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Subject: Submission of Government of Bangladesh Proposal – 6th GAFSP Call for Proposal

On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB), I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the GAFSP Steering Committee for this well-timed initiative of extending a financing opportunity to promote resilient and sustainable agriculture system for developing countries. This is so important to enhance the capacity to cope up with the impact on hunger, malnutrition and poverty in the context of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which has tended to cripple agricultural value chain and food systems.

In the process of revitalizing agriculture and food system in the country, the GAFSP financing will significantly contribute to our initiatives to “build-back the sector strong” into more resilient and sustainable in a partnership mode. You would appreciate that, since the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, MoA has been pursuing multi-lateral and inclusive approach by engaging the development partners, relevant public and private sector entities, and farming communities in building enduring pathways to recover from the pandemic impacts.

The GAFSP grant proposal on **Diversified and Resilient Agriculture for Improved Food and Nutrition Security** has also been developed following such inclusive approach, extensive consultative processes at national and sub-national level and following the GAFSP CfP guidelines. We are pleased to submit the Grant proposal under the GAFSP Country Submissions window for your kind consideration. Ensuring coherence with the 8th Five Year Plan, Country Investment Plan, National Agriculture Policy 2018 and its Plan of Action 2020, the grant proposal embodies strategic priorities for achieving food security and promoting sustainable, climate-resilient, diverse, safe and nutrition-sensitive agriculture. It is also aligned with the COVID-19 Response Plan-2020 for agricultural sector.

I wish to thank the GAFSP Coordination Unit of the World Bank Group and the Steering Committee for this very timely intervention and supporting us reassuring our disadvantaged farming communities to ‘build back better’. On behalf of the MoA and the Government, I assure you of my commitment for implementing the project in full-filling the aspirations of the GAFSP and vision of the Government of Bangladesh.

Sincerely Yours,

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