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The GAFSP Coordination Committee

***Re: Producer-Organization-led Proposal in response to the Sixth  
GAFSP Call for Proposals  
World Bank, Uganda Country Office – As Supervising Entity***

The World Bank Uganda Country Office has received a request from the Soroti Sweet Potato Producers and Processors Association (SOSPPA) to be the supervising entity for their Producer Organization-led Proposal in response to the Sixth GAFSP Call for Proposals. The SOSPPA project proposal titled “Strengthening productive capacity and resilience of smallholder sweet potato producer organizations in Uganda” aims to increase production and consumption of sweet potato and build the resilience of the smallholder producers through value addition of sweet potatoes.

The specific objectives of the project are to:

- i. Improve market access and farm incomes for SOSPPA farmers through orange-fleshed sweet potato (OFSP) marketing, processing, and value addition supported by effectively managed facilities and trainings.
- ii. Increase productivity and production of sweet potato roots and vines, and other nutritious crops, amongst SOSPPA farmers with yield-enhancing inputs, improved and climate smart agricultural practices.
- iii. Promote diversified utilization and consumption of OFSP products amongst SOSPPA members and in current and new markets.
- iv. Strengthen SOSPPA’s governance and management capacities to deliver services to its members.

The project aligns well with both our operations - Agricultural Cluster Development Project that focuses on supporting producer organizations in capacity building, value addition and market linkage; and the Uganda Multisectoral Food Security and Nutrition Project financed by GAFSP that promotes production and consumption of micronutrient rich foods. By adding value to the Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato, the project will boost its consumption thus promoting nutrition and immunity, household income, and job creation in response to COVID-19 impact on livelihoods.

We are therefore happy to be the supervising entity for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Mukami Kariuki'.

R. Mukami Kariuki  
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cc:

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