



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT & TOURISM

Project Management Unit

Tourism for Heritage, Resilience, Inclusion and Value-Driven Employment
(THRIVE) Project

Grant Facility for Project Preparation (GFPP) - Grant No.: E572-LK

VACANCIES

The Tourism for Heritage, Resilience, Inclusion and Value-Driven Employment (THRIVE) Project is a World Bank-financed initiative aimed at strengthening Sri Lanka's tourism sector through improved institutional capacity, sustainable tourism, heritage conservation, resilience, social inclusion, and employment. Under the Grant Facility for Project Preparation (GFPP), Grant No. E572-LK, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism (Tourism Section) calls applications from qualified Sri Lankan citizens for the Position of Project Director as per Management Services Circular No: 02/2026, dated 28.03.2026 of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

Post of Project Director (Full-Time)

Major Tasks and Responsibilities

The Project Director will be responsible for leading the project activities to achieve expected results within the given timeframe.

Qualifications: (1 or 2 below)

In accordance with Management Services Circular No. 02/2026 dated 28.03.2026, applicants must fulfil the following qualifications:

1. A Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field which is recognized by the UGC
AND
 - A Postgraduate Degree (Master's) in the field of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Project Management, Business Administration, Economics, or any other relevant degree / An Associated Membership / A similar professional qualification obtained from a recognized professional body in the relevant field**WITH**
 - At least 08 years of experience in the relevant field at a managerial level, out of which 04 years should be at a senior managerial level.**or**
2. Corporate / Fellow Membership obtained from a recognized professional body in the relevant field
WITH
 - At least 06 years of experience in the relevant field at a managerial level, out of which 03 years should be at a senior managerial level.

Salary: Rs 330,000 per month plus Government approved allowances

Post of Project Director shall be entitled to all allowances approved by the Government in accordance with the provisions of Management Services Circular No. 02/2026, dated 28.03.2026 issued by Management Services Department (MSD), the Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development.

Age :

Applicants should not be above 64 years of age as of the closing date of applications for the Post of Project Director.

Added Experience / Qualifications Preferred:

Preference would be given to those who possess:

- Proven experience in tourism sector development, institutional strengthening, policy analysis, and institutional capacity building or strategic planning.
- Hands-on experience in working directly with national and provincial tourism planning and development.
- Strong understanding of tourism sector institutions, policy frameworks, and regulatory environments.
- Experience in implementation of foreign funded projects
- Competency in review of claims, preparation of responses and interpretation of contractual provisions etc.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office packages and MS Project, or equivalent project management software, for Project Directors.

General Information :

Employee will have to contribute 8% of the salary to EPF (Employees' Provident Fund), Employer will contribute 12% of the salary to EPF (Employees' Provident Fund) and 3% to the ETF (Employees' Trust Fund).

Terms of Employment :

Project Director shall be recruited on Contract Basis until 27.02.2027.

Place of Employment shall be

Project Management Unit,
Planning Division (Tourism Section),
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,
First Floor, No. 03, Times Building, Bristol Street (Sir Razik Fareed Mw),
Colombo 01.

Application:

Applications along with curriculum Vitae, certified educational & professional qualifications, experience and contact details of two non-related referees should be sent by registered post to: **Project Accountant, GFPP Project Management Unit (PMU), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism (Tourism Section), No. 03, Old Times Building, Sir Razik Fareed Mawatha (Bristol Street), Colombo 01** on or before **22 September 2026**, indicating the Application for Project Director (GFPP) on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Copies of certificates to be attached to the application.

Applicants who are in the Government / Semi-Government sector should forward their applications through the respective Heads of Departments.

Only shortlisted applicants who meet the required qualifications and experience will be called for an interview.

The Secretary,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism.

Date: 07.09.2026