



SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Project Proposal for funding under the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme

We write in reference to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program Trust Fund's 2021 Call for Proposals. The Government of Solomon Islands is pleased to submit for your consideration a proposal for the "Agricultural Investment for Markets and Nutrition" (AIM-Nutrition) project in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

The proposal follows the recent approval, by the Cabinet of the Government of Solomon Islands, of an Agriculture Sector Growth and Investment Plan (ASGIP), which benefitted from significant consultations with the civil society, private sector and Government agencies in Honiara and in the provinces. We consider the proposed AIM-Nutrition a critically important contribution to expediting the accomplishment of ASGIP and its targets in relation to SDG 1 and SDG 2.

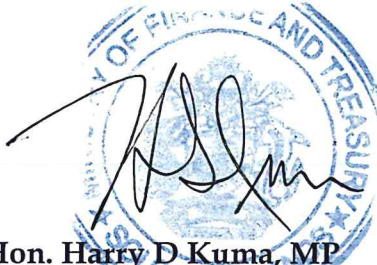
Following the onset of the COVID pandemic and its disruptive impacts on the economy as well as threats to health, our Government has prioritised supporting the health outcomes and economic growth for Solomon Islands citizens, as its two primary objectives in the coming period. The project fits well within these objectives, as it aims to increase the agriculture sector's productivity and resilience, and links farmers to markets in order to improve incomes and nutrition.

Recognizing the similarity of challenges and opportunities within the areas of food and nutrition security, impacts of natural disasters, and the ongoing COVID-19 crises, we are pleased to submit this project proposal as a "joint two-country-proposal" together with the Government of Vanuatu. This will enable mutual support, exchange of suitable knowledge and approaches, and cooperation on technical assistance and potentially also access to export markets.

Consultations with communities, government agencies, private sector and development partners were held, but with limitations due to COVID19 movement restrictions. The design builds on extensive consultations held by the Government of Solomon Islands to develop a shared policy and priorities in the agriculture sector.

We are hopeful that the proposal will receive your kind approval as we strive towards improving the social and economic livelihoods of rural households.

Yours sincerely,

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