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**Multi-Sector Combined Mechanism for Empowering Rural Economic Revival Centres to Ensure Food Security and Nutrition**

This circular issues instructions on the implementation of Multi-Sector Combined Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition established in terms of Cabinet Decisions No.22/1360/601/005 dated 05.09.2022 and No. 22/1282/605/007 dated 30.08.2022, taken for Cabinet Memorandum submitted by Hon. President and Hon. Prime Minister respectively on Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition and Empowering Rural Economic Revival Centres.

The vision of the Food Security Programme of the Government is,

"To ensure every citizen has access to enough food at a reasonable price for an active and healthy life, at any situation of the country".

02. In line with the above vision, no citizen of the country should starve due to lack of food. No child should be a victim of malnutrition. In order to achieve these dual objectives, it is required to protect all families in the country from being victims of poverty. Accordingly, the Government has planned an accelerated national multi-sector combined program for ensuring food Security and protecting children against malnutrition by lifting all families out of poverty. In order to implement this programme, a Multi-Sector Combined Mechanism which includes the entire government mechanism comprised of officials from the Hon. President and the Hon. Prime Minister to the officers at the Grama Niladhari level as well as the private sector, religious leaders, politicians, professionals and non-governmental organizations has been introduced as follows,

## 2.1 National Food Security and Nutrition Council

The National Food Security and Nutrition Council envisages strengthening of the national level multi-sector coordination of the National Food Security and Nutrition Programme. The Council provides policy guidance and policy formulation at national level.

Composition of the National Food Security and Nutrition Council is as follows.

- i. Hon. President (Chairman)
- ii. Hon. Prime Minister
- iii. Minister in-charge of Health, Nutrition
- iv. Minister in-charge of Agriculture and Livestock
- v. Minister in-charge of Fisheries
- vi. Minister in-charge of Social Protection and Social Empowerment
- vii. Minister in-charge of Education
- viii. Minister in-charge of Plantation
- ix. Minister in-charge of Wildlife and Forest Conservation
- x. Minister in-charge of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government
- xi. Minister in-charge of Finance and Planning
- xii. Minister in-charge of Mass Media
- xiii. Minister in-charge of Women and Child Affairs
- xiv. Minister in-charge of Home Affairs
- xv. Minister in-charge of Science, Technology & Research
- xvi. Minister in-charge of Trade and Commerce
- xvii. Minister in-charge of Water Supply
- xviii. State Ministers relevant to the above subjects
- xix. All Provincial Governors
- xx. Members of Parliament representing political parties who are knowledgeable on Food and nutrition
- xxi. Representatives of the private sector and professionals (as invited by the National Food Security and Nutrition Council)

Convener- Head, Food Security Division, Presidential Secretariat.

Meeting- Once in three month

## **2.2 National Combined Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition**

The National Combined Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition is established with a view to multi-sector coordinating of national food security and nutrition programmes at policy-level, as follows.

- i. Secretary to the President (Chairman)
- ii. Secretary to the Prime Minister
- iii. Secretary in-charge of Health
- iv. Secretary in-charge of Agriculture and Livestock
- v. Secretary in-charge of Fisheries
- vi. Secretary in-charge of Wildlife and Forest Conservation
- vii. Secretary in-charge of Social Protection and Social Empowerment
- viii. Secretary in-charge of Education
- ix. Secretary in-charge of Plantation
- x. Secretary in-charge of Public Administration, Provincial Councils & Local Government
- xi. Secretary in-charge of Finance and Planning
- xii. Secretary in-charge of Mass Media
- xiii. Secretary in-charge of Women and Child Affairs
- xiv. Secretary in-charge of Home Affairs
- xv. Secretary in-charge of Science, Technology & Research
- xvi. Secretary in-charge of Trade and Commerce
- xvii. Secretary in-charge of Water Supply
- xviii. Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils
- xix. Civil Society Representatives
- xx. Representatives of Development Partners
- xxi. Representative of Academia and Professionals
- xxii. Head, Green Agriculture Operations Centre, Ministry of Defense
- xxiii. Other (as Invited by the National Combined Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition)

Convener—Director General, Department of National Planning  
Meeting—Once in two months

## **2.3. Technical Advisory Committee on Food Security and Nutrition**

Technical Advisory Committee is established with the intention of providing technical coordination for the food security and nutrition programs and the following responsibilities have been assigned to the said Committee.

- Review technical and policy issues on food security and nutrition, make recommendations and prepare plans, strategies and programmes thereon.
- Monitor the progress of implementing National Level Programmes and report to the National Combined Mechanism for Food Security and Nutrition.

Composition of the Technical Advisory Committee on Food Security and Nutrition is as follows.

- i. Secretary to the Prime Minister (Chairman)
- ii. Director General, Department of National Planning
- iii. Director General, Department of Project Management and Monitoring
- iv. Director General, Department of Health Services
- v. Director, Department of Agriculture
- vi. Director, Department of Irrigation
- vii. Director General, Department of Animal Production & Health
- viii. Director General, National Institute of Education
- ix. Director General, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development
- x. Director General, National Aquaculture Development Authority
- xi. Director General, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
- xii. Commissioner, Department of Probation and Child Care Services
- xiii. Director General, Department of Samurdhi Development
- xiv. Director General, Department of Census and Statistics
- xv. Director General, Department of Information and Communication Technology Agency
- xvi. Director General, Disaster Management Centre
- xvii. A Representative of Green Agriculture Operations Centre, Ministry of Defense
- xviii. Technical experts in the relevant field, appointed by the Technical Advisory Committee on Food Security and Nutrition as required
- xix. Representatives of Academia and professionals
- xx. Representatives of Chambers (for representing the private sector)
- xxi. Representatives of NGOs and civil society organizations

Convener–Deputy Director General, Community Health Services / Nutrition (Ministry of Health)

Meeting- Once in two months

#### 2.4. Provincial Combined Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition

A Provincial Combined Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition is established for each province enabling to maintain the multi-sector coordination pertaining to food security and nutrition at the provincial level and to report the progress and the issues thereof, to the National Food Security and Nutrition Council. The following responsibilities have been assigned to the Provincial Combined Mechanism.

- Ascertain specific food and nutritional strategies specific for provinces; provide guidance in respect of food security and nutrition programmes at district and divisional levels.
- Report on progress as well as issues when necessary, to other committees
- Preparation and implementation of annual provincial plans.

Provincial Combined Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition is comprised of the following members.

- i. Hon. Governors of Provinces (Chairman)
- ii. Chief Secretary
- iii. Relevant District Secretaries
- iv. Mayor/Chairman (Municipal Council, Urban Council, Pradeshiya Sabha)
- v. Secretary to the Governor
- vi. Secretaries to the Provincial Ministries
- vii. Provincial Director of Health Service
- viii. Commissioner of Local Government
- ix. Commissioner of Ayurveda
- x. Provincial Director of Education
- xi. Provincial Land Commissioner
- xii. Provincial Director of Agriculture
- xiii. Provincial Director of Irrigation
- xiv. Provincial Director of Social Service
- xv. Deputy Director General (Development), Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
- xvi. Commissioner of Cooperative Development
- xvii. Provincial Director of Livestock Development
- xviii. Representative, Green Agriculture Operation Center, Ministry of Defense
- xix. Experts and Professionals
- xx. Representatives of business community

- xxi. Non-governmental Organizations and Civil Society representatives.
- xxii. Other (As decided by the committee)

Convener–Provincial Chief Secretary  
Meeting - Monthly

## **2.5. District Combined Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition**

District Combined Mechanisms for Food Security and Nutrition are established for each district as a mechanism to review, study and plan and implement district food security and nutrition programmes. The District Combined Mechanism for Food Security and Nutrition has been assigned the following responsibilities.

- Eradication of malnutrition by ensuring food security through implementation of food security and nutrition program in the district.
- Identify, plan and prioritize interventions based on appropriate criteria to improve overall food and nutrition conditions in the district.
- Monitor and evaluate progress achieved in food security and nutrition programme implementation, while updating the plans and strategies concerned

Composition of a District Combined Mechanism on food security and nutrition is as follows.

- i. District Secretary (Chairman)
- ii. Additional District Secretary
- iii. Director (Planning)
- iv. Regional Director of Health Service
- v. Divisional Secretaries of the district
- vi. Provincial Ayurveda Commissioner
- vii. Zonal Director of Education
- viii. Community Medical Consultant
- ix. Maternity and Child Medical Officer of Health
- x. Veterinary Medical Officer
- xi. Statistician
- xii. Director of Agriculture
- xiii. Resident Project Manager, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
- xiv. Director of Fisheries
- xv. Director of Samurdhi
- xvi. Director of Irrigation
- xvii. Assistant Commissioner of Agricultural Service

- xviii. District probation & Child protection officer
- xix. Child Rights Promotion Officer/Early Childhood Development Officer/Women Development Officer/ Vidatha Officer/Information Officer
- xx. Representative, Green Agriculture Operation Center, ministry of Defense
- xxi. Representatives of Business Community
- xxii. Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations & Civil Societies (including Farmers' and Fishermen's Organizations)
- xxiii. Other relevant officers

Convener – Director (Planning), District Secretariat Office  
Meeting – monthly

## **2.6. Combined Divisional Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition**

Combined Divisional Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition is established in all Divisional Secretariat as a sole mechanism, in order to implement Food Security and Nutrition programmes. The following responsibilities have been assigned to the combined regional mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition.

- Guide to rural economic revival and food security committees in order to implement livelihood activities in domestic level.
- Implement food security and nutrition programmes in divisional secretariat divisions.
- Identify nutritionally vulnerable household units at Grama Niladhari division level and implement a result based intervention that need to uplift food and nutrition condition of such households.
- Identify, plan and implement result based interventions that require to uplift the food security and nutrition conditions of the divisional secretariat division as a whole.
- Monitor and assess the progress of implementing food and nutrition programmes in the divisional secretariat division and report to the District Combined Mechanism monthly.

The Composition of Combined Regional Mechanism on Food Security and Nutrition is as follows;

- i. Divisional Secretary (Chairman)
- ii. Local Government Representatives (Municipal councils, Urban Councils and

- Pradeshiya Sabha)
- iii. Medical Officer of Health
  - iv. Zonal Director of Education
  - v. Secretary/Commissioner (Pradeshiya Sabha / Urban Councils /Municipal Councils)
  - vi. Government Veterinary Officer
  - vii. Ayurveda Medical Officer
  - viii. Resident business managers in irrigation agencies
  - ix. Divisional Agrarian Development Officer
  - x. Agriculture Inspector
  - xi. Block Manager, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
  - xii. Child Rights Promotion Officer / Early Childhood Development Officer/Women Development / Social Service Officer / Probation Officer
  - xiii. Statistical Officer
  - xiv. Samurdhi Manager
  - xv. Managers / Elderly Homes
  - xvi. Managers / Orphanages
  - xvii. Representatives of Non-Governmental & Civil Society Organizations (including farmers' and fishermen's organizations)
  - xviii. Financial Institutions / Representatives of Commercial Banks
  - xix. Other relevant representatives

The Convener – Director (Planning), District Secretariat Office  
Meeting – monthly

## **2.7. Rural Economic Revival Centers**

As per the Home Affairs circular No. 09/2022 dated 06.09.2022 presented with titled as “Enforcement of Grama Niladhari divisions as rural economic revival centers of the Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Council and Local Government, Rural Economic Revival Centers have been established in all Grama Niladhari divisions in entire Island. These Rural Economic Revival and Food Security Committees are comprised of the following officers.

- I. Economic Development Officers
- II. Grama Niladhari
- III. Mid-wife
- IV. Samurdhi Development Officer



- V. Unit Manager, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
- V. Agriculture Research and Production Assistant
- VI. Principals of schools
- VII. Representatives of Non-Governmental & Civil Society Organizations(including farmers' and fishermen's organizations)
- VIII. Representatives of Religious Organizations
- IX. Other (As decided by the committee)

The Committee should do the needful to get rid of the poverty making economic revival in the Grama Niladhari division, to rescue children from malnutrition, to make food security in the area and to uplift the livelihood. This committee should meet monthly and the following targets should be achieved.

- To be Responsible for not starving any family or any person in the own division.
- Ensure that no child suffers from malnutrition in own Grama Nildhari Division.
- Uplift all the families and persons in own division beyond the internationally accepted poverty level
- Implement suitable agricultural, trade, economic, environmental and social programmes with the participation of all stakeholders.
- Finally, proudly declare the division, as a division where food is secured and eliminated the malnutrition and hence food security is achieved.
- If there is a difficulty to fulfill the above objectives submit a report to the combined mechanism on Regional Food Security and Nutrition.

03. Rural economic revival and food security committees shall be established and appointed members by the Divisional Secretary. Convener and the operator shall be named by the Divisional Secretary as appropriate.

04. This programme shall be made that could be affiliated all the stakeholders including all religious centers in the area, NGOs, private banks and schools.

05. By planning and implementing food production, processing and distributing or other economic activities that done by each family and persons in the Grama Niladhari division with prior preparation, Plans shall be made to provide them with necessary raw materials, fuel, seeds, fertilizer including all agrochemical products on time in sufficient quantity for a reasonable price.

06. The efficiency could be increased by acting in a combined access for the same. The officers of the committee having discussed with all homeowners, and data such as production plans of next seasons of each household unit and necessary inputs for that, kind of crops, cultivation area, expected harvest, marketing strategies should be made at household unit level.

07. Assistance should be provided to supply required inputs and, facilitate them to sell their production at harvest time by preparing an estimate of all necessary agriculture inputs for all the families by collecting plans of each household.

08. A measure should be prepared to upload production data of all households monthly to the National Data System.

09. Obtaining the correct agriculture data on time of Grama Niladhari division is essential to make right decisions. For that, guidelines in order to collect relevant data in the division will be issued by this committee in the future. Accordingly, data should be uploaded to the website and Mobile App made by the food security division of the Presidential Secretariat and through online.

10. Further, necessary measures should be taken to complete the establishment of a Multi-Sectorial Combined Mechanism proposed by this circular at national, provincial, district, regional and rural level before 23rd September 2022.

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