Subject: GAFSP Proposal endorsement for Afghanistan “Household Food and Livelihood Security Project”

In response to the Special Call for Proposals for Fragile and Conflict Affected Countries under the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program Public Sector Window, issued on 14 March 2019, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA) is pleased to submit herewith the Country’s project proposal.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MMRD) prepared the project proposal with technical support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO/UN) and in consultation with other ministries, agencies and local stakeholders. The project proposal is fully aligned with the Government priorities and strategies. The GAFSP proposal builds upon successful experiences and seeks to improve resilience and alleviate food insecurity, targeting the poorest and most vulnerable households in the country, through enhancing access to water and diversifying smallholder’s livelihood and nutrition. Therefore, the proposal is fully part of the Government’s National Comprehensive Agriculture Development Priority Program (NCADPP, 2016-2021), Afghanistan Food Security and Nutrition Agenda, and is in direct support to the MRRD and the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW) Comprehensive Plan of Action for Kareez Rehabilitation and Maintenance (2016).

The estimated cost and funding requested under the GASFP for the proposed project is USD 20 million (twenty million United States Dollars). The project proposal is in direct support to the NCADPP, which requires a total estimated budget of USD 1,796 million. To date, the GoIRA has committed USD 218 million and the international partners have committed USD 513 million to implement the NCADPP. The GAFSP funding, if approved, will contribute to reducing the financing gap of the NCADPP and would enhance the livelihoods of the most food insecure and vulnerable households in the country.

The Ministry of Finance, MAIL and MMRD of GoIRA fully support and endorse the project proposal. We hope this proposal will be favorably considered and reiterate our commitment toward enhancing food security and alleviating poverty. The GAFSP proposal as well as all the relevant attachments and appendices are herewith enclosed.
Yours sincerely,

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