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| **Competent Authority Meeting Minute** | | | |
| **Name of the Clients**: Client 1- Department of National Planning | | | |
| Client 2 – Social Safety Nets Project (SSNP) at Ministry of Finance | | | |
| **Title of the Assignment**: Comprehensive Assessment on Existing Social Protection System and to Development the National Social Protection Strategy for Sri Lanka  File No: MF/SSNP/6/7/3/ = 2019 | | | |
| **NSPS/CA**  **Meeting Minute**  **No.**1 | **Date:**  05.08.2021 | **Purpose**: Review the Final Assessment report recommended by the Technical Review Committee (**TRC**) on social protection in Sri Lanka and approve the payment for the deliverables | |
| **Member of CA**  Ms. Geetha Wimalaweera - Chairman  Director General  Department of Development Finance  Mr.M. Ramamoorthi - Member  Director General (Planning)  Ministry of Samurdhi  A.G.U Thilakarathna - Member  Superintendent  Employees Provident Fund Department  Central Bank of Sri Lanka  Mr.H.K Ranaweera - Member  Director- Social Security,  Department of Samurdhi Development  Mr. Chathura Mohottigedara - Member  Additional Commissioner  Welfare Benefit Board  Ms. H D R K Jayaratne -Participant on behalf of Commissioner of Labour the Member | | | **Others** |
| **Primary Data:**   * Date of Contract Awarded 22.01.2019 * Contract Signed 05.02.2019 * Date of Final Inception Report submitted by the Consultancy Firm * Date of TRC Approval for Inception Report 31.03.2021 * Date of 1st Competent Authority Meeting for Inception Report Review * Date of CA Approval for Inspectional Report   **Matters Discussed:**  Final Assessment report on National Social Protection Strategy has been evaluated and accepted by competent Authority | | | |
| **Observation:**  Below mention documents were observed during the review process   * Minutes of the TRC Meeting held on 31.03.2021 * Final Inception Report (Presentation) * Final Assessment Report recommended by TRC   The final Inception Report was approved on 31.03.2021 by the Technical Review Committee” , as per mention in the Minutes of the TRC Meeting held on 31.03.2021. | | | |
| **Recommendation**   * Final Assessment report on National Social Protection Strategy has been evaluated and accepted by competent Authority subject to the few recommendation * Evolution of the time frame and extensions given by SSNP and the evidence document to be attached before the payment. * Consultant can be amended the proposed missing part as per the TOR and expected to clarification from the TRC and Consultancy firm.   Competent Authority members highlighted two major programs that should pay attention for this strategy document.  **The Samurdhi Program** –  Members from the Samurdhi Ministry highlighted their existing programme and also it has been entioned in Inception report as well. The empowerment component -The empowerment programme consists of five sub-programmes: the rural infrastructure, livelihood, social development, and Samurdhi housing programmes, and the microfinance programme through Samurdhi Bank societies  **Microfinance:**  Microfinance is considerate major poverty elevation impact.  Therefore, the recommendation of various aspects to discuss the subject of microfinance in relation to the social security system should be discussed in this study.  Gemidiriya Program- Assessment on Microfinance Program implemented by Gemidirya World Bank Funded Project (2004-2013)  • After the evaluation of the final report, following deliverables have been accepted by the CA   * Assessment Report with recommendations to be submitted to the Department of National Planning and Review Committee for comments. * Submission of Power Point Presentations on Assessment in all three languages at the National Stakeholder Consultations. (English, Sinhala and Tamil) incorporating comments.   Decision has been taken by Competent Authority to accept 25% Cumulative payment for the firm as per the agreement. Competent Authority to be informed TRC to review the comments made by CA and re-evaluate the missing area.  Next Step  TRC will send amended report to CA and proposed area will be presented to the CA separately | | | |