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Mr. Stefan Schmitz
GAFSP Steering Committee Chair,
GAFSP Coordination Unit
Washington DC

Subject: Request for funding for Yemen's GAFSP project proposal under the "Special call for proposals for fragile and conflict affected countries". Public Sector Window

Dear Mr. Stefan Schmitz,

On behalf of the Government of Yemen, we are pleased to submit the attached program proposal entitled **Strengthening Agriculture Productivity and Resilience Project (SAPReP+)** for funding consideration under the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP). special call for proposals for fragile and conflict affected countries.

Yemen have experienced in recent years severe conflict and uncertainty, which have led to a very serious humanitarian crisis and have added additional pressures to an already weak productive system and national economy. Estimates from the World Bank indicate that Yemen's economic output has decreased by about 50 per cent since 2015. The agricultural and fisheries sectors, while demonstrating comparatively good levels of resilience, have faced major challenges leading to the deterioration of the livelihoods of small-scale farmers, breeders and fishers. Major challenges include, the diminishing capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Fish Wealth to provide services to smallholders, the displacement of farmers and fishermen from their production sites, the deterioration of water resources and infrastructure, the disruption of input and output market channels, and the use of coping strategies that lead to environmental degradation.

The attached proposal intends to effectively respond to the pressing needs identified by the Ministries in coordination with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Bank. The project targets the seven most food insecure agricultural Governorates in the country, and builds on the success of the current GAFSP funded project (SAPREP), which, despite the great challenges posed by the conflict, is being implemented with significant levels of performance in Yemen.

SAPReP+ aims at improving the livelihoods, nutrition, and resilience of target rural populations through sustainable enhancements in agriculture productivity, market access, and incomes of smallholders.

Therefore the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Yemen, kindly request from the GAFSP Steering Committee due consideration to fund this crucial project proposal. The total cost of the project is **USD 30 million** for a period of implementation of 4 years.

Following the GAFSP Country Guidelines for Public Sector Window, besides this cover letter the following documents are also enclosed:

1. Document checklist
2. Endorsement letter from the in-country Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

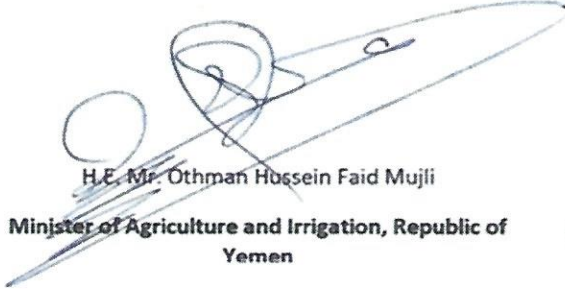



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3. Statement of readiness from the World Bank; and also from the Food and Agriculture Organization who are proposed as preferred Supervising Entities
4. GAFSP proposal including Par 1 and 2
5. A copy of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Stocktaking Document, describing past plans, the current status of the situation in the country, and the interim priorities for the agricultural sector
6. A copy of the Roadmap document describing the process to develop a new National Agriculture Sector Strategy and Investment Plan for Yemen
7. A copy of additional documents: the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP) and the FAO Plan of Action for Strengthening Agricultural Livelihoods in Yemen.

We thank you in advance for the kind consideration to our request and look forward to an early acceptance of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,


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