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Submission of The Gambia Proposal for GAFSP Funding To The Global Agriculture And Food Security Programme (GAFSP) of The World Bank

In response to the second call for proposals of The Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme dated 10th January 2012, The Government of The Gambia is pleased to submit herewith the Country's Proposal for GAFSP funding

With the support of The African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and Food and Agriculture Organization under the aegis of the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) and Regional Agricultural Investment Programme (RAIP), The Government of The Gambia finalized and launched The Gambia National Agricultural Investment Plan (GNAIP 2011-2012).

The GAFSP proposal seeks to scale up and expand proven initiatives and best practices based on the GNAIP to Support the food security and poverty alleviation drive of the country. The preparation process was based on thorough consultative and participatory processes with stakeholders (CSOs, FBOs, NGOs, Private sector and Development Partners).

The cost of the proposal for GAFSP financing is **USD 29.3 million** (twenty nine million and three hundred thousand United States Dollars). These funds would reduce the current financing gap of GNAIP from 55 percent to about 35 percent.

Please find attached the GAFSP proposal together with relevant attachments and annexure. The proposal is fully supported and endorsed by the chair of the Development partners Ms Chinwe Dike UNDP Coordinator, and the Sector Minister Hon. Solomon Owens. We hope this proposal will be favorably considered.

Please accept the assurances of our highest considerations

Yours sincerely

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**Mod K. Ceesay,
For: Permanent Secretary**

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