

## Government of Nepal MINISTRY OF FINANCE



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Submission of "Food and Nutrition Security through Sustainable Agriculture Project" Proposal for GAFSP Funding

On behalf of the Government of Nepal I would like to extend my sincere thanks to GAFSP Trust Fund for supporting to implement the Agriculture and Food Security Project in Nepal since December 2012. The project implementation is satisfactory and is expected to have significant impact to enhance food and nutrition security in target areas as per project objectives.

Acknowledging the positive impact of your support in the ongoing project, it is my pleasure to submit "Food and Nutrition Security through Sustainable Agriculture Project" proposal for funding from the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) Trust Fund.

The overall objective of the project is to enhance the food and nutrition security of poor and vulnerable households in selected locations by improving agriculture productivity and increasing resilience of farming households, their income and nutrition practices. We have taken the development of the proposal as a further step to the on-going process in Nepal for several years in her endeavors to achieving food security. The project outcomes are among the top priority needs of the country and therefore will receive your highest consideration.

The proposal has reached its present stage after intensive participation of and consultations with all stakeholders, beneficiaries/farmers, policy-makers, civil societies, international development partners, INGOs and NGOs. The proposal has been endorsed by the Donor Technical Working Group on Food Security in Nepal and approved by the Government of Nepal.

The Government of Nepal would like to express its full commitment in achieving objectives stated in the proposal and we consider the GAFSP window a crucial source of finance to narrow down the existing gap.

I would like to assure of our highest co-operation and readiness to furnish any further details in the process of your consideration.

Sincerely,

Baikuntha Aryal Joint Secretary