

Entrepreneurship Development Programme for returnees from overseas jobs who have registered at the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

The Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment expects to implement this programme to create Entrepreneurs at Divisional Secretariat Division level in order to empower migrant workers financially to start businesses / industries using their hard earned monies from overseas employment as well as to help those who are already engaged in businesses / industries with such monies earned, after returning to Sri Lanka who were registered at the Bureau.

Migrant returnees who wish to start such businesses / industries should submit their project proposals to the Development Officers (Foreign Employment) at the Divisional Secretariat Offices to be referred to the Provincial Offices and beneficiaries will be selected through a proposed Feasibility Evaluation Committee.



Qualifications to be fulfilled by applicants to request for financial support :

- Should be a migrant worker who has planned to either continue to maintain a Business / Industry already owned or to start one afresh on returning after a minimum 02 year stint overseas.

Documents to be submitted :

- Certified photocopies of the migrant returnees page of the passport containing his photo and the pages containing the immigration and emigration seals confirming the returned date.
- Certified photocopy of the National Identity Card.
- Rough sketch of the Business / Industry Plan.
- The detailed project proposals should be for either to commence a new business or expanding the existing one.

- Preference would be given to businesses targeting production and exports when evaluating the proposals.
- Special attention would be focussed on generation of direct and indirect job opportunities through the business proposed.

Project Proposals prepared by the applicants should be submitted to the Development Officer (Foreign Employment) of the Divisional Secretariat Office

The following financial grants will be considered to be provided depending on the feasibility evaluation of the proposal to either commence new businesses or expand existing ones.

Investment already done by migrant returnees or expected to be done for a business / industry	Grant allowed by the Bureau per each Entrepreneur - Rs. -	Number of Grants reserved for each DS Division
Rs. 200,000 - 500,000	Rs. 250,000	3
Rs. 500,001- 1,000,000	Rs. 500,000	1
Rs. 1,000,000 upwards	Rs. 1,000,000	1

Closing date for acceptance of applications : 28.02.2025

Coordination and further details :

- Mehewara Piyasa, Alternatives Division - 011 236 5673
- Entrepreneurial Assistance Counter at Bandaranaike International Airport - 011-2251688
- 24 hour Hotline Section - 1989
- Website - www.slbfe.lk

Further details relevant to this can also be obtained from Provincial Migrant Resource Centers of the Bureau :

Matugama - 034-2247188

Haliela - 055-2294118

Anuradhapura - 025-2225290

Ratnapura - 045-2223077

Ampara - 063-2223413

Vavuniya - 024-2228608

Kandy - 081-2227012

Kurunegala - 037-2223661

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