



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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To the attention of:
GAFSP Coordination Unit
The World Bank Group
3301 Pennsy Drive,
Landover, MD 20785 USA.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the announcement of third call for proposals for Public Sector Window GAFSP, published on March 1, 2013 we are pleased to submit the proposal of Lao PDR for funding.

The government of Lao people's Democratic Republic (GoL) is fully committed to improve the income and food security of its citizens, in particular the poorest and most vulnerable groups through a country led public and private sector investment aimed at raising food production, linking farmers to markets, reduce risks and vulnerability, improving nutrition and management of natural resources.

Based on the existing Agriculture Master Plan and Agriculture Development Strategy and commitments by existing initiatives, the proposal points out which gaps need to be covered by additional GAFSP co-funding in order to speed up the achievement of MDG 1 and cut hunger and poverty in half by 2015.

The formulation of the proposal prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is the result of a long consultation process (since Sep 2011) involving farmers, local and international NGOs, government agencies, private sector and the main development partners working in food security and rural development. It has been endorsed by the Sector Working Group on Agriculture and Rural Development (ARDSWG) and other key stakeholders.

We can assure you that the outcome of this proposal is among the top priority for the development of our country where more than 40% of children are stunted and 70% of the population depends on agriculture. From our side we will do everything possible to achieve the expected results.

We hope on a favorable outcome and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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