and Public	consultation
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Stakeholders' engagements

The Department of Agriculture is the main project partner agency of this subproject. The staff of the research stations jointly prepared their capacity needs and submitted them to the ASMP. Several discussions were undergone to finalize the subproject activities between the research stations' staff and the ASMP. For more transparency, the research stations' staff were represented the technical evaluation committee of this subproject.

The ASMP PMU staff conducted site visits, consultations with DOA's officials during subproject identification and designing stages.

Table 1: Responsible Officers in ASM Project Activities

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Stakeholders' consultation

During the social and environmental screening process, the staff of FCRDI-Mahailuppallama, RARDC- were consulted. Meantime ASMP has taken actions to conduct the stakeholders' consultation starting from the subproject identification stage up to finalizing the subproject's design. It was

a good tool to maintain transparency among the stakeholders. Due to the impact of the fruitful consultation process undertaken by the ASMP, the research stations' staff are well aware of the subproject activities and their objectives. Meantime, they have negotiated and decided the real requirements that they want to enhance the research facilities of the stations.

Locations / Sub Units / Fields Visited	Participants with Designations	Matters Discussed
FCRDI-Mahailuppallama d	on 05.01.2022	
 Director's Office Pathology Laboratory Entomology Laboratory Agronomy Laboratory Biotechnology Laboratory Soil Water Management Division Environment Control Research Unit Common Stores 	Pathologist • Mr. R.A.C.J. Perera-	 Overall capacity building plan on strengthening laboratory facilities and infrastructure development for hybrid seed production Routine functions of the labs Services provided to farmers and other outsiders Safety precautions that are implemented Waste disposal Irrigation, water supply and drainage

H. SCREENING OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

SN	Screening question	Yes	No	Significance of the effect (Low, moderate, high)	Remarks
1	Are there any asset(s) that would be affected or acquired due to proposed project interventions such as: Land, Physical structure (Dwelling or commercial), Fruit trees/crops, Community Resource Property etc.?		V		Construction of Thermo Gradient Tunnel take places on bare land. Renovation of existing glass houses, rain shelters and store room are included as the additional civil works of the subproject. Establishment of sprinkler irrigation system for 2.4 ha (6 acres) will be done. Hence no impact on land, physical structures, crops, trees or community properties etc. And the drainage activities are designed and implementation as an important part of the research work by the FCRDI. Debris/unsuitable excavated or clearing material will be disposed properly
2	Is the sub-project area adjacent to (less than 500m) or goes through any of the following environmentally sensitive areas such as: Cultural heritage site, protected area and/or of its buffer zone, Conservation Forest, reserve or a sanctuary, Mangrove, Estuarine, Wetland, including paddy fields, water bodies, PCRs, Landslide-prone areas etc.?		V		No such sensitive areas are located in the vicinity of the subproject area
3	Will the project activities involve with Encroachment on historical/cultural areas: disfiguration of landscape by road embankments, cuts, fills and quarries?		٧		No such impacts will be anticipated from the proposed civil works of the subproject
4	Will the project interventions involve with encroachment on or impact ecologically sensitive or protected areas?		٧		No such impacts will be anticipated from the proposed civil works of the subproject
5	Will the project interventions involve with alteration of surface water hydrology of waterways crossed by roads, resulting in increased sediment in streams affected by increased soil erosion at construction site?		٧		No such impacts will be anticipated from the proposed civil works of the subproject

				Significance of the	
SN	Screening question	Yes	No	effect (Low, moderate, high)	Remarks
6	Will the project interventions involve with deterioration of surface water quality due to silt runoff and sanitary wastes from work-based camps and chemicals used in construction?		٧		No such impacts will be anticipated from the proposed civil works of the subproject
7	Will the project intervention involve with Increased local air pollution due to rock crushing, cutting and filling works, and chemicals from asphalt processing?		٧		No such activities are included as the subproject's activities
8	Will the project interventions involve with noise and vibration due to blasting and other civil works?	٧		Low	The use of machines for renovation activities or construction may create noise and vibrations but those impacts will be mitigated through the implementation of EMP. Further, civil works are taking place at the research station's land away from the residential area. Hence there is no possibility of happening such impacts to the surrounding area.
9	Is there any possibility to create poor sanitation and solid waste disposal in construction camps and work sites, and possible transmission of communicable diseases from workers to local populations due project interventions?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
10	Will be possible to creation of temporary breeding habitats for mosquito vectors of disease?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
11	Will there be risk of accidents associated with the increased vehicular traffic due to project interventions?		٧		The construction area is far away from the residential, commercial or any other occupants' areas. There is no any contact with the outsiders or activities and civil works.
12	Will the project activities increase the risk of water pollution from oil, greases and fuel spills, and other materials?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
13	Will the project activities involve with additional waste in water canals that may increase floods and waterlogs?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated

		Significance of the			
SN	Screening question	Yes	No	effect (Low,	Remarks
				moderate, high)	
14	Will the project activities involve with new/restored public areas/ spaces that can be inundated in case of floods?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
15	Project interventions proposed to include Green infrastructure: Does sub-project include any of the following design aspects such as: Sri Lankan Guidelines of Green and Environmentally Friendly Building for the State Institutions (2016), Low energy materials, Reduced water use options, Energy optimization for lights, A/C etc., Recycling and waste management, Increased human comfort, Enhanced landscaping, exterior or interior design, Site selection considering conservation of vegetation and wildlife?	V			Construction of thermo gradient tunnel, establishment of the sprinkler irrigation and renovation of rain shelters, glass houses and seeds processing center is included as the civil works of the subproject. While these activities are directly bounded with the improvement of hybrid seed quality, it indirectly effects on efficient use of water and conserves the water.
16	Will the project interventions increase disaster Risk Management (DRM): such as: Floods, including coastal, Storm surges, Coastal erosion, Landslides, Land subsidence, Soil erosion and sedimentation, Rock falls, Cyclones, Droughts, Earthquakes, Salinization, salinity intrusion into drinking water sources, Forest fires, High winds, tornadoes etc., Epidemic and hazards related to environmental pollution, Vector borne diseases?		٧		No such impacts will be resulted by this subproject
17		٧		Low	The construction activities slightly effect on changes the topography of the area but proposed civil works have been designed with appropriate drainage improvements. No change on land use and waterbodies by civil works.
18	Will the Project involve use, storage, transport, handling or production of substances or materials, which could be harmful to human health or the environment or raise concerns about actual or perceived risks to human health?		٧		No such substances are involved with this subproject

				Significance of the	
SN	Screening question	Yes	No	effect (Low,	Remarks
				moderate, high)	
19	Will the Project produce solid wastes during construction and/ or		٧		No solid waste is generated due to the
	operation?				subproject. But the crop residuals, organic
					waste, and agrochemicals will be
					generated during subproject operation period. The crop residuals will be burnt at
					field level. The agrochemical waste will be
					safely stored in the separate premises with
					all precautions until the proper disposal.
					(The process has been explained in report-
					section F. Description of proposed
					subproject activities, No.2 Solid waste
20	Will the Project release pollutants or any hazardous, toxic or noxious		٧		No such emission will be released
	substances to air?				
21	Will the Project cause noise and vibration or release of light, heat	٧		Low	Establishment of thermo gradient tunnel,
	energy or electromagnetic radiation?				renovation of existing facilities may cause noise and vibration due to the machinery
					uses for the activities. Such impacts will be
					mitigated by implementing EMP. No
					impacts such as the release of light, heat,
					energy, or electromagnetic radiation are
					anticipated as a result of the subproject
					implementation or operation
22	Will the Project lead to risks of contamination of land or water from		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
	releases of pollutants onto the ground or into surface waters,				
23	groundwater or coastal wasters? Will the project cause localized flooding and poor drainage during		٧		No such impacts are entisinated
23	construction is the project area located in a flooding location?		V		No such impacts are anticipated
24	Will there be any risks and vulnerabilities to public safety due to		٧		No such impacts are anticipated. The
	physical hazards during construction or operation of the Project?				construction area is a separate area from
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SN	Screening question	Yes	No	Significance of the effect (Low, moderate, high)	Remarks
25	Are there any transport routes on or around the location which are susceptible to congestion or which cause environmental problems, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
26	Are there any routes or facilities on or around the location, which are used by the public for access to recreation or other facilities, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
27	Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
28	Are there any other areas on or around the location, which are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology e.g., wetlands, watercourses or other water bodies, the coastal zone, mountains, forests, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
29	Are there any areas on or around the location, which are used by protected, important or sensitive species of fauna or flora e.g., for breeding, nesting, foraging, resting, migration, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
30	Is the project located in a previously undeveloped area, where there will be loss of green field land		٧		No such impacts are anticipated. This land is exclusively allocated for the research station activities
31	Will the project cause the removal of trees in the locality?		٧		Tree removal is not required
32	Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
33	Are there existing land uses in or around the location e.g., home gardens, other private property, industry, commerce, recreation, public open space, community facilities, agriculture, forestry, tourism, mining or quarrying which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
34	Are there any areas in or around the location which are densely populated or built-up, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
35	Are there any areas in or around the location, which is occupied by sensitive land uses e.g., hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated

SN	Screening question	Yes	No	Significance of the effect (Low, moderate, high)	Remarks
36	Are there any areas in or around the location, which contain important, high quality or scarce resources e.g., groundwater, surface waters, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, minerals, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated
37	Are there any areas in or around the location, which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g., where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the project?		٧		No such impacts are anticipated

I. CONCLUSION AND SCREENING DECISION SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

Assuming that all mitigation measures are implemented as proposed, the following effects can be predicted

Key project activities	Potential Environmental Effects	Significance of environmental effect with mitigation in place NS - Effect not significant, or can be rendered insignificant with mitigation SP - Significant positive effect SN - Significant negative effect U - Outcome unknown or cannot be predicted, even with mitigation
Automation of sprinkler irrigation system for 2.4ha (6 acres)	Vegetation loss, dust, Crop damage siltation	NS
Purchase of farm implements	NA	
Construction of Thermo Gradient Tunnel	Vegetation loss, dust, Crop damage siltation	NS
Automation of existing rain-out shelters	Vegetation loss, dust, Crop damage siltation	NS
Renovation of glass houses, rain shelters, and seeds processing room	Vegetation loss, dust, Crop damage siltation	NS

J. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Contractor's responsibility for preventing/minimizing/mitigating adverse environmental issues raised during construction activities

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
1	Public complaints and lack of stakeholders' support for the project implementation	Information Disclosure among Stakeholders	 Discussions should be conducted with the relevant stakeholders to aware the subproject activities Disseminate the finalized subproject's activity list and implementation arrangement with FCRDI staff and other stakeholders Timely conduct the progress review meetings with relevant stakeholders to discuss the implementation of subproject activities The contractor should take note of all impacts, especially temporary issues and safety hazards that will be of concern to the research stations routing activities. All possible negative impacts will be mitigated as stipulated in the EMP to mitigate them The contractor will maintain a log of any grievances/complaints and actions taken to resolve them A copy of the EMP should be available at all times at the project supervision office on site
2	Spreading COVID 19	All activities as per health guidelines	 The contractor must ensure that all workers, including managers and other staff, are well trained/make aware on COVID 19 safety precautions/health guidelines published by the health ministry/ authorities All construction activities should follow the 'INTERIM GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 (VERSION 1: APRIL 7, 2020)' recommended by World Bank's Operations Environmental and Social Review Committee
3	Activities related to subproject's civil works	 Automation of sprinkler irrigation system for 2.4ha farmland Construction of Thermo Gradient Tunnel Renovation of rain shelters, glass houses and seed processing rom 	 Conduct land preparation activities before next cultivation season Establishment of soil conservation measures and drainage improvement activities parallel to the land preparation activities Potential damages to existing pipe system, poly tunnels, glass hoses and other research station's properties should be minimized by burying or covering the pipe distribution

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
4	Exposing and damaging of physical cultural resources (PCR)	 Site preparatory work Excavation of agro wells Establishment of poly tunnels Vehicle and machinery movements 	 Upon discovery of physical cultural material during project implementation work, the following should be carried out Immediately stop construction activities With the approval of the resident engineer delineate the discovered site area. Secure the site to prevent any damage or loss of removable objects. In case of removable antiquities or sensitive remains, a night guard should be present until the responsible authority takes over. Through the Resident Engineer, notify the responsible authorities, the Department of Archaeology, and local authorities within 24 hours. Submit a brief chance to find the report, within a specified time period, with the date and time of discovery, location of discovery, description of finding, estimated weight and dimension of PCR, and temporary protection implemented. Responsible authorities would be in charge of protecting and preserving the site before deciding on the proper procedures to be carried out. An evaluation of the finding will be performed by the Department of Archaeology who may decide to either remove the PCR deemed to be of significance, further excavate within a specified distance of the discovery point and conserve on-site, and/or extend/reduce the areas demarcated by the contractor, etc. This should ideally take place within about 7 days. Construction work could resume only when permission is given from the Department of Archaeology after the decision concerning the safeguard of the heritage is fully executed.
5	Spreading of Invasive Alien Species	 Vegetation clearing Importation of construction materials, organic manure and machinery from outside 	 Manual and integrated weed control Prevent weed spreading via construction materials, machinery and organic manure (Compost) by periodic inspection and manual removal after application Construction materials and organic manure should be supplied only from suppliers having relevant approvals
6	Noise Pollution &	Use of equipment/ machineries	Working time for noise/vibration generation activities should be restricted and carried out only from 6 am to 6 pm.

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
7	Vibration that can affect nearby structures Air Pollution including dust generation that can affect nearby vegetation and households	 Transportation of products from outside Site Preparation activities setting up of material storage yards, and removal of vegetation Transport of construction materials and storage on site 	 Noise related to all agricultural improvement activities should not exceed 55 dB (daytime) and 45dB (night time) as practicable as possible. Equipment and machinery should be maintained in good condition. It is highly recommended to do transportation during daytime only In the construction method statement, the contractor should clearly designate areas for maintaining material stockpiles, waste stockpiles, labor camps, and vehicle maintenance yards. These dust-emitting sources should be located away from human settlements and natural drainage paths as much as possible. All heavy equipment and machinery shall be fitted in full compliance with the national and local regulations.
			 Stockpiled soil and sand shall be slightly wetted before loading, particularly in windy conditions. The site should be wetted at least 2/3 times a day during dry weather to keep dust levels low. Vehicles transporting soil, sand, and other construction materials shall be covered. Limitations to the speeds of such vehicles are necessary. Transport through densely populated areas should be avoided. Regular and proper maintenance of construction vehicles and machinery to avoid air emissions.
			 There should be no burning of wastes on-site. Until removal to arranged disposal sites, waste from demolition shall be held stockpiled in a place with minimal interference with local drainage paths and obstruction to traffic, local residents.
8	Solid Waste Disposal	 Site clearing Construction waste Waste from labor resting areas and labor camps 	 The contractor shall make a list of all types of waste resulting from the construction activity, and obtain direction from the relevant LA on possible disposal sites for each waste type. Any hazardous type of waste shall be dealt with special care and instructions from the LA.

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
			 The contractor shall document all types and quantities of waste generated and removed from the site and the disposal locations. The contractor shall remove waste from the site each day and dispose of the waste in the LA-approved site/s.
9	Contamination of water, land and air during usage of chemicals (pesticides, weedicides.) Solid Waste Disposal	 Land preparation Vegetation clearing Organic materials in the field Waste from weed control activities 	 Awareness of usage time, handling, and storage Guidance on a suitable time for the usage of chemicals Enhance the supervision activities Burnt to maintain the farmlands' hygienic condition Use post-harvest waste for compost production Follow the FCRDI guidelines
10	Water Quality	Cultivation activities during operation	 Excess water extraction is to be cut down to preserve the ground water table Proper introduction of sprinkler irrigation practices instead of conventional irrigation to preserve water and use of modern techniques to reduce water consumption Proper irrigation practice to avoid excess water drain back to the canals
11	Spreading of crop related diseases among other flora species	Throughout the cultivation period	Use FCRDI's directives
12	Health & safety hazard	Use of agrochemicals (fertilizers, pesticides, weedicides etc.) during research activities and hybrid seed production process	 Carry out proper hazardous identification and risk assessment of all proposed activities Training and awareness for workers on safe chemical handling Implement proper health and safety protocols by elimination, substitution, engineering controls, administrative control, and providing personal protective equipment (PPEs). Provide necessary PPEs (basic should include gloves, goggles, masks, and protective clothing) A safety inspection checklist should be prepared to take into consideration what the workers are supposed to be wore and monitored Pest and disease control according to the international standard and pest management action plan prepared by ASMP

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
			Use FCRDI's directives
13	Temporary loss of livelihood due to civil works	 Automation of sprinkler irrigation system for 2.4ha farmland Construction of Thermo Gradient Tunnel Renovation of rain shelters, glass houses and seed processing rom 	Since the subproject activities are taken place in research station, no such impacts are anticipated
14	Blocking of surface drainage paths leading to localized flooding and ponding of water	Site Preparation including provision of access roads, material/waste piles	 Until transport to approved disposal sites, debris and waste from site preparation work and desilting shall be stockpiled in a place with minimal interference with local drainage paths and obstruction to traffic and local residents. The contractor shall identify areas for stockpiling material and waste. The stockpiles should be suitably covered to minimize wash-offs to nearby waterways during rainy periods and to minimize dust emission during dry weather conditions. If impacts to surface drainage cannot be avoided leading to ponding of rainwater and inconvenience to people, the contractor must provide an adequate surface drainage system to safely remove water from the site to the canal to avoid on-site ponding or flooding. Proper planning to avoid construction during the rainy season. Preventing total blockage of streams / providing alternative drainage paths during construction.
15	Public/occupational safety hazard	 Site clearing, storage of equipment, material etc. Increased traffic of heavy vehicles for material transportation Noise and vibration of construction machinery 	Training 1. The contractor must ensure that all workers, including managers, are trained on occupational health and public safety risks and mitigation measures for the site, prior to commencement of construction. Personal Protective Equipment 2. All workers will be provided with necessary PPEs (basic should include a safety helmet, protective footwear, and high visibility jackets).

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
			3. In addition, the contractor shall maintain in stock at the site office, gloves, ear muffs, goggles, dust masks, safety harness, and any other equipment considered necessary.4. A safety inspection checklist should be prepared to take into consideration what the workers are supposed to be wore and monitoring.
			 Site Delineation and Warning Signs 5. The entire construction site should be delineated using devices such as cones, lights, tubular markers, orange and white stripes, and barricades to inform oncoming vehicular traffic and pedestrians in the area about work zones. 6. All digging and installation work items that are not accomplished should be isolated and warned of by signposts and flash lamps in the night-time. 7. Dangerous warning signs should be raised to inform the public of particular dangers and to keep the public away from such hazards. 8. Trenches should be progressively rehabilitated once work is completed. 9. Overloading of vehicles with materials should be controlled 10. Construction wastes should be removed as much as possible within 24 hours from the site to ensure public safety. 11. The safety inspection checklist must look to see that the delineation devices are used, whether they are appropriately positioned if they are easily identifiable, and whether they are reflective.
			Equipment safety 12. Work zone workers use tools, equipment, and machinery that could be dangerous if used incorrectly or if the equipment malfunctions. Inspections must be carried out to test the equipment before it is used so that worker safety can be secured. Inspections should look for evidence of wear and tear, frays, missing parts, and mechanical or electrical problems.
			Emergency Procedures

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
			 13. An emergency aid service must be in place on the worksite. 14. During health and safety training, site staff should be properly briefed as to what to do in the event of an emergency, such as who to notify and where to assemble in an emergency. This information must be conveyed to employees by the site manager on the first occasion a worker visits the site.
			Construction camps
			15. Construction camps should have adequate sanitation facilities for construction workers to control the transmission of infectious diseases.
			16. Avoid housing workers in camps and provide socio-economic benefits locally by employing local people. If there is no alternative to employ workers from elsewhere, locate accommodation camps away from communities on land acquired from willing sellers. Provide labor camps with adequate sanitation, waste disposal, and health facilities according to labor laws. Clear work campsites after use and reinstate vegetation. Conduct programs to raise worker awareness of HIV/AIDS.
			Information management
			17. Develop and establish the contractor's own procedure for receiving, documenting, and addressing complaints from the affected public and nearby communities.
			18. Provide advance notice to local communities by way of information boards or leaflets about the schedule of construction activities, interruption to services and access, etc.
16	Damages to Flora and Fauna	 Vegetation clearing/site clearing 	Speed limits and operating times for the construction vehicles should be imposed.
			• Due consideration should be given to carefully clearing of vegetation avoiding the destruction of habitats of fauna.
			The de-silted matter shall immediately be disposed of off to pre-decided approved disposal sites.

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
			 The contractor will take reasonable precautions to prevent workmen or any other persons from removing and damaging any flora (plant/vegetation) and fauna (animal) including fishing in any water body and hunting of any animal. If any wild animal is found near the construction site at any point of time, the contractor will immediately upon discovery thereof acquaint the Engineer and carry out the Engineer's instructions for dealing with the same. The Engineer will report to the nearby Forest Department /Department of Wild Life Conservation (range office or divisional office) and will take appropriate steps/ measures if required in consultation with the forest officials. It is recommended to do the project work in day time only
18	Soil erosion, sedimentation of nearby waterbodies and low-lying areas	Construction workRemoval of topsoilVegetation clearance	 Soil stockpiles and other construction material should not be placed within the bed or banks of the tanks or canal. Installing and maintaining permanent erosion and sediment control measures such as silt traps to avoid sediment runoff into the tank and nearby waterways.
19	Access restrictions and public inconvenience	 Material transportation and storage Noise, vibration, dust and waste piling from demolition and construction 	 If any temporary interruptions to house access take place, the contractor should inform the concerned houses prior to breaching access. Provision of access during designated times of the day or where possible provides temporary access paths for pedestrians on the downstream side of the bund. If a road is closed completely for a period, signage is to be put up at both ends.
Pos	construction phase/ Operation	al Stage	
14	Clearing/Closure of Construction Site/Labour Accommodations		 Contractor to prepare site restoration plans for approval by the engineer. The plan is to be implemented by the contractor prior to demobilization. This includes burrow sites and storage yards as well On completion of the works, all temporary structures will be cleared away, all rubbish cleared, excreta or other disposal pits or trenches filled in and effectively sealed off and the site left clean and tidy, at the contractor's expenses, to the entire satisfaction of the engineer.

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
15	Solid waste	 Operational stage crops-related to waste, general household waste & machinery parts. 	 Any hazardous type of waste shall be dealt with special care and instructions from the FCRDI. The FCRDI shall remove waste from the site each day and dispose of the waste as appropriate
16	Environmental Enhancement/ Landscaping		 Landscape plantation, including turfing shall be taken up as per either detailed design or typical design guidelines given as part of the Bid Documents. The contractor also shall remove all debris, piles of unwanted earth, spoil material, away from the site and disposed at locations designated or acceptable to the Engineer or as per the stipulated waste management criteria of this EMP

2. Cost of mitigation

SN	Environmental mitigation measure	Cost (LKR)	Remarks
1	Information Boards, leaflets	35,000	Diversion of roads, Safety signage, awareness leaflets & COVID 19 sign boards
2	On site first aid facilities	15,000	
3	Personal Protective Equipment(PPE)	70,000	Basic should include sanitizers, safety helmet, protective footwear and high visibility jackets.
4	Site delineation and barricading material and equipment	15,000	
4	Dust suppression	20,000	Need to be done during road and canal renovation activities
5	Waste removal from site	20,000	Desilted material, waste from vegetation clearing, labour camps (amount is only for construction phase)
6	Training of Farmers and Village level stakeholders on new technological applications	20,000	Should be scheduled to a few sessions

K. OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. The client's (Research Station's Officers) responsibility for preventing/minimizing/mitigating adverse environmental issues raised during the subproject operational stage

SN	Potential Environmental	Key project activities causing the	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be
	Impacts and Risk Level	impact	implemented by the Contractor
1	Soil, Water, and Leachate	ground water) on the onsite is	 Periodic monitoring of the operation of the wastewater management system of the research station Ensure the operation of wastewater pits in good condition Periodic maintenance of the sedimentations, overflow of the waste water pits Periodic maintenance of the pipelines of the wastewater management system Timely address the breakdown/blocking of the pipelines and pits Testing the samples to check the contamination of soil, groundwater table, and the surface water sources of the surrounding area Avoid surface water stagnation and creating mosquito breeding places Frequent monitoring of contamination of leachate that is originated in labs
2	Traffic and Transport Impact	and Pedestrians) issues raised by	 with water and soil if any No new transport needs is generated by the operation of the subproject Follow the solid waste transport schedule according to the present routing Identify the new transport needs created by the subproject operation if avail Plan the new transport needs minimizing present activities Display the in and out services routes to aware the staff
3	Air Quality		 Assess the emission (Air Quality Testing) during subproject operation Assess the potential impacts of dust, suspended particulate matter, odor, and greenhouse gas emissions Take precautionary actions to minimize the emission

SN	Potential Environmental	Key project activities causing	the	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be		
314	Impacts and Risk Level	impact		implemented by the Contractor		
4	Noise and Vibration	Disturbances inconveniences occurred Noise and Vibration		 Measure the noise and vibration level of subproject operation Identify the possible impacts by noise and vibration created by subproject operations If exceed the acceptable level of noise and vibration, take precautionary actions to minimize Prepare the specifications of the equipment and machinery with low vibration and noise Introduce a code of conduct for the staff who engages in subproject operations to minimize the noise and vibration impacts. Noise emission levels of all critical plant and equipment should be expected to comply with manufacturers' specifications with noise limits appropriate to those items 		
5	Invasive Species of Flora and Fauna, Weeds, Pests and Diseases	·	and	 Always keep hygienic conditions of the labs, cultivation areas. Disinfect all the soil, plant and pests samples after testing using autoclaves or appropriate technique. The composting organic material, which may contain insect eggs or larvae, weed seeds and spores, will be subject to temperatures in excess of 55 degrees for at least three days. Control the weeds, diseases and pests as stipulated in PMP Select healthy and diseases free planting materials with high purity for the cultivation Avoid the contaminations of cultivation lands Avoid the visitors of the labs and cultivation areas Follow the approved procedures to maintain the hygienic conditions at the labs and cultivation plots Follow the guidelines for the transport of the movement of solid waste from the research station/ farmlands 		

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
			Burnt the crop residuals and the organic waste generated at the locations using safety measures
6	Waste Management	 Crops-related waste, general waste 	 Dump the organic waste in the soil pit established at the stations Use the organic waste for compost preparation after heat treatments/ disinfection Burnt the crop residuals to maintain hygienic conditions of the field Implement crop rotation to breakdown of pests/ diseases lifecycles
		 Utensils of agrochemicals, & chemicals, and chemical waste 	 Store in the safe store up to proper dispose Select a suitable contractor who has facilities for Cement Kiln Co-processing for disposing
		• E-Waste	 Segregate the e-waste on its type Store in the safe store up to proper dispose Keep records on the accumulated waste Contact the licensed e-waste collectors (CEA Licensed) Handing over the e-waste to the licensed e-waste collector for proper disposal that has been approved by the CEA
7	Occupational Health and Safety	Occupational hazards which can cause during subproject operation	 Develop and implement site-specific Health and Safety (H&S) plan which will include measures such as: (a) excluding the public from the defined labs/cultivation areas; (b) ensuring all workers/staff are provided with and use of personal protective equipment (PPE); (c) provision of H&S training for all personnel; (d) documented procedures to be followed for all construction activities; and (e) documentation of work-related accidents (There is a SOP that has already been implemented in the labs and all activities have been arranged accordingly).

SN	Potential Environmental Impacts and Risk Level	Key project activities causing the impact	Preventing/Minimizing/Mitigation Measures proposed and action to be implemented by the Contractor
			 Provide H&S training to all new workers/staff to ensure that they are appraised of the basic rules of work at the labs, personal protective protection, and preventing injuries to fellow workers/staff Ensure that a first-aid station, eye washers, bathing location are provided within easy access to all and that trained first-aid personnel are made available to attend to first-aid needs and keep ready the vehicle to a government hospital in emergency case. Provide medical insurance coverage for all workers/ staff Ensure that all labs/ cultivation areas are barricaded to prevent unauthorized person entry Provide a source of potable water and a clean eating place for workers, at a location not exposed to hazardous or noxious substances. Provide visitors with necessary safety gear if visitors to the labs/cultivation areas are allowed access to areas where incubators, crop/disease samples, culturing activities, hazardous conditions, or substances may be present. Ensure that visitor/s do not enter hazard areas unescorted by relevant authorized parties in attendance. Provide signboards to mark, hazardous areas such as energized electrical devices and lines, service rooms housing high voltage equipment, and areas for storage and disposal of hazardous substances. Such signage shall be in accordance with international standards and be well known and easily understood by workers, visitors, and the general public

2. Cost of mitigation

The cost incurred with implementation of O-EMP will be allocated through the research station's budget

L. EMP IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES AND COST

The overall responsibility of ensuring compliance with safeguard requirements rests with the PMU. The PMU is directly responsible for reviewing the proposed activities is aligned with environmental safeguards compliances. The overall supervision will be carried out by the inhouse staff of the PMU supported by the staff in research centers. Any consequent modification or amendments of the subproject will be negotiated prior to implementation with ASMP and DOA staff with notification to the WB's office.

Environmental & Social monitoring will be carried out largely through visual observations and compliance monitoring using the checklist provided in the EMF & RPF by the Safeguard Specialist of the PMU and the DOA jointly. The Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist will need to visit the site quarterly and report on issues and performance on ESMP implementation to the PMU.

M. DETAILS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING

This project does not require environmental clearance under national environmental regulations. No other approval is required due to the spread and magnitude of the project. The project will have negligible environmental impacts, mostly limited to the operation period and there is a set of activities which needs to manage the negative impacts while enhancing positive impact to the environment. The impacts on the physical and biological environment are virtually none.

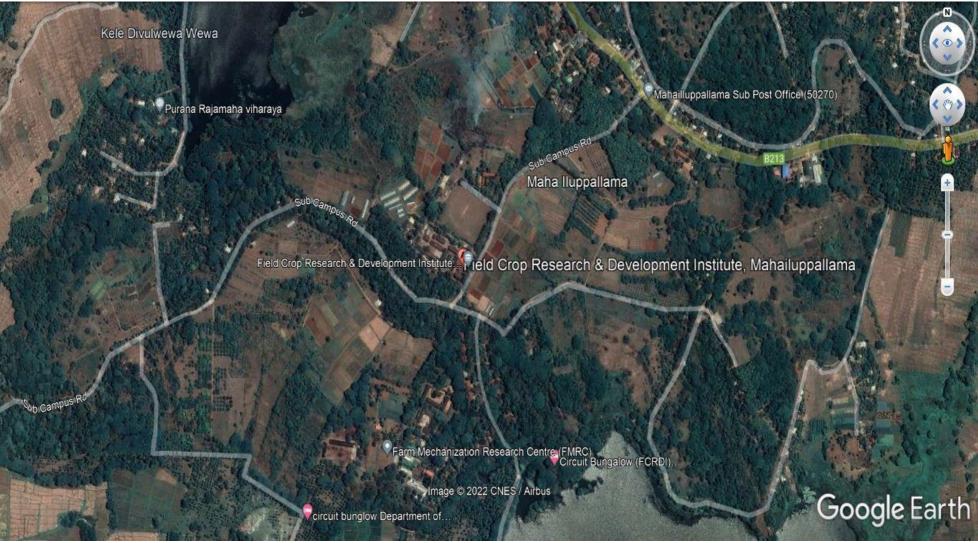
N. DETAILS OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING

Screening conducted and reviewed	Date January 2022
D.M. Sanjaya Bandara Environment and Social Safeguard Specialist	Elypa,
Agriculture Sector Modernization Project	
Name/Designation/Contact information	Signature
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O. ANNEXES

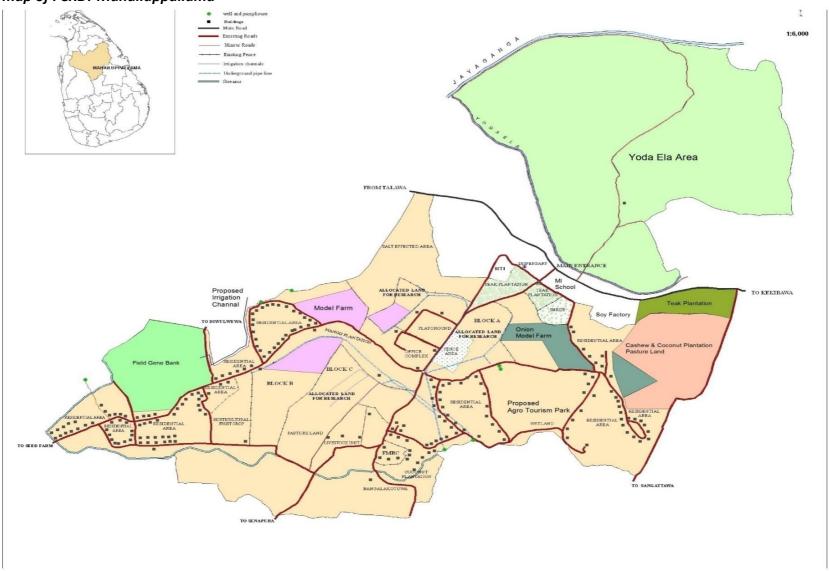
Annex 1: Google Map/Location Map

1. Field Crops Research and Development Institute at Mahailuppallama



Source: Google Map

2. Site map of FCRDI-Mahailuppallama



Source: FCRDI- Mahailuppallama

Annex 2: Description of the subproject activities developed by the FCRDI-MI

(1) Field Crops Center at Mahailuppallama – Strengthening Capacity for Development of Chili and Maize Hybrid and Production of Planting Materials

1.1. Introduction

- The Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) has launched a national policy framework "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour", to enhance the living standard of the farming community.
- Recently, a policy decision has been taken by the Cabinet of Ministers to restrict imports of
 maize and chili, from among many others, which can be produced locally including the
 required quantities of high-quality planting materials. The GOSAL has also imposed taxes on
 the maize and dry chili products to create attractive farm gate prices.
- Therefore, increasing the availability of hybrid seeds of chili and maize will be an energizer to boost the production and to reach the anticipated self-sufficiency, while benefitting livelihood of farmers and overall national economy.
- The Agriculture Sector Modernization Project (ASMP) also focuses its activities on enhancing livelihood of farmers and the national economy. The proposed activities have a strong link with the expected outcome of the ASPM. Establishment of Center of Excellence at Mahailuppallama will be an important institutional set up helping further strengthening of cultivation and production of the locally-developed Chili and Maize hybrids, and for the overall sustenance of the ASMP activities, with the participation of the private sector and the practitioners.

1.1.1. *Chili*

- One of the most important cash crops grown in Sri Lanka and an essential condiment
- In 2019, Sri Lanka produced 75,000 t of green chili, meeting about 95% of the national requirement. However, the total requirements Dry Chili is imported approximately 50,000 t per annum.
- The national average yield of green chili was stagnated at 4.7 t/ha until recent past, which could be boosted to 20 t/ha with the introduction of locally-developed Chili hybrids which is moderately resistant to LCC and with associated precision farming technologies. The chili hybrids, MICH HY 01 and MICH HY 02 have the yield potential of over 35 t/ha of green chili.
- But the limited production of hybrid Chili seeds, fulfilling less than 25% of the demand, is the major constraint to expand its cultivation, which is about 2,000 kg per annum as at present. Hence, about 15,000 ha Chili cultivation is still under open-pollinated varieties (OPV).
- Current efforts by the DOA in collaboration with the farmer organizations, foreign-funded projects and private sector to produce Chili hybrid seeds need to be expanded to achieve self-sufficiency in both green and dry chili production
- More than 10,000 ha of hybrid Chili cultivation and 8,000 ha of OPV as commercial cultivation as well as a home garden crop is required to meeting demand green and dry Chili.
 Hence, the annual hybrid Chili seeds requirement is 6,500 kg.

Hence, efforts to strengthen the capacity of seed production of locally developed Chili
hybrids at a reasonable price are timely.

1.1.2. *Maize*

- The second largest cereal extent in Sri Lanka, next to rice.
- Mainly used for animal feed (80% of the production) and rest is used in confectionary industry. A low percentage of maize is harvested at green cob stage for direct consumption as boiled cobs, while the whole maize plants are harvested as fodder for dairy industry.
- The demand for maize grains increased over the years and was about 500,000 t in 2019. However, the local production was 391,000 t in 2019 and the rest is imported.
- Farmers have gradually shifted to cultivation of hybrid seeds during last two decades, and thus, increasing the national productivity.
- More than 95% of farmers are growing hybrids as at present, but about 95% of total seed requirement is fulfilled by imported maize hybrids.
- The DOA recently released new maize hybrids i.e. MI Maize HY 3, MI Maize HY 4 and MI Maize HY 5 and these hybrids, which are comparable in yields with most of imported hybrids and moderately resistant for drought. These locally developed hybrids are well adapted to rainfed upland ecosystems in the Dry zone where major maize-growing areas are located.
- The total hybrid seed requirement is about 1200 1500 t per annum. The local maize hybrid seed production, a very limited quantity, is still confined to government sector. With the inadequacy of the locally production the price of imported hybrids is increasing annually making them unaffordable to most of the farmers.
- Therefore, interventions through public-private-producer partnership to enhance seed production of locally-developed hybrid maize varieties at least to meet at least 25% of the seed demand is essential and timely.

1.2. Rationale

- The cultivation of locally-produced Chili and Maize hybrids among Sri Lankan farmers is low, which is mainly attributed to the non-availability of their required quantities in local markets.
- Thus, producing hybrid seeds suitable for local environments and making them available at a reasonable price is a prerequisite for the productivity enhancement of chili and maize crops in Sri Lanka.
- Private sector has not invested on large scale hybrid seed production but continue their operations in a limited scale.
- Under the proposed project, the technology for hybrid seed production will be refined with improvement of existing facilities with the DOA aiming at an up-scaling of the involvement of private sector partnerships as the next step.
- The facilities available for the production of high-quality Chili and Maize hybrid seeds is inadequate resulting in some drawbacks such as poor germination and shelf-life, thus failing

- to meet the demand (in addition to the limited quantities produced by the private sector through private-public partnership).
- Therefore, strengthening of the facilities available at Mahailuppallama is considered an essential and timely need for Chili and Maize hybrid seed production, which can be utilized by other public and private sector agencies to enhance the hybrid seed production in Sri Lanka.

1.3. Description of the activity

Activities	Estimated Cost (Rs Mn)	Expected Outcome (KPIs)	Beneficiaries
 Upgrading in field research facilities (6 acres) for mass scale parental production Materials for automated controlling units (4 units) for sprinkler irrigation (6 acres) Automated weather station (1 unit) Agriculture machinery Inter-cultivators (5 units) Seeders (5 units) Weeders (5 units) Bush cutters (10 units) Construction of Thermo Gradient Tunnel (1 unit) Automation of existing rain-out shelters (3 units) Renovation of glass houses (3 units) and rain shelters (3 units) 	0.4 1.5 3.5 4.5 3.0 10.5 12.0	hybrid variety improvement program Chili: 6 lines Maize: 8 lines	 Chili growers: Direct Beneficiary Maize Growers: Direct Beneficiary Department of Agriculture: Indirect Beneficiary Universities: Indirect beneficiary Private sector: Indirect Beneficiary General Public: Indirect Beneficiary
 Renovation of a quality improvement unit (existing infrastructure at FCRDI - Mahailluppallama) including rooms for dryer, seed extractor, color sorter, packing machine, seed coating machine – (1 unit each) Seed Dryers (2 units) Color sorters (1 unit) Vacuum packing machines (1 unit) Seed extractors (maize and chili) (3 units) 		 Developed cost effective technology packages for hybrid seed production IOT-based infrastructure facilities for future research & development activities Novel land preparation and development technologies 	

Activities	Estimated Cost (Rs Mn)	Expected Outcome (KPIs)	Beneficiaries
- Seed coating machine (2 units)		Plant protection diagnostics -	
Cold room facility for seed storage		Effective diagnosis of diseases and thereby managing diseases- • Quick identification of samples • Microbial arrays – Number of samples	
Total	100		

1.4. Implementation arrangements:

- Implementation arrangements will be done by Field Crops Research and Development Institute (FCRDI), Mahailluppallama in collaboration with Seeds and Planting Material Development Center (SPMDC).
- Technical specifications for procurement items will be prepared by the ASMP and FCRDI. Procurement will be done by the Ministry of Agriculture.

1.5. Operations

- The activities will be operationalized by the research and technical staff of respective institutes under the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Field activities will be conducted under the supervision of technical staff. Additional labor will be hired to complete project activities on timely manner.

1.6. Expected Contribution from each party:

- 1.6.1. ASMP: Financial support for the capital expenditure
- 1.6.2. DOA: Man power, existing infrastructure facilities, land, water and other resources
- 1.6.3. ISP: designing and implementation planning
- 1.6.4. Other (e.g., University) Operational support

1.7. Financial Analysis (Overall):

- 1.7.1. Total Project Cost: Rs. 250 Mn
- 1.7.2. Cost borne by the ASMP: Rs. 200 Mn
- 1.7.3. Cost borne by the DOA per year: 50 Mn
- 1.7.4. Financial Analysis: Cost benefits
- Discount rate is 7.5% for 5-year time period.
- Net present value is Rs. 5,142,386 and benefit cost ratio is 1.02
- Unit price for all the inputs and outputs are used based on present market values.
- Infrastructure facilities will be used for other research purposes. Above values were calculated excluding other benefits.
- The project is economically viable considering the positive net present value and benefit cost ratio

1.8. Risk and mitigation

Risk anticipated	Proposed mitigation measures		
High pest and diseases incidences for Chili	Integrated pest management approaches		
and Maize crops due to adverse weather	coupled with fixing date of planting according to		
conditions	the weather forecasts of the DOA		

1.9. Environment safeguard & social safeguard concerns: (including gender)

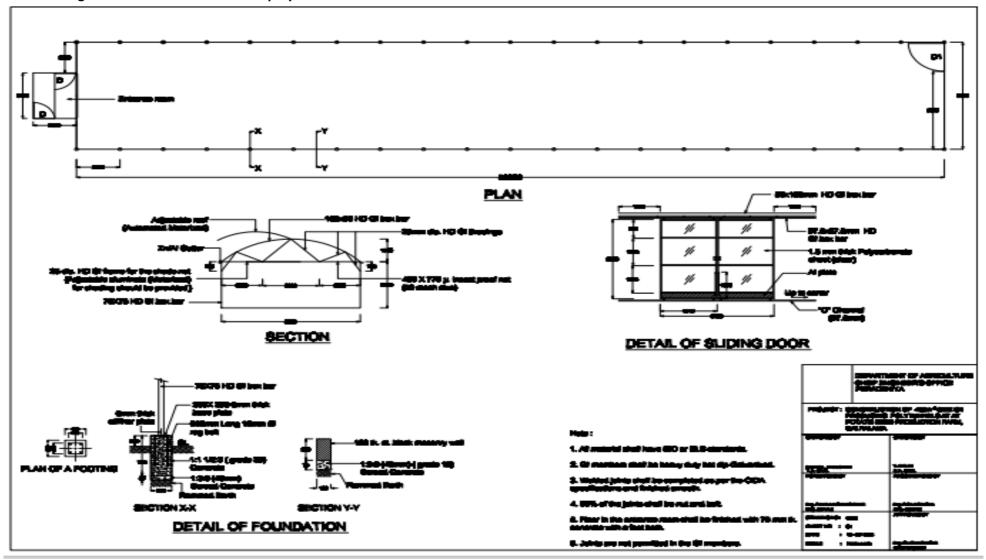
- Representation of both genders in each and every activity of the project will be ensured.
 Some activities preferred by female field workers such as hand pollination in Chili hybrid seed production, etc. will be entrusted specifically to them, as more efficient outputs can be expected.
- Standard cultivation practices including recommended agro-chemicals for pest (insect pests and weeds) and disease control, and recommended fertilizer application will be practiced while minimizing the negative impacts on environment, including soil and water pollution.

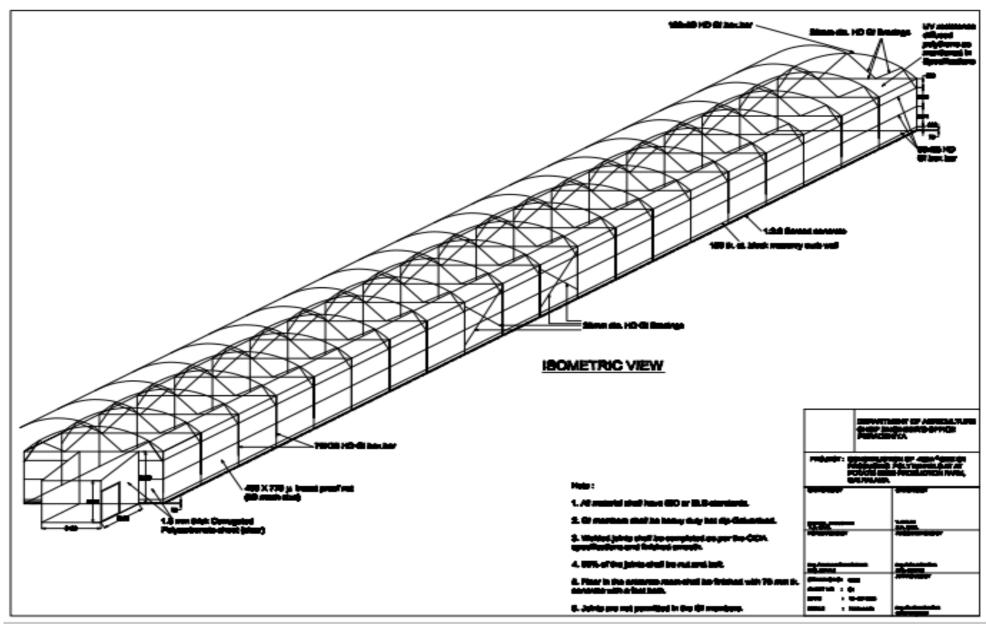
1.10. Sustainability

 After completion of the project implementation in the first year, the recurrent cost and maintenance costs for the facilities will be borne by the DOA through the annual budget allocations.

Annex 3: Design drawings of the subproject activities

1. Designs of Controlled environment polytunnels





Annex 4: Interim Guidelines on COVID-19 of World Bank

INTERIM GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 VERSION 1: APRIL 7, 2020

ESF/SAFEGUARDS INTERIM NOTE: COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION/CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS

This note was issued on April 7, 2020 and includes links to the latest guidance as of this date (e.g. from WHO). Given the COVID-19 situation is rapidly evolving, when using this note it is important to check whether any updates to these external resources have been issued.

1. INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic presents Governments with unprecedented challenges. Addressing COVID-19 related issues in both existing and new operations starts with recognizing that this is not business as usual and that circumstances require a highly adaptive responsive management design to avoid, minimize and manage what may be a rapidly evolving situation. In many cases, we will ask Borrowers to use reasonable efforts in the circumstances, recognizing that what may be possible today may be different next week (both positively, because more supplies and guidance may be available, and negatively, because the spread of the virus may have accelerated).

This interim note is intended to provide guidance to teams on how to support Borrowers in addressing key issues associated with COVID-19, and consolidates the advice that has already been provided over the past month. As such, it should be used in place of other guidance that has been provided to date. This note will be developed as the global situation and the Bank's learning (and that of others) develops. This is not a time when 'one size fits all'. More than ever, teams will need to work with Borrowers and projects to understand the activities being carried out and the risks that these activities may entail. Support will be needed in designing mitigation measures that are implementable in the context of the project. These measures will need to take into account capacity of the Government agencies, availability of supplies and the practical challenges of operations on-the-ground, including stakeholder engagement, supervision and monitoring. In many circumstances, communication itself may be challenging, where face-to-face meetings are restricted or prohibited, and where IT solutions are limited or unreliable.

This note emphasizes the importance of careful scenario planning, clear procedures and protocols, management systems, effective communication and coordination, and the need for high levels of responsiveness in a changing environment. It recommends assessing the current situation of the project, putting in place mitigation measures to avoid or minimize the chance of infection, and planning what to do if either project workers become infected or the work force includes workers from proximate communities affected by COVID-19. In many projects, measures to avoid or minimize will need to be implemented at the same time as dealing with sick workers and relations with the community, some of whom may also be ill or concerned about infection. Borrowers should understand the obligations that contractors have under their existing contracts (see Section 3), require contractors to put in place appropriate organizational structures (see Section 4) and develop procedures to address different aspects of COVID-19 (see Section 5).

2. CHALLENGES WITH CONSTRUCTION/CIVIL WORKS

Projects involving construction/civil works frequently involve a large work force, together with suppliers and supporting functions and services. The work force may comprise workers from international, national, regional, and local labor markets. They may need to live in on-site accommodation, lodge within communities close to work sites or return to their homes after work. There may be different contractors

permanently present on site, carrying out different activities, each with their own dedicated workers. Supply chains may involve international, regional and national suppliers facilitating the regular flow of goods and services to the project (including supplies essential to the project such as fuel, food, and water). As such there will also be regular flow of parties entering and exiting the site; support services, such as catering, cleaning services, equipment, material and supply deliveries, and specialist sub-contractors, brought in to deliver specific elements of the works.

Given the complexity and the concentrated number of workers, the potential for the spread of infectious disease in projects involving construction is extremely serious, as are the implications of such a spread. Projects may experience large numbers of the work force becoming ill, which will strain the project's health facilities, have implications for local emergency and health services and may jeopardize the progress of the construction work and the schedule of the project. Such impacts will be exacerbated where a work force is large and/or the project is in remote or under-serviced areas. In such circumstances, relationships with the community can be strained or difficult and conflict can arise, particularly if people feel they are being exposed to disease by the project or are having to compete for scarce resources. The project must also exercise appropriate precautions against introducing the infection to local communities.

3. DOES THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT COVER THIS SITUATION?

Given the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unlikely that the existing construction/civil works contracts will cover all the things that a prudent contractor will need to do. Nevertheless, the first place for a Borrower to start is with the contract, determining what a contractor's existing obligations are, and how these relate to the current situation.

The obligations on health and safety will depend on what kind of contract exists (between the Borrower and the main contractor; between the main contractors and the sub-contractors). It will differ if the Borrower used the World Bank's standard procurement documents (SPDs) or used national bidding documents. If a FIDIC document has been used, there will be general provisions relating to health and safety. For example, the standard FIDIC, Conditions of Contract for Construction (Second Edition 2017), which contains no 'ESF enhancements', states (in the General Conditions, clause 6.7) that the Contractor will be required:

- to take all necessary precautions to maintain the health and safety of the Contractor's Personnel
- to appoint a health and safety officer at site, who will have the authority to issue directives for the purpose of maintaining the health and safety of all personnel authorized to enter and or work on the site and to take protective measures to prevent accidents
- to ensure, in collaboration with local health authorities, that medical staff, first aid facilities, sick bay, ambulance services and any other medical services specified are available at all times at the site and at any accommodation
- to ensure suitable arrangements are made for all necessary welfare and hygiene requirements and for the prevention of epidemics

These requirements have been enhanced through the introduction of the ESF into the SPDs (edition dated July 2019). The general FIDIC clause referred to above has been strengthened to reflect the requirements of the ESF. Beyond FIDIC's general requirements discussed above, the Bank's Particular Conditions include a number of relevant requirements on the Contractor, including:

 to provide health and safety training for Contractor's Personnel (which include project workers and all personnel that the Contractor uses on site, including staff and other employees of the Contractor and Subcontractors and any other personnel assisting the Contractor in carrying out project activities)

- to put in place workplace processes for Contractor's Personnel to report work situations that are not safe or healthy
- gives Contractor's Personnel the right to report work situations which they believe are not safe
 or healthy, and to remove themselves from a work situation which they have a reasonable
 justification to believe presents an imminent and serious danger to their life or health (with no
 reprisal for reporting or removing themselves)
- requires measures to be in place to avoid or minimize the spread of diseases including measures to avoid or minimize the transmission of communicable diseases that may be associated with the influx of temporary or permanent contract-related labor
- to provide an easily accessible grievance mechanism to raise workplace concerns

Where the contract form used is FIDIC, the Borrower (as the Employer) will be represented by the Engineer (also referred to in this note as the Supervising Engineer). The Engineer will be authorized to exercise authority specified in or necessarily implied from the construction contract. In such cases, the Engineer (through its staff on site) will be the interface between the PIU and the Contractor. It is important therefore to understand the scope of the Engineer's responsibilities. It is also important to recognize that in the case of infectious diseases such as COVID-19, project management — through the Contractor/subcontractor hierarchy — is only as effective as the weakest link. A thorough review of management procedures/plans as they will be implemented through the entire contractor hierarchy is important. Existing contracts provide the outline of this structure; they form the basis for the Borrower to understand how proposed mitigation measures will be designed and how adaptive management will be implemented, and to start a conversation with the Contractor on measures to address COVID-19 in the project.

4. WHAT PLANNING SHOULD THE BORROWER BE DOING?

Task teams should work with Borrowers (PIUs) to confirm that projects (i) are taking adequate precautions to prevent or minimize an outbreak of COVID-19, and (ii) have identified what to do in the event of an outbreak. Suggestions on how to do this are set out below:

- The PIU, either directly or through the Supervising Engineer, should request details in writing from the main Contractor of the measures being taken to address the risks. As stated in Section 3, the construction contract should include health and safety requirements, and these can be used as the basis for identification of, and requirements to implement, COVID-19 specific measures. The measures may be presented as a contingency plan, as an extension of the existing project emergency and preparedness plan or as standalone procedures. The measures may be reflected in revisions to the project's health and safety manual. This request should be made in writing (following any relevant procedure set out in the contract between the Borrower and the contractor).
- In making the request, it may be helpful for the PIU to specify the areas that should be covered.
 This should include the items set out in Section 5 below and take into account current and relevant

guidance provided by national authorities, WHO and other organizations. See the list of references in the Annex to this note.

- The PIU should require the Contractor to convene regular meetings with the project health and safety specialists and medical staff (and where appropriate the local health authorities), and to take their advice in designing and implementing the agreed measures.
- Where possible, a senior person should be identified as a focal point to deal with COVID-19 issues.
 This can be a work supervisor or a health and safety specialist. This person can be responsible for coordinating preparation of the site and making sure that the measures taken are communicated to the workers, those entering the site and the local community. It is also advisable to designate at least one back-up person, in case the focal point becomes ill; that person should be aware of the arrangements that are in place.
- On sites where there are a number of contractors and therefore (in effect) different work forces,
 the request should emphasize the importance of coordination and communication between the
 different parties. Where necessary, the PIU should request the main contractor to put in place a
 protocol for regular meetings of the different contractors, requiring each to appoint a designated
 staff member (with back up) to attend such meetings. If meetings cannot be held in person, they
 should be conducted using whatever IT is available. The effectiveness of mitigation measures will
 depend on the weakest implementation, and therefore it is important that all contractors and
 sub-contractors understand the risks and the procedure to be followed.
- The PIU, either directly or through the Supervising Engineer, may provide support to projects in
 identifying appropriate mitigation measures, particularly where these will involve interface with
 local services, in particular health and emergency services. In many cases, the PIU can play a
 valuable role in connecting project representatives with local Government agencies, and helping
 coordinate a strategic response, which takes into account the availability of resources. To be most
 effective, projects should consult and coordinate with relevant Government agencies and other
 projects in the vicinity.
- Workers should be encouraged to use the existing project grievance mechanism to report
 concerns relating to COVID-19, preparations being made by the project to address COVID-19
 related issues, how procedures are being implemented, and concerns about the health of their
 co-workers and other staff.

5. WHAT SHOULD THE CONTRACTOR COVER?

The Contractor should identify measures to address the COVID-19 situation. What will be possible will depend on the context of the project: the location, existing project resources, availability of supplies, capacity of local emergency/health services, the extent to which the virus already exist in the area. A systematic approach to planning, recognizing the challenges associated with rapidly changing circumstances, will help the project put in place the best measures possible to address the situation. As discussed above, measures to address COVID-19 may be presented in different ways (as a contingency plan, as an extension of the existing project emergency and preparedness plan or as standalone procedures). PIUs and contractors should refer to guidance issued by relevant authorities, both national

and international (e.g. WHO), which is regularly updated (see sample References and links provided in the Annex).

Addressing COVID-19 at a project site goes beyond occupational health and safety, and is a broader project issue which will require the involvement of different members of a project management team. In many cases, the most effective approach will be to establish procedures to address the issues, and then to ensure that these procedures are implemented systematically. Where appropriate given the project context, a designated team should be established to address COVID-19 issues, including PIU representatives, the Supervising Engineer, management (e.g. the project manager) of the contractor and sub-contractors, security, and medical and OHS professionals. Procedures should be clear and straightforward, improved as necessary, and supervised and monitored by the COVID-19 focal point(s). Procedures should be documented, distributed to all contractors, and discussed at regular meetings to facilitate adaptive management. The issues set out below include a number that represent expected good workplace management but are especially pertinent in preparing the project response to COVID-19.

(a) ASSESSING WORKFORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Many construction sites will have a mix of workers e.g. workers from the local communities; workers from a different part of the country; workers from another country. Workers will be employed under different terms and conditions and be accommodated in different ways. Assessing these different aspects of the workforce will help in identifying appropriate mitigation measures:

- The Contractor should prepare a detailed profile of the project work force, key work activities, schedule for carrying out such activities, different durations of contract and rotations (e.g. 4 weeks on, 4 weeks off).
- This should include a breakdown of workers who reside at home (i.e. workers from the community),
 workers who lodge within the local community and workers in on-site accommodation. Where
 possible, it should also identify workers that may be more at risk from COVID-19, those with
 underlying health issues or who may be otherwise at risk.
- Consideration should be given to ways in which to minimize movement in and out of site. This could
 include lengthening the term of existing contracts, to avoid workers returning home to affected areas,
 or returning to site from affected areas.
- Workers accommodated on site should be required to minimize contact with people near the site, and in certain cases be prohibited from leaving the site for the duration of their contract, so that contact with local communities is avoided.
- Consideration should be given to requiring workers lodging in the local community to move to site
 accommodation (subject to availability) where they would be subject to the same restrictions.
- Workers from local communities, who return home daily, weekly or monthly, will be more difficult to manage. They should be subject to health checks at entry to the site (as set out above) and at some point, circumstances may make it necessary to require them to either use accommodation on site or not to come to work.

(b) ENTRY/EXIT TO THE WORK SITE AND CHECKS ON COMMENCEMENT OF WORK

Entry/exit to the work site should be controlled and documented for both workers and other parties, including support staff and suppliers. Possible measures may include:

 Establishing a system for controlling entry/exit to the site, securing the boundaries of the site, and establishing designating entry/exit points (if they do not already exist). Entry/exit to the site should be documented.

- Training security staff on the (enhanced) system that has been put in place for securing the site and controlling entry and exit, the behaviors required of them in enforcing such system and any COVID -19 specific considerations.
- Training staff who will be monitoring entry to the site, providing them with the resources they need
 to document entry of workers, conducting temperature checks and recording details of any worker
 that is denied entry.
- Confirming that workers are fit for work before they enter the site or start work. While procedures should already be in place for this, special attention should be paid to workers with underlying health issues or who may be otherwise at risk. Consideration should be given to demobilization of staff with underlying health issues.
- Checking and recording temperatures of workers and other people entering the site or requiring selfreporting prior to or on entering the site.
- Providing daily briefings to workers prior to commencing work, focusing on COVID-19 specific considerations including cough etiquette, hand hygiene and distancing measures, using demonstrations and participatory methods.
- During the daily briefings, reminding workers to self-monitor for possible symptoms (fever, cough) and to report to their supervisor or the COVID-19 focal point if they have symptoms or are feeling unwell.
- Preventing a worker from an affected area or who has been in contact with an infected person from returning to the site for 14 days or (if that is not possible) isolating such worker for 14 days.
- Preventing a sick worker from entering the site, referring them to local health facilities if necessary or requiring them to isolate at home for 14 days.

(c) GENERAL HYGIENE

Requirements on general hygiene should be communicated and monitored, to include:

- Training workers and staff on site on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, how it is spread, how to
 protect themselves (including regular handwashing and social distancing) and what to do if they or
 other people have symptoms (for further information see WHO COVID-19 advice for the public).
- Placing posters and signs around the site, with images and text in local languages.
- Ensuring handwashing facilities supplied with soap, disposable paper towels and closed waste bins
 exist at key places throughout site, including at entrances/exits to work areas; where there is a toilet,
 canteen or food distribution, or provision of drinking water; in worker accommodation; at waste
 stations; at stores; and in common spaces. Where handwashing facilities do not exist or are not
 adequate, arrangements should be made to set them up. Alcohol based sanitizer (if available, 60-95%
 alcohol) can also be used.
- Review worker accommodations, and assess them in light of the requirements set out in IFC/EBRD guidance on Workers' Accommodation: processes and standards, which provides valuable guidance as to good practice for accommodation.
- Setting aside part of worker accommodation for precautionary self-quarantine as well as more formal isolation of staff who may be infected (see paragraph (f)).

(d) CLEANING AND WASTE DISPOSAL

Conduct regular and thorough cleaning of all site facilities, including offices, accommodation, canteens, common spaces. Review cleaning protocols for key construction equipment (particularly if it is being operated by different workers). This should include:

- Providing cleaning staff with adequate cleaning equipment, materials and disinfectant.
- Review general cleaning systems, training cleaning staff on appropriate cleaning procedures and appropriate frequency in high use or high-risk areas.
- Where it is anticipated that cleaners will be required to clean areas that have been or are suspected
 to have been contaminated with COVID-19, providing them with appropriate PPE: gowns or aprons,
 gloves, eye protection (masks, goggles or face screens) and boots or closed work shoes. If appropriate
 PPE is not available, cleaners should be provided with best available alternatives.
- Training cleaners in proper hygiene (including handwashing) prior to, during and after conducting cleaning activities; how to safely use PPE (where required); in waste control (including for used PPE and cleaning materials).
- Any medical waste produced during the care of ill workers should be collected safely in designated
 containers or bags and treated and disposed of following relevant requirements (e.g., national, WHO).
 If open burning and incineration of medical wastes is necessary, this should be for as limited a duration
 as possible. Waste should be reduced and segregated, so that only the smallest amount of waste is
 incinerated (for further information see WHO interim guidance on water, sanitation and waste
 management for COVID-19).

(e) ADJUSTING WORK PRACTICES

Consider changes to work processes and timings to reduce or minimize contact between workers, recognizing that this is likely to impact the project schedule. Such measures could include:

- Decreasing the size of work teams.
- Limiting the number of workers on site at any one time.
- Changing to a 24-hour work rotation.
- Adapting or redesigning work processes for specific work activities and tasks to enable social distancing, and training workers on these processes.
- Continuing with the usual safety trainings, adding COVID-19 specific considerations. Training should
 include proper use of normal PPE. While as of the date of this note, general advice is that construction
 workers do not require COVID-19 specific PPE, this should be kept under review (for further
 information see WHO interim guidance on rational use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for
 COVID-19).
- Reviewing work methods to reduce use of construction PPE, in case supplies become scarce or the
 PPE is needed for medical workers or cleaners. This could include, e.g. trying to reduce the need for
 dust masks by checking that water sprinkling systems are in good working order and are maintained
 or reducing the speed limit for haul trucks.
- Arranging (where possible) for work breaks to be taken in outdoor areas within the site.
- Consider changing canteen layouts and phasing meal times to allow for social distancing and phasing
 access to and/or temporarily restricting access to leisure facilities that may exist on site, including
 gyms.

At some point, it may be necessary to review the overall project schedule, to assess the extent to
which it needs to be adjusted (or work stopped completely) to reflect prudent work practices,
potential exposure of both workers and the community and availability of supplies, taking into
account Government advice and instructions.

(f) PROJECT MEDICAL SERVICES

Consider whether existing project medical services are adequate, taking into account existing infrastructure (size of clinic/medical post, number of beds, isolation facilities), medical staff, equipment and supplies, procedures and training. Where these are not adequate, consider upgrading services where possible, including:

- Expanding medical infrastructure and preparing areas where patients can be isolated. Guidance on setting up isolation facilities is set out in WHO interim guidance on considerations for quarantine of individuals in the context of containment for COVID-19). Isolation facilities should be located away from worker accommodation and ongoing work activities. Where possible, workers should be provided with a single well-ventilated room (open windows and door). Where this is not possible, isolation facilities should allow at least 1 meter between workers in the same room, separating workers with curtains, if possible. Sick workers should limit their movements, avoiding common areas and facilities and not be allowed visitors until they have been clear of symptoms for 14 days. If they need to use common areas and facilities (e.g. kitchens or canteens), they should only do so when unaffected workers are not present and the area/facilities should be cleaned prior to and after such use.
- Training medical staff, which should include current WHO advice on COVID-19 and recommendations
 on the specifics of COVID-19. Where COVID-19 infection is suspected, medical providers on site should
 follow WHO interim guidance on infection prevention and control during health care when novel
 coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected.
- Training medical staff in testing, if testing is available.
- Assessing the current stock of equipment, supplies and medicines on site, and obtaining additional stock, where required and possible. This could include medical PPE, such as gowns, aprons, medical masks, gloves, and eye protection. Refer to WHO guidance as to what is advised (for further information see <u>WHO interim guidance on rational use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for</u> COVID-19).
- If PPE items are unavailable due to world-wide shortages, medical staff on the project should agree
 on alternatives and try to procure them. Alternatives that may commonly be found on constructions
 sites include dust masks, construction gloves and eye goggles. While these items are not
 recommended, they should be used as a last resort if no medical PPE is available.
- Ventilators will not normally be available on work sites, and in any event, intubation should only be
 conducted by experienced medical staff. If a worker is extremely ill and unable to breathe properly
 on his or her own, they should be referred immediately to the local hospital (see (g) below).
- Review existing methods for dealing with medical waste, including systems for storage and disposal (for further information see <u>WHO interim guidance on water, sanitation and waste management for COVID-19</u>, and WHO guidance on safe management of wastes from health-care activities).

(g) LOCAL MEDICAL AND OTHER SERVICES

Given the limited scope of project medical services, the project may need to refer sick workers to local medical services. Preparation for this includes:

- Obtaining information as to the resources and capacity of local medical services (e.g. number of beds, availability of trained staff and essential supplies).
- Conducting preliminary discussions with specific medical facilities, to agree what should be done in the event of ill workers needing to be referred.
- Considering ways in which the project may be able to support local medical services in preparing for members of the community becoming ill, recognizing that the elderly or those with pre-existing medical conditions require additional support to access appropriate treatment if they become ill.
- Clarifying the way in which an ill worker will be transported to the medical facility, and checking availability of such transportation.
- Establishing an agreed protocol for communications with local emergency/medical services.
- Agreeing with the local medical services/specific medical facilities the scope of services to be
 provided, the procedure for in-take of patients and (where relevant) any costs or payments that may
 be involved.
- A procedure should also be prepared so that project management knows what to do in the
 unfortunate event that a worker ill with COVID-19 dies. While normal project procedures will continue
 to apply, COVID-19 may raise other issues because of the infectious nature of the disease. The project
 should liaise with the relevant local authorities to coordinate what should be done, including any
 reporting or other requirements under national law.

(h) INSTANCES OR SPREAD OF THE VIRUS

WHO provides detailed advice on what should be done to treat a person who becomes sick or displays symptoms that could be associated with the COVID-19 virus (for further information see <a href="WHO interim guidance on infection prevention and control during health care when novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected). The project should set out risk-based procedures to be followed, with differentiated approaches based on case severity (mild, moderate, severe, critical) and risk factors (such as age, hypertension, diabetes) (for further information see WHO interim guidance on operational considerations for case management of COVID-19 in health facility and community). These may include the following:

- If a worker has symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. fever, dry cough, fatigue) the worker should be removed immediately from work activities and isolated on site.
- If testing is available on site, the worker should be tested on site. If a test is not available at site, the
 worker should be transported to the local health facilities to be tested (if testing is available).
- If the test is positive for COVID-19 or no testing is available, the worker should continue to be isolated.
 This will either be at the work site or at home. If at home, the worker should be transported to their home in transportation provided by the project.
- Extensive cleaning procedures with high-alcohol content disinfectant should be undertaken in the
 area where the worker was present, prior to any further work being undertaken in that area. Tools
 used by the worker should be cleaned using disinfectant and PPE disposed of.
- Co-workers (i.e. workers with whom the sick worker was in close contact) should be required to stop
 work, and be required to quarantine themselves for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.

 Family and other close contacts of the worker should be required to quarantine themselves for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.

- If a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in a worker on the site, visitors should be restricted from entering
 the site and worker groups should be isolated from each other as much as possible.
- If workers live at home and has a family member who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, the worker should quarantine themselves and not be allowed on the project site for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.
- Workers should continue to be paid throughout periods of illness, isolation or quarantine, or if they
 are required to stop work, in accordance with national law.
- Medical care (whether on site or in a local hospital or clinic) required by a worker should be paid for by the employer.

(i) CONTINUITY OF SUPPLIES AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Where COVID-19 occurs, either in the project site or the community, access to the project site may be restricted, and movement of supplies may be affected.

- Identify back-up individuals, in case key people within the project management team (PIU, Supervising Engineer, Contractor, sub-contractors) become ill, and communicate who these are so that people are aware of the arrangements that have been put in place.
- Document procedures, so that people know what they are, and are not reliant on one person's knowledge.
- Understand the supply chain for necessary supplies of energy, water, food, medical supplies and
 cleaning equipment, consider how it could be impacted, and what alternatives are available. Early
 pro-active review of international, regional and national supply chains, especially for those supplies
 that are critical for the project, is important (e.g. fuel, food, medical, cleaning and other essential
 supplies). Planning for a 1-2 month interruption of critical goods may be appropriate for projects in
 more remote areas.
- Place orders for/procure critical supplies. If not available, consider alternatives (where feasible).
- Consider existing security arrangements, and whether these will be adequate in the event of interruption to normal project operations.
- Consider at what point it may become necessary for the project to significantly reduce activities or to stop work completely, and what should be done to prepare for this, and to re-start work when it becomes possible or feasible.

(j) TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION WITH WORKERS

Workers need to be provided with regular opportunities to understand their situation, and how they can best protect themselves, their families and the community. They should be made aware of the procedures that have been put in place by the project, and their own responsibilities in implementing them.

It is important to be aware that in communities close to the site and amongst workers without access
to project management, social media is likely to be a major source of information. This raises the
importance of regular information and engagement with workers (e.g. through training, town halls,
tool boxes) that emphasizes what management is doing to deal with the risks of COVID-19. Allaying
fear is an important aspect of work force peace of mind and business continuity. Workers should be
given an opportunity to ask questions, express their concerns, and make suggestions.

 Training of workers should be conducted regularly, as discussed in the sections above, providing workers with a clear understanding of how they are expected to behave and carry out their work duties.

- Training should address issues of discrimination or prejudice if a worker becomes ill and provide an understanding of the trajectory of the virus, where workers return to work.
- Training should cover all issues that would normally be required on the work site, including use of safety procedures, use of construction PPE, occupational health and safety issues, and code of conduct, taking into account that work practices may have been adjusted.
- Communications should be clear, based on fact and designed to be easily understood by workers, for example by displaying posters on handwashing and social distancing, and what to do if a worker displays symptoms.

(k) COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT WITH THE COMMUNITY

Relations with the community should be carefully managed, with a focus on measures that are being implemented to safeguard both workers and the community. The community may be concerned about the presence of non-local workers, or the risks posed to the community by local workers presence on the project site. The project should set out risk-based procedures to be followed, which may reflect WHO guidance (for further information see WHO Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Action Plan Guidance COVID-19 Preparedness and Response). The following good practice should be considered:

- Communications should be clear, regular, based on fact and designed to be easily understood by community members.
- Communications should utilize available means. In most cases, face-to-face meetings with the
 community or community representatives will not be possible. Other forms of communication should
 be used; posters, pamphlets, radio, text message, electronic meetings. The means used should take
 into account the ability of different members of the community to access them, to make sure that
 communication reaches these groups.
- The community should be made aware of procedures put in place at site to address issues related to COVID-19. This should include all measures being implemented to limit or prohibit contact between workers and the community. These need to be communicated clearly, as some measures will have financial implications for the community (e.g. if workers are paying for lodging or using local facilities). The community should be made aware of the procedure for entry/exit to the site, the training being given to workers and the procedure that will be followed by the project if a worker becomes sick.
- If project representatives, contractors or workers are interacting with the community, they should
 practice social distancing and follow other COVID-19 guidance issued by relevant authorities, both
 national and international (e.g. WHO).

6. EMERGENCY POWERS AND LEGISLATION

Many Borrowers are enacting emergency legislation. The scope of such legislation, and the way it interacts with other legal requirements, will vary from country to country. Such legislation can cover a range of issues, for example:

Declaring a public health emergency

 Authorizing the use of police or military in certain activities (e.g. enforcing curfews or restrictions on movement)

- Ordering certain categories of employees to work longer hours, not to take holiday or not to leave their job (e.g. health workers)
- · Ordering non-essential workers to stay at home, for reduced pay or compulsory holiday

Except in exceptional circumstances (after referral to the World Bank's Operations Environmental and Social Review Committee (OESRC)), projects will need to follow emergency legislation to the extent that these are mandatory or advisable. It is important that the Borrower understands how mandatory requirements of the legislation will impact the project. Teams should require Borrowers (and in turn, Borrowers should request Contractors) to consider how the emergency legislation will impact the obligations of the Borrower set out in the legal agreement and the obligations set out in the construction contracts. Where the legislation requires a material departure from existing contractual obligations, this should be documented, setting out the relevant provisions.

ANNEX

WHO Guidance

Advice for the public

WHO advice for the public, including on social distancing, respiratory hygiene, self-quarantine, and seeking medical advice, can be consulted on this WHO website:

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public

Technical guidance

Infection prevention and control during health care when novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected, issued on 19 March 2020

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak: rights, roles and responsibilities of health workers, including key considerations for occupational safety and health, issued on 18 March 2020

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Action Plan Guidance COVID-19 Preparedness and Response, issued on 16 March 2020

Considerations for quarantine of individuals in the context of containment for coronavirus disease (COVID-19), issued on 19 March 2020

Operational considerations for case management of COVID-19 in health facility and community, issued on 19 March 2020

Rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), issued on 27 February 2020

Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19, issued on 19 March 2020

Water, sanitation, hygiene and waste management for COVID-19, issued on 19 March 2020

Safe management of wastes from health-care activities issued in 2014

Advice on the use of masks in the community, during home care and in healthcare settings in the context of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, issued on March 19, 2020

ILO GUIDANCE

ILO Standards and COVID-19 FAQ, issued on March 23, 2020 (provides a compilation of answers to most frequently asked questions related to international labor standards and COVID-19)

MFI GUIDANCE

IDB Invest Guidance for Infrastructure Projects on COVID-19: A Rapid Risk Profile and Decision Framework

KfW DEG COVID-19 Guidance for employers, issued on 31 March 2020

CDC Group COVID-19 Guidance for Employers, issued on 23 March 2020

Annex 5: CEA- Licensed e-waste Collectors in Sri Lanka



Licensed E-Waste Collectors in Sri Lanka

No	Address of the Industry	Contact	Types of E-waste	Date of Expiry
1	British Ceylon Produce Export Co.(Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: No.573, Sudharma Mawatha, Wanawasala, Kelaniya.	Mr. Hisham Abbas Mobile: 077 7958247 Office: 0114 717360 Mail: hafeel.abbas@yahoo.com teacom@slt.lk	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors	27.09.2022
2	Ceylon Waste Management (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: 61/1/F2, Kelanimulla, Kelaniya.	Ms. Sewwandi Ranasinghe Director Mobile: 0777 999247 Ms. Asanga Opatha Tel: 0114 336336 Mail:info@ewaste.lk	E-Waste Including CFL Bulbs Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors/TV	19.08.2022
3	Cleantech (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: No.281/1, Devamiththa Place, Heiyanthuduwa, Sapugaskanda.	Mr. Kasun Karunanayake Manager Mobile : 071 5260624 Office : 0112 368768 Mail : kasun.karunanayake@cleantech.lk	E-Waste excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors	07.08.2022
4	Eco - Biz World (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: 621/3, Wekanda Road, Walgama, Mahwana.	Mr. A.G.S. Rukmal Mobile: 077 9129100 Office: 0112 476078 Mail: ebw@ecobizworkl.com	E-Waste excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors	12.08.2022
5	Ecogate Lanka Engineering Services Operational Address: No.65/06, WelegedaraRoad, Molligoda, Wadduwa.	Mr. Evton Issec Mobile: 076-9268879 Office: 0113-675688 Mail: ecogatelanka@gmail.com	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent bulbs, & CRT monitors	Processing
6	Evergreen Trading and Marketing (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: No.45, Muthuraja Mawatha, Mabola, Wattala	Mr. K.Ashwin Director Mobile: 0704373243 Office: 0758918919	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent bulbs, & CRT monitors	16.12.2022
7	Hiru Eco Waste Company Operational Address: No.213, Bolabotuwa, Bandaragama	Mr. M.L.V.I. Perera Mobile: 0762918554 0704429245 Mail: ecowastehiru@gmail.com	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent bulbs, & CRT monitors	03.10.2022

8	Infinity Green International (Pvt) Ltd Office Address: 454, Kandy Road, Kelaniya. Operational Address: No. 368, New Hunupitiya Road, Dalugama, Kelaniya.	Mr. Sanka Samudaya Mobile: 077 3433183 Office: 0115 923443 Mail: sanka@infinity.zone.lk	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors	Processing
9	Inova Environmental Services (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: No. Galaboda Road, Wewalpanawa, Padukka.	Mr. Ayal Piyathilake Mobile : 0773815989 Office: 0117072323 Mail : ayal.piyathilaka@inovaen.com	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent bulbs, & CRT monitors	Processing
10	Insee Eco Cycle Lanka (Pvt) Ltd Office Address: 413, R A De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03. Operational Address: Preprocessing Facility, PO Box 01, Palavi, Puttalam.	Mr. Sanjeewa Chulakumara Director Office: 0117 800800 Fax: 0112 555434	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent bulbs, & CRT monitors	10.05.2022
11	J F Supplier Operational Address: No. 276, Kottawaththa, Mawnella.	Mr. M.S.M. Jawfer Mobile : 077 7789496 Office : 035 2248133 Mail : jfsuppliers@gmail.com Web: www.jfsuppliers.webs.com	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors	04.05.2022
12	Moksh Worldwide (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: 93/2, Gothami Mawatha, Welewatte, Wellampitiya.	Mr. Sandeep Chathurvedi Mobile : 077 7733100 075 2550000 Mail: findsandy@live.com	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors	29.12.2021
13	N.S.Green Links Lanka (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: No. 259, Wewagedara, Divulapitiya.	Mr. Nalin Gunaratne - 071 4066455 Mr. Oshada Weerasinghe - 071 6305184 Telephone: 0112 236366/0115 660300 Email: nalin@greenlink.lk oshada@greenlink.lk	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors	03.04.2022
14	Recotel Lanka (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: 260, Sri Ramanathan Mawatha, Colombo 15.	Mr. Susantha Muhandiram Mobile : 0770090067 Mail: susantha@recotellanka.com	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs Fluorescent Bulbs & CRT Monitors	23.08.2022
15	SCT Holdings (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: 203/02, Horana Road, Kottawa.	Mr. Priyantha Basnayaka Mobile: 077 3274682 Office: 0112844228 Mail: sctholdings@gmail.com	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent bulbs & CRT monitors	20.03.2022
16	Think Green (Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: No.57/33, Muthuwella Mawatha, Colombo 15.	Mr. Shivahar Muthuramalingam Mobile : 0773 733301, 0777323885 Office: 0112 522 111 Fax: 0112 520 015	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent bulbs, & CRT monitors	Processing
17	Waymarque(Pvt) Ltd Operational Address: No.264/A/2, Patiyawala, Uswetakeiyawa.	Mr. J. Gabreie Mobile: 077 7221112	E-Waste Excluding CFL Bulbs, Fluorescent bulbs, & CRT monitors	12.12.2022