



UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

Faculty of Agriculture

Office of the Dean

Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya
Peradeniya 20400, Sri Lanka



22nd December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Request for Support to Restore Faculty Facilities Damaged by Cyclone Ditwah

As you are aware, the unprecedented extreme weather conditions and flooding caused by the recent Cyclone Ditwah have resulted in severe destruction across the University of Peradeniya. Among the most affected is the Faculty of Agriculture, where several departments and key training units have suffered extensive losses. The Departments of Animal Science, Soil Science, Agricultural Engineering, along with supporting service units, have sustained significant damage to buildings, laboratories, classrooms, equipment, student facilities, field resources, and service vehicles that are essential for day-to-day academic and research activities.

This disaster has caused a critical disruption to our teaching, research, and practical training programmes, which form the backbone of our students' academic and professional development. Each year, the Faculty produces highly skilled graduates who contribute significantly to Sri Lanka's agricultural sector, strengthening national food security, rural livelihoods, livestock and crop production, environmental sustainability, and agri-industry development. The damage sustained places these vital contributions at serious risk.

Despite the scale of devastation, our academic staff, non-academic staff, and students have responded with remarkable courage and resilience. While initial recovery efforts are underway, the restoration requirements far exceed the Faculty's available resources. Rebuilding laboratories, replacing damaged equipment, and restoring safe and functional learning environments require urgent external support.

At this critical juncture, we humbly request the support of our alumni, industry partners, institutional collaborators, philanthropists, and well-wishers around the world to stand with us in rebuilding the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, so that we may continue our mission of serving the nation.

Your generous contribution will directly support the following activities:

1. Repairing and restoring laboratories essential for teaching, research, and student practical training.
2. Replacing critical equipment, instruments, and learning materials damaged beyond repair.
3. Rehabilitating affected buildings, classrooms, and field training facilities.
4. Ensuring a safe, functional, and future-ready learning environment for over 1,800 undergraduate and postgraduate students.

We are committed to maintaining full transparency and accountability. All contributions will be used exclusively for cyclone-related restoration work, and progress updates will be shared with donors and stakeholders.



Contributions may be made to the following account:

Account Name: Alumni Association of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya

Bank & Branch: Bank of Ceylon, Peradeniya

Bank Code: 7010 **Branch Code:** 588

Account Number: 1281933

SWIFT Code: BCEYLKLX

Email: aafaup@agri.pdn.ac.lk

Every contribution, no matter the size, will make a meaningful and lasting impact. Your support will help us rebuild stronger, safeguard the academic future of thousands of students, and enable the Faculty to resume its vital contributions to Sri Lanka's agricultural sector.

On behalf of the Faculty of Agriculture, I sincerely thank you for your compassion, generosity, and steadfast support during this challenging time. Together, we can restore what has been lost and rebuild a Faculty that continues to lead the nation in agricultural education, research, innovation, and service.

Full details of the damage in department wise and the essential requirements for the continuation of undergraduate programmes are attached herewith.

Thank you for standing with us.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Barana Jayawardana
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Rebuilding Sri Lanka's Premier Agriculture Faculty

The Crisis & Our Response

Cyclone Ditwah dealt a devastating blow to the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka's leading Centre for agricultural higher education and research. Across four departments, laboratories, essential equipment, and critical infrastructure were damaged, estimated at around **LKR 250 million**.

Yet the Faculty has made a deliberate choice: we are prioritizing academic continuity. We are *not* seeking funds for vehicle replacement or major building repairs. Instead, we are focusing only on what is essential to restore teaching, learning, and research, ensuring our students can graduate, our faculty can conduct research, and Sri Lankan agriculture can continue to thrive.

Your support, at whatever scale, will have a direct, lasting impact on restoring laboratories and safeguarding the future of agricultural education in Sri Lanka.

Sponsor a Specific Project

We have identified discrete, manageable projects that alumni and well-wishers can sponsor. Whether you can fully fund one or contribute toward it alongside others, your donation will restore a specific capability our students and faculty depend on. The requirements, categorized by departments, are given below:

Department of Agricultural Biology

Essential chemicals and laboratory consumables to restart the academic program following the week-long power failure that destroyed supplies. A detailed list of chemicals and consumables is available if needed.

The total donor finding requirement of the Department of Agricultural Biology: LKR 1,172,503

Impact: Immediate resumption of practical courses for approximately 100+ undergraduate students per semester.

The Department of Agricultural Biology has sustained additional losses of chemicals and consumables valued at LKR 9.5 million; however, no funding is being sought for these losses at this time.

Department of Agricultural Engineering

Two essential farm vehicles require urgent servicing and maintenance to support hands-on training.

- **Four-Wheel Tractor Overhaul** – Oil replacement and full service | LKR 400,000
- **Two-Wheel Tractor Overhaul** – Oil replacement and full service | LKR 200,000

The total donor finding requirement of the Department of Agricultural Engineering: LKR 600,000

Impact: Restoration of practical field training at Meewathura Farm, enabling students to operate and maintain agricultural machinery; a core competency.

The Department of Agricultural Engineering has sustained additional losses due to damage to buildings and vehicles at the Meewathura Farm, valued at approximately LKR 20 million; however, no funding is being sought for these losses at this time.

Department of Animal Science

Three integrated rehabilitation packages will upgrade laboratory infrastructure and key dairy and meat processing facilities in the Department of Animal Science, strengthening practical training opportunities for students.

1 **Laboratory and Support Infrastructure Improvement**

Cold Room & Freezer Infrastructure, Restoration of Poultry Research Unit, Laboratory Animal Research Unit and Sea Weed Cultivation Unit, Furniture, Chemicals etc.

Cost: LKR 27,450,000

2 **Dairy Processing Laboratory**

Batch-type ice cream freezer, Milk chilling tank, Laboratory pasteurizer, Yogurt incubator, Cheese vat and cutters

Cost: LKR 12,380,000

3 **Meat Processing Laboratory**

Meat grinder, Sausage stuffer, Bowl chopper, Vacuum tumbler, and Smoke oven etc.

Cost: LKR 31,200,000

The total donor finding requirement of the Department of Animal Science: LKR 71,030,000

Impact: Complete restoration of dairy and meat processing teaching labs, enabling students of the three main degree programs to annually gain professional food science and technology related skills critical to Sri Lanka's agribusiness sector.

Please refer to Annexure 1

The Department of Animal Science has sustained additional losses due to damage to the department building, vehicles, generator, elevator, and CCTV system, totaling approximately LKR 15 million; however, no funding is being sought for these losses at this time.

Department of Soil Science

The Department's Soil Science Microbiology Laboratories require a coordinated package of investments to restore full teaching and research capacity. Priority needs include cold storage and sterilization facilities in the Soil Microbiology Laboratory to maintain microbial cultures, together with advanced analytical equipment and other specialized instruments for soil and microbial analysis.

The total donor finding requirement of the Department of Soil Science: LKR 34,192,000

Impact: Complete restoration of soil microbiology, and soil chemistry laboratories—the research and teaching hub for a department training 200+ undergraduates annually and conducting critical research on soil sustainability.

Please refer to Annexure 2

The Department of Soil Science has sustained additional losses due to damage to the laboratory building and vehicles, totaling approximately LKR 95 million; however, no funding is being sought for these losses at this time.

Why Your Donation Matters

The Faculty of Agriculture is the intellectual foundation of Sri Lankan higher education in agriculture. Its graduates lead agribusinesses, research institutes, export companies, and government agencies both locally and internationally. Its research informs national agricultural policy.

Cyclone Ditwah threatened that continuity. But it has also reminded us of the power of alumni and well-wisher networks.

Your gift ensures the next generation of agricultural professionals can learn, innovate, and lead right here, at the institution that shaped you.

How to Contribute

- **Full sponsorship of a project:** Restore an entire lab package or piece of equipment.
- **Co-sponsorship:** Partner with others to fund a project together.
- **Flexible giving:** If you have a specific budget in mind, we can identify the best use of your donation.
- **General Rehabilitation Fund (Any amount welcome):** Can't find your perfect project? Your unrestricted gift powers what the experts prioritize most. Join dozens of alumni who have contributed flexibly so far. Funds go to priority needs as decided by the Faculty Level Steering Committee, ensuring maximum impact where most needed.

- **Account Details:**

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For donations, recognition, or to discuss options tailored to your interests, please contact Prof Barana Jayawardana, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture: email-dean@agri.pdn.ac.lk, Mobile: +947185853

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Annexure 1:

Department of Animal Science

Item	Remarks	Estimated Cost	Fundraising Status
Cold Room & Freezer Infrastructure	Walking cold room, vertical freezer, and installation	7,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Laboratory Rehabilitation (Civil Repairs)	Cleaning, reconstruction, flooring, drainage, and structural repair	3,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Electrical & Water Line Restoration	Safety upgrades, rewiring, plumbing, and instrument connectivity	3,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Furniture & Storage Facilities	Stainless steel tables, cupboards, and shelving	2,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Installation, Calibration & Commissioning	Technical setup, testing, and validation	3,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Restoration of Poultry Research Unit	Cleaning, structural repair, and replacement of essential damaged facilities (feeders, waterers)	500,000.00	Seeking funds
Restoration of Laboratory Animal Research Unit	Cleaning, structural repair, and replacement of essential damaged facilities (feeders, waterers)	250,000.00	Seeking funds
Restoration of the Seaweed Cultivation Unit	Cleaning, structural repair, and replacement of essential damaged facilities (glass tanks)	100,000.00	Seeking funds
Chemical and Consumables*	Essential chemicals and consumables for the academic program that were stored in -18°C, -30°C, and -80°C freezers were lost due to the power outage	8,600,000.00	Seeking funds
Dairy Processing Laboratory			
Batch-type ice cream freezer	Essential for the academic program	750,000	Already pledged by a donor
Milk chilling tank (100 L capacity)	Essential for the academic program	350,000	Seeking funds
Laboratory Pasteurizer	Essential for the academic program	1,500,000	Seeking funds
Homogenizer	Essential for the academic program	1,500,000	Seeking funds
Yogurt incubator	Essential for the academic program and under repair - status to be updated	1,000,000	Under repair
Cream separator	Essential for the academic program	750,000	Seeking funds
Mixing vat (batch pasteurizer)	Essential for the academic program	750,000	Seeking funds
Cheese vat and cheese cutters	Essential for the academic program	500,000	Seeking funds
Cheese molds	Essential for the academic program	50,000	Seeking funds
Cheese press	Essential for the academic program	500,000	Seeking funds
Manual Butter Churner (bench-top)	Essential for the academic program	50,000	Seeking funds
Analytical balance	Essential for the academic program	300,000	Seeking funds
Bottle Cooler	Essential for the academic program	300,000	Already pledged by a donor
Flake ice machine	Essential for the academic program	1,500,000	Seeking funds
Electric balance	Essential for the academic program	350,000	Seeking funds

Retort	Essential for the academic program but not urgent	800,000	Seeking funds
Vertical freezer	Essential for the academic program	850,000	Already pledged by a donor
Digital thermometer	Essential for the academic program	50,000	Already pledged by a donor
Handheld pH meter	Essential for the academic program	30,000	Already pledged by a donor
Semi-automated Butter churner	Essential for the academic program but not urgent	500,000	Seeking funds
Meat Processing Laboratory			
Meat grinder	Essential for the academic program and under repair - status to be updated	1,200,000	Under repair
Sausage stuffer (manual or semi-automated)	Essential for the academic program	1,200,000	Seeking funds
Bowl chopper (silent cutter)	Essential for the academic program and under repair - status to be updated	4,000,000	Under repair
Vacuum tumbler	Essential for the academic program	2,000,000	Seeking funds
Brine injector	Essential for the academic program	50,000	Seeking funds
Ham molds	Essential for the academic program	300,000	Seeking funds
Patty maker	Essential for the academic program	2,800,000	Seeking funds
Band saw machine	Essential for the academic program	1,200,000	Seeking funds
Smoke oven	Essential for the academic program and under repair - status to be updated	4,500,000	Under repair
Sausage casings	Essential for the academic program	150,000	Seeking funds
Meat mixer	Essential for the academic program	1,600,000	Seeking funds
Ham/meat slicer	Essential for the academic program and under repair - status to be updated	1,200,000	Under repair
Vacuum packer	Essential for the academic program	1,200,000	Seeking funds
Oven (feed processing room)	Essential for the academic program	650,000	Seeking funds
Feed mixer	Essential for the academic program	400,000	Seeking funds
Feed grinder/mill	Essential for the academic program	3,000,000	Seeking funds
Feed pelletizer	Essential for the academic program	650,000	Seeking funds
Four storage cupboards for ingredients and accessories	Essential for the academic program but not urgent	100,000	Seeking funds
Texture analyzer	Essential for the academic program but not urgent	5,000,000	Seeking funds

*A detailed list of chemicals and consumables is available if needed

Annexure 2:

Department of Soil Science

Item	Remarks	Estimated Cost	Fundraising Status
Soil Microbiology Laboratory			
Freezer	Essential for the academic program	200,000.00	Seeking funds
Double Door Refrigerator	Essential for long-term storage of liquid-based microbial cultures	170,000.00	Seeking funds
Freezer (-30 C) - Medical	Essential for long-term storage of microbial cultures	1,500,000.00	Seeking funds
Refrigerator Double Door	Essential for long-term storage of liquid-based microbial cultures	200,000.00	Seeking funds
Refrigerator - Double Door	Essential for long-term storage of liquid-based microbial cultures	200,000.00	Seeking funds
Oven (Drying & Sterilizing Cabinet)	Essential for undergraduate practical	1,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Microwave Oven	Essential for the academic program	40,000.00	Seeking funds
Incubator	Under repair - status to be updated	1,500,000.00	Seeking funds
Incubator	Under repair -status to be updated	1,200,000.00	Seeking funds
Bio Reactor (Fermenter Unit)	Essential for undergraduate practical	7,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Laminar Flow (Bio Safe)	Essential for undergraduate practical	1,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Laminar Flow (Air Tech)	Essential for undergraduate practical	700,000.00	Seeking funds
Autoclave - Brand - ALP 32 L	Essential for undergraduate practical	1,500,000.00	Seeking funds
Industrial Autoclave -	Essential for undergraduate practical	3,500,000.00	Seeking funds
Benchtop Autoclave	Essential for undergraduate practical	600,000.00	Seeking funds
Microscope (Dissecting Binocular)	Non-repairable - an urgent need to start the academic program	500,000.00	Seeking funds
Microscope (Binocular)	Non-repairable -an urgent need to start the academic program	300,000.00	Seeking funds
Microscope (Mirror)	Non-repairable -an urgent need to start the academic program	100,000.00	Seeking funds
Top Loading Balance	Non-repairable - an urgent need to start the academic program	125,000.00	Seeking funds
Top Loading Balance	Non-repairable -an urgent need to start the academic program	150,000.00	Seeking funds

Balance 20Kg	Essential for the academic program	50,000.00	Seeking funds
Anaerobic Chamber	Essential for the academic program	180,000.00	Seeking funds
Dry Aggregate Sieve Machine (tester)	Essential for the academic program	3,500,000.00	Seeking funds
Shaker (Orbital)	Non-repairable -Essential for academic program	1,100,000.00	Seeking funds
Small Heating Block	Essential for the academic program	180,000.00	Seeking funds
Magnetic Stirrer	Essential for undergraduate practical	150,000.00	Seeking funds
Water bath	Essential for undergraduate practical	600,000.00	Seeking funds
Water Distillation Unit	Essential for undergraduate practical	550,000.00	Seeking funds
Domestic Blender	Essential for academic program -Not urgent	12,000.00	Seeking funds
Plant Tissue Grinder (Mill Sample)	Essential for academic program -Not urgent	4,000,000.00	Seeking funds
Archeological Handpick	Essential for academic program -Not urgent	30,000.00	Seeking funds
Online UPS (2KVA)	Essential for the academic program	150,000.00	Seeking funds
Micro Pipettes	All were damaged. Essential for the preparation of cultures for undergraduate practical	250,000.00	Seeking funds
Glass Fronted Cupboard	Essential furniture for the laboratories	120,000.00	Seeking funds
Revolving Chairs	Essential furniture for the laboratories	75,000.00	Seeking funds
Cupboard (MDF Board)	Essential furniture for the laboratories	160,000.00	Seeking funds
Consumables (laboratory)	Essential for undergraduate practical	200,000.00	Seeking funds
Glassware & Teflon Tube	Essential for undergraduate practical	800,000.00	Seeking funds
Chemicals & Standards*	Essential for undergraduate practical	600,000.00	Seeking funds

*A detailed list of chemicals and consumables is available if needed