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Dear Ms. Natasha Hayward,

On behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), I am pleased to confirm that FAO is ready and willing to serve as the Supervising Entity (SE) for the project "*CoRe - Corridor Resilient, Inclusive, and Transformative Recovery of Smallholder Farmers, Women, Youth, and Indigenous Peoples in Nicaragua's Dry Corridor*". This project has been prepared in close collaboration with the National Union of Farmers and Ranchers of Nicaragua (UNAG), for submission to the Producer Organization window of the GAFSP 2021 request for proposals.

Subject to the GAFSP decision by the end of 2021, the proposal would become a stand-alone project implemented by FAO, the project's activities will be carried out in a joint execution with UNAG. Tentative milestones for the project are listed for this purpose:

- By June 2022, the project document would have been completed and validated following FAO internal format and processes to request no objection from the GASFPS Steering Committee;
- By August 2022, the project document would have incorporated potential GAFSP feedback and obtained all internal FAO approvals so that the document could be signed;
- By November 2022, FAO and UNAG intend to start implementing operations. FAO would receive the grant funds and then transfer a part of them to UNAG through a collaboration agreement to begin joint activity implementation.

FAO Nicaragua currently has a portfolio of 25 projects under implementation, for a total of \$23.6 million. Several of these initiatives are closely connected to agriculture, climate change, food security, and the recovery of Nicaragua's dry corridor's smallholder farmers, women, youth, and indigenous peoples. This proposal would be an excellent match to contribute to Nicaragua's dry corridor communities. Find annexed to this letter the most relevant projects that complement this proposal.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal, which we believe would improve the economic and social development of Nicaragua's Producer Organizations.

Kinds regards,


Iván Felipe León Ayala
FAO Nicaragua Representative



Ms. Natasha Hayward
GAFSP Manager

Annex: List of relevant projects implemented by FAO in Nicaragua

Title	Objective	Budget (USD)
<i>Technical Assistance to the Project for Innovation and Dissemination of Technologies for Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change (AGRIADAPTA).</i>	In ten municipalities of Nicaragua's Dry Corridor, increase the resilience and adaptation capacity of small and medium producers and their communities to climate change.	3,338,000.00
<i>Boosting resilience of rural households in Nicaragua's "Dry Corridor" for COVID-19 recovery</i>	Improve food security and strengthen the resilience and livelihoods of households in communities of the Nicaraguan dry corridor that are vulnerable to the socioeconomic effects caused by COVID-19	1,579,516.00
<i>Mesoamerica without Hunger Programme: Improved agricultural, food, and nutrition security through more effective institutional frameworks.</i>	Contribute to the strengthening of local, national, and regional institutional frameworks in order to attain food and nutritional security, with an emphasis on family farming.	1,000,000.00
Resilient Landscapes Management Project (FSP)	To strengthen the national system of protected areas and to support sustainable land use and restoration practices in selected areas of the Dry Corridor and the northern Caribbean coastal regions of Nicaragua, with a view to promoting the conservation of biodiversity, resilient landscapes and local livelihoods.	4,389,000.00