

**Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)**

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**Executive Minutes**

**Joint Steering and Donor Committee Meeting**

September 24, 2020

Virtual

GAFSP Steering Committee Chair

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GAFSP Private Sector Window Donor Committee Chair

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Chair, GAFSP Steering Committee

Chair, Private Sector Window Donor Committee

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, AND CONTEXT**

1. A joint meeting of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) Steering Committee (SC) and the GAFSP Private Sector Window Donor Committee (DC) was convened virtually on September 24, 2020 to decide on the allocation of additional GAFSP funding for COVID-19 support and recovery through ongoing GAFSP Public Sector Window projects; to provide an update on the GAFSP replenishment launch event; and to discuss and decide on the tracks, focus, and timing for a new Call for Proposals under GAFSP 2.0.
2. The Chair to the Donor Committee and SC meeting Co-Chair, Ms. Iris Krebber, welcomed new participants. A list of meeting participants is provided in Annex 1. The draft agenda, which was circulated in advance of the meeting, was adopted and is provided in Annex 2.

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR COVID-19 SUPPORT**

3. The Trustee provided an update on funding availability, confirming an amount of US\$56.6 million in total funds available for new SC funding decisions relating to COVID-19 Additional Funding (AF). Under existing Contribution Agreements, an installment equivalent to US\$ 4.6 million is expected to be paid by June 30, 2021. A further installment equivalent to US\$74.1 million will be paid by December 2024<sup>1</sup>.
4. The SC discussed the AF allocations to support short to medium term COVID-19 responses through ongoing GAFSP Public Sector Window projects, as recommended by the independent expert panel. The panel’s lead expert presented the findings and recommendations from the technical review of the proposals received, highlighted key elements of the recommendations report, and addressed SC clarifications. Out of twenty-three eligible countries, eighteen applied for AF. Of the eighteen funding requests, the panel recommended that eleven proposals be financed.
5. The SC discussed the additional Supervising Entity (SE) administrative fees requested in association with the AF proposals and also considered closing date extension requests for a number of projects (see below).

**Decision Points:**

**Decision 1:** The SC approved all eleven recommended proposals for additional funding, per the table below, with the approved grant amounts totaling USD \$53,347,630 without administrative fees.

#	Country	Project Name	SE	Additional Grant Funding APPROVED (US\$)		
				Investment	TA	Total Grant Funding Approved

<sup>1</sup> Note that final USD amounts will be subject to prevailing exchange rates at the time that contributions are paid-in.

1	Bhutan	Food Security and Agriculture Productivity Project (FSAPP)	WB	4,640,000	-	<b>4,640,000</b>
2	Cambodia	Climate Resilience Rice Commercialization Sector Development Program (Rice-SDP)	ADB	3,800,000	-	<b>3,800,000</b>
3	Ethiopia	Second Agricultural Growth Program (AGP-II) and Technical Support to the Second AGP-II	WB/FAO	5,000,000	1,000,000	<b>6,000,000</b>
4	Haiti	Agriculture and Agroforestry Technological Innovation Program (PITAG)	IDB	4,300,000	-	<b>4,300,000</b>
5	Honduras	Corredor Seco Food Security Project (PROSASUR)	WB	5,000,000	-	<b>5,000,000</b>
6	Lao PDR	Agriculture for Nutrition Program (AFN)	IFAD/WFP	1,500,000	2,300,000	<b>3,800,000</b>
7	Rwanda	Sustainable Agriculture Intensification and Food Security Project (SAIP)	WB	5,985,295	-	<b>5,985,295</b>
8	Senegal	Food Security Support Project in the regions of Louga, Matam and Kaffrine (PASA Lou-Ma-Kaf or PASA-LMK)	AFDB	4,422,335	-	<b>4,422,335</b>
9	Uganda	Uganda Multisectoral Food Security and Nutrition Project (UMFSNP)	WB	7,000,000	-	<b>7,000,000</b>
10	Yemen	Yemen Smallholder Agricultural Production Restoration and Enhancement Project (SAPREP)	WB	7,000,000	-	<b>7,000,000</b>
11	Zambia	Agricultural Productivity and Market Enhancement Project (APMEP)	AFDB	1,400,000	-	<b>1,400,000</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,047,630</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>	<b>53,347,630</b>

**Decision 2:** The SC agreed that the prevailing administrative fee rate of up to 5% applies to these approved AF grant amounts, with maximum approved amounts per the table below. SEs may request exceptional SC approval for Admin Fees higher than 5% of the approved grant amount, following existing GAFSP procedures and as laid out in the Supervising Entity Guidelines. Any such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Rank	Country	SE	Administrative Fee APPROVED (US\$)		
			Investment SE	TA SE	Total Admin Fee Approved @5%
1	Yemen	WB	350,000	-	350,000
2	Rwanda	WB	299,265	-	299,265
3	Bhutan	WB	232,000	-	232,000
4	Uganda	WB	350,000	-	350,000
5	Senegal	AFDB	221,117	-	221,117
6	Honduras	WB	250,000	-	250,000
7	Ethiopia	WB/FAO	250,000	50,000	300,000
8	LAO PDR	IFAD/WFP	75,000	115,000	190,000
9	Zambia	AFDB	70,000	-	70,000
10	Haiti	IDB	215,000	-	215,000
11	Cambodia	ADB	190,000	-	190,000
<b>TOTALAPPROVED</b>			<b>2,502,382</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>2,667,382</b>

**Decision 3:** The SC also approved closing date extension requests for nine projects, as reflected in the table below:

Country	SE	Project	Project Approval Date by SE	Current Project Closing Date	Approved Extension Date
Bhutan	WB	FSAPP	27-Apr-17	30-Dec-22	30-Dec-24
Cambodia	ADB	Rice-SDP	27-Jun-13	30-Sep-21	30-Mar-23
Honduras	WB	ACS-PROSASUR	05-Sep-15	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-22
Rwanda	WB	SAIP	14-Sep-18	31-Aug-23	31-Aug-24
Senegal	AFDB	PASA-LMK	26-Apr-13	30-Sep-20	31-Mar-22
Timor Leste*	WB	SAPIP	25-Oct-16	31-Aug-22	31-Aug-24
Uganda	WB	UMFSNP	07-Jan-15	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-22
Yemen	WB	SAPEP	31-July-17	28-Feb-21	31-May-22
Zambia	AFDB	APMEP	26-Mar-14	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-22

\*Timor-Leste received an extension, however the project proposal for additional funding was not approved.

**Actions:**

**Action 1:** The CU will prepare a short brief (1-2 pager) summarizing GAFSP’s main actions to date in support of country, farmer and business efforts to protect investments and livelihoods in response to the COVID-19 impacts. The brief would be shared with SC members and placed on the GAFSP website to demonstrate what GAFSP has done so far to respond to the increased needs arising from the global pandemic;

**Action 2:** In the notification letters to SEs and recipient country governments confirming the SC AF allocation decisions, the CU will highlight the expectation that countries ensure that project activities address gender equality and include strong attention to women and girls’ empowerment, given that the pandemic has disproportionately affected women and exacerbated gender differences in the constraints that farmers face.

## **GAFSP REPLENISHMENT LAUNCH**

6. The CU provided an update on the upcoming October 13 virtual replenishment launch event, which will be hosted by Germany, and streamed via the GAFSP website, as well as an update on related communication and social media plans. The overall replenishment goal is \$1.5 billion for the period 2020-2025 and available information suggests that the Program is on target for its first year to raise about \$300 million.

## **GAFSP 2.0 RESTRUCTURING UPDATE**

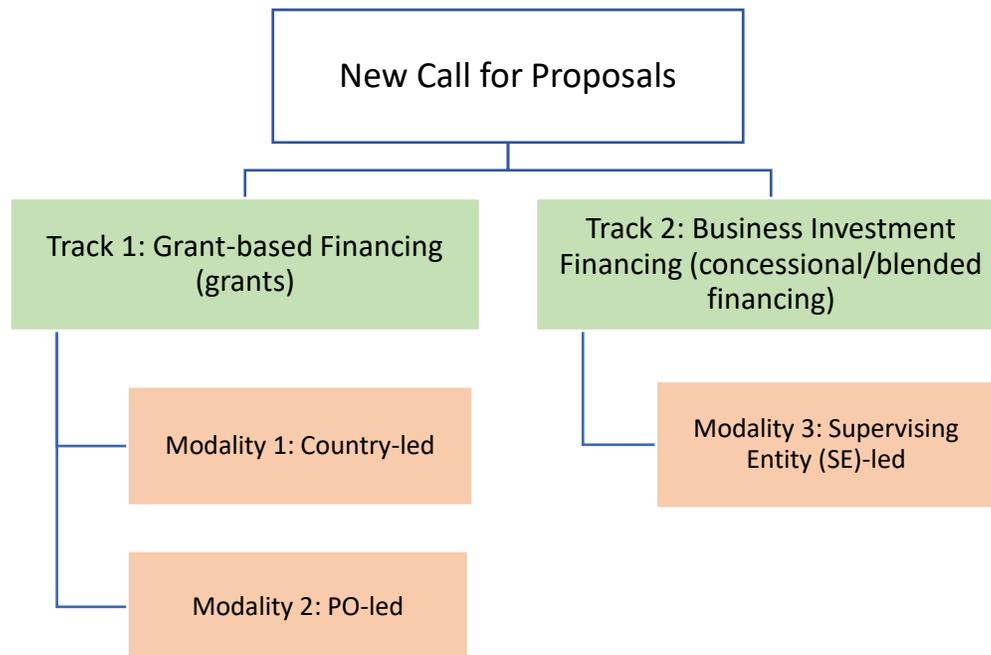
7. Recommendations on GAFSP's restructuring, known as GAFSP 2.0, were agreed in previous SC meetings. The CU gave an update on the GAFSP restructuring status and next steps, sharing that the Governance Document and Operations Manual have been revised to reflect the feedback received from the SC, and that the comments received from contributors and Supervising Entities on the draft Amended and Restated Contribution Agreement/Arrangement (CA) and Financial Procedures Agreement (FPA), respectively, are being addressed. Once agreement has been reached on the CA and FPA templates, the Restructuring Package will be reviewed by the Trustee and CU to ensure consistency across documents. Finally, the Restructuring Package will be shared with the SC for final review and approval. Following SC approval of the Restructuring Package, the Trustee will coordinate with all donors to sign the restated and amended CAs, allowing for activities to move forward and allocations to be made under GAFSP 2.0.
8. Following the approval of the Restructuring Package and the signing of the amended and restated CA by all donors to the GAFSP Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF), all current uncommitted funds and new contributions will be subject to the terms of the amended agreements under GAFSP 2.0 and available for all tracks based on SC decisions. Trust funds managed by the IFC as part of the current GAFSP Private Sector Window will remain open alongside the main GAFSP FIF.

## **GAFSP 2.0 CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

9. At the May 2020 SC meeting, it had been agreed that GAFSP would launch a new Call for Proposals to address medium-to long-term needs to respond to COVID-19. This Call would operationalize GAFSP 2.0 and be strategically timed to fund COVID-19 recovery, and support countries to strengthen the performance, resilience, and sustainability of their agriculture sector and food systems in a changing climate.
10. The SC undertook a substantive discussion on the two funding tracks (and three associated modalities – see Figure 1 below), potential focus areas, and indicative timeline for a new Call for Proposals under GAFSP 2.0. While the need to ensure responsiveness to individual country needs at this time was acknowledged, potential focus areas for the Call included climate change, empowerment of women and girls, resilience more broadly, nutrition and youth – in addition to promoting synergies between the public, farmers organizations, and private sectors. The SC also discussed the value of continuing the prior practice of non-thematic calls in which attention to priority themes is encouraged, given the

possible benefits of greater flexibility for countries responding to the impacts of the pandemic. The SC was clear on its intent to launch a new Call for Proposals, across both tracks and all three modalities, in early 2021 in order to meet the needs on the ground. It was recognized that final timing would be subject to the minimum threshold of available funding for allocation being met, for which further new commitments would be needed.

**Figure 1:**



**Decision Points:**

**Decision 4: Funding track(s) to be launched for a new Call for Proposals**

The SC agreed to launch **GAFSP 2.0 with a new Call for Proposals**, covering both the grant-based and business investment financing tracks and all three modalities, in early 2021.

**Decision 5: Potential focus areas for a new Call for Proposals**

Further to the May 2020 decisions on this Call and in considering if and how to further focus the new Call for Proposals, there was broad support at this meeting that empowerment of women and girls, climate change, resilience more broadly, nutrition and youth are important potential focus areas. However, the SC was also mindful that, given the pandemic, and its evolving and complex context, it is also important to maintain flexibility for countries, producer organizations and business to respond to their specific needs and priorities at this time, which would also strengthen the accountability of the government in delivering needed services to its citizens. In this regard, the SC considered the value of continuing prior practice and launching a non-thematic call. It was agreed that a final decision on GAFSP's approach for the next Call, including language and any assessment criteria for focus areas will be reviewed and decided virtually following the meeting, in a process supported by the CU, with a goal to complete such a process by November 2020.

### **Decision 6: Indicative timing for a new Call for Proposals**

It was agreed that the indicative timing for the **launch of the new Call for Proposals would be March, 2021, or earlier if possible**, subject to funds available for allocation. By way of illustration, should a March 10, 2021 Call launch date be followed, for modalities 1 (Country-led) and 2 (Producer Organization-led), the likely submission deadline would be mid-July, 2021; and the deadline for modality 3 (SE-led) would be mid-June, 2021. For allocation decisions, on this illustrative timeline, modalities 1 and 2 would have an end-September 2021 deadline, while modality 3 would be around mid-August 2021.

### **Actions:**

**Action 3:** The CU will facilitate a virtual review and decision-making process with SC members to agree how thematic priorities may be addressed and the language and assessment criteria, if any. This process will be finalized in sufficient time to be reflected in relevant Call guidelines and material ahead of the 2021 Call.

**Action 4:** GAFSP will launch a new Call for Proposals in March 2021, or earlier if feasible.

### **NEXT STEPS AND CLOSURE**

11. The SC Chair proposed Autumn 2021 for the next SC meeting, in association with the final timing of a new Call but noting that a further virtual meeting may be planned if necessary, for any critical decisions ahead of the Call launch.
12. The meeting concluded with thanks from the Chairs to all participants, organizers, and contributors.

## Annex 1

### List of Meeting Participants (alphabetical order, by stakeholder group)

	Last Name	First Name	Organization
Chairs			
1	Schattschneider	Dirk	SC Chair, Germany
2	Krebber	Iris	Donor Committee Chair, United Kingdom
Donors			
3	Aabo	Anders	Norway, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
4	Boehm	Nora	Germany
5	Chow	Jennifer	United States of America, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
6	Fougere	Shannon	Canada
7	Johnson	Karen	United Kingdom
8	Lammers	Mariska	The Netherlands
9	Lunde	Trine	Norway
10	Lynn	Fiona	Australia
11	Poveda Gutierrez	Jesus	Spain
12	Pradhan	Niru	United States of America, Department of the Treasury
13	Stormoen	Even	Norway, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
14	Strychacz	Nicholas	United States of America, Department of the Treasury
15	Tsuji	Naoki	Japan
16	Tsuyoshi	Hara	Japan
17	Turner	Emilie	Canada
18	van de Logt	Paul	The Netherlands
19	Van Gilst	Daniel Frans	Norway, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
20	Watkins	Neil	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
21	Zapaterro	Maria Abad	Spain
Regional Representatives			
22	Abdul Ghaffar	Jeehan	Middle East
23	Ehui	Mamou	Africa
24	Imashov	Chorobek	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
25	Keizire	Boaz	Africa
26	Martinez	Salome	LAC

27	Pokharel	Champak	Asia
28	Pratap Singh	Pankaj	Asia
<b>Supervising Entities</b>			
29	Barbosa Taves de Gouvea	Heleno	IDB
30	Boahen	Philip	AfDB
31	Brown	Donal	IFAD
32	De Salvo	Carmine Paolo	IDB
33	Fernandez Rodriguez	Esther	IDB
34	Fregene	Martin	AfDB
35	Heinemann	Edward	IFAD
36	Katagami	Michiko	ADB
37	Lampietti	Julian	WB
38	Manssouri	Mohamed	FAO
39	Preissing	John	FAO
40	Toe	Chris	WFP
41	Torero-Cullen	Maximo	FAO
42	Townsend	Robert	WB
43	Veillerette	Benoist	FAO
<b>Civil Society Organizations</b>			
44	Achour Bouakkaz	Mehdi	ROPPA/Interpreter
45	Baguilat	Irish	AFA
46	Guerra	Alberta	ActionAid USA
47	Hertzler	Doug	ActionAid USA
48	Ouedraogo	Ousseini	ROPPA
49	Penunia Banzuela	Ma Estrella	AFA
50	Sall	Nadjirou	ROPPA
<b>GAFSP Coordination Unit</b>			
51	Calixto	Silvana	Coordination Unit
52	Canales Gomez	Ana Cristina	Coordination Unit
53	Chawani	Thokozani	Coordination Unit
54	Dobson	Marjorie	Coordination Unit
55	Ekanayake	Indira Janaki	Coordination Unit
56	Hayward	Natasha	Program Head
57	Hoberg	Yurie	Coordination Unit

58	Jakobs de Padua	Astrid Maria	Coordination Unit
59	Lole	Jane	Coordination Unit
60	Magarotto	Cecilia	Coordination Unit
61	Markozashvili	Darina	Coordination Unit
62	Mehdi	Tammy	Coordination Unit
63	Ramachandran	Venkat	Coordination Unit
64	Salman	Diana	Coordination Unit
65	Tafesse	Samuel	Coordination Unit
66	Thapa	Dipti	Coordination Unit
67	Tortella	Virginia	Coordination Unit
68	Yang	Shijie	Coordination Unit
69	Zwaans	Pauline	Coordination Unit
GAFSP Private Sector Window Secretariat – IFC			
70	Berman	Daphna	Private Sector Window Secretariat
71	Chen	Yanni	Senior Results Management Specialist
72	Earne	Julie Fawn	Senior Operations Officer
73	Leonov	Andrei	Finance Officer
74	Luternauer	Patrick	Principal Operations Officer
75	Maiztegui	Josefina	Consultant
76	Milena Tavera	Sandra	Associate Operations Officer
77	Razdan	Pamposh	Senior Operations Officer
78	Rosembuj	Flavia	Senior Counsel
79	Shah	Niraj	Head, Private Sector Window Secretariat
80	Zhang	Meng	Program Assistant
Trustee			
81	Afewerk Nerayo	Lewam	Trustee
82	Fuentes Lanza	Jorge Alberta	Trustee
83	Jacqueline Sta. Maria	Iris	Trustee
84	Pardo	Maria Lourdes	Senior Counsel
85	Williamson	Angela	Trustee
Expert panel representative			
86	McLean	Diana	



## Annex 2



# DRAFT AGENDA

## Virtual GAFSP Steering Committee Meeting

Sept 24, 2020

\*\* 5.00am Seattle/ 8.00am Washington DC / 12.00pm Abidjan / 1.00pm London / 2.00pm Berlin, Rome / 3.00pm Nairobi / 5.45pm Kathmandu / 6.00pm Dhaka / 8.00pm Manila / 10.00pm Canberra

### Meeting objective:

To decide on the allocation of additional GAFSP funding for COVID-19 support and recovery through ongoing GAFSP Public Sector Window projects; to provide an update on the GAFSP replenishment launch; and to discuss and decide on the track, focus and timing for a new Call for Proposals under GAFSP 2.0.

### AGENDA

	7:45-8:00am	Steering Committee (SC) members connect and test audio and video connections  For connection assistance please contact Venkat Ramachandran ( <a href="mailto:Venkat@worldbank.org">Venkat@worldbank.org</a> ; +1 202 458 7619)
Opening	8am- 8:10am	Welcome and context, adoption of agenda <i>Dirk Schattschneider, Steering Committee Chair</i> <i>Iris Krebber, Donor Committee Chair and Meeting Co-Chair</i>
Session 1	8:10-9:30am	Allocation of Funding for COVID-19 Support <i>Moderated by: Dirk Schattschneider, Steering Committee Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Update on funding availability – <i>Angela Williamson, Trustee</i> (5 mins)</li><li>- Findings and recommendations from the technical review of funding requests - <i>Diana McLean, lead expert panelist</i> (15 mins)</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of funding requests (45 mins)</li> <li>- Decisions on funding allocations and extension requests (15 mins)</li> </ul> <p><i>The recommendations report of the expert technical panel has been shared in advance. A brief presentation will be made by the lead panelist to highlight key elements and address any SC clarifications.</i></p> <p><b>Decision Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Which additional funding requests will be approved for funding?</b></li> <li>- <b>How much funding (grant amount) will be allocated for each approved request?</b></li> <li>- <b>Approval of Supervising Entity Administrative fees</b></li> <li>- <b>Approval of project closing date extension requests.</b></li> </ul>
Session 2	9:30-10:00am	<p><b>GAFSP Replenishment Launch</b>  <i>Moderated by: Iris Krebber, Meeting Co-Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Update on October 13<sup>th</sup> replenishment launch event program – <i>Virginia Tortella Canellas, Coordination Unit</i> (5 mins)</li> <li>14. Presentation of communication and social media plans – <i>Tammy Mehdi, Coordination Unit</i> (5 mins)</li> <li>15. Discussion and questions (20 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b>No decision points</b></p>
Session 3	10:00-10:50am	<p><b>GAFSP 2.0 Call for Proposals</b>  <i>Moderated by: Iris Krebber, Meeting Co-Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GAFSP Restructuring Update – <i>Pauline Zwaans, Coordination Unit</i> (5 mins)</li> <li>- Funding tracks, focus areas and timeline for GAFSP 2.0 Call for Proposals – <i>Natasha Hayward, Coordination Unit</i> (10 mins)</li> <li>- Discussion and decisions (35 mins)</li> </ul> <p><i>A Decision Note with detailed options for SC review and agreement has been shared in advance to frame discussion and decisions.</i></p> <p><b>Decision Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Funding track(s) to be launched for next Call for Proposals</b></li> <li>- <b>Decision on any focus areas for the next Call for Proposals</b></li> <li>- <b>Indicative timing for a new Call for Proposals</b></li> </ul>

Closing	10:50-11:00am	<p>Summary of Decisions and Closure</p> <p><i>Moderated by: Dirk Schattschneider, Steering Committee Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of Steering Committee Decisions and Next Steps (5 mins)</li><li>- Proposed date for next SC meeting and Closing (5 mins)</li></ul>
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