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Mr. Christopher L. Delgado
Program Manager
GAFSP Coordination Unit
Washington, DC

**Subject: Endorsement of Community-Based Agricultural
Development Program for Yemen's Efforts Towards Achieving Food
Security Under GAFSP Program**

Dear Mr. Delgado,

The above mentioned proposal is aimed to support the Republic of Yemen's efforts to achieve food security for the Yemeni people which is prepared by government and submitted to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) Secretariat with a view to obtaining grant financing for the priority program proposed.

The proposal is in line with the overall National Agriculture Sector Strategy (NASS), the National Food Security Strategy, the National Water Sector Strategy, and Development Plans of Yemen and embarks on priority areas that are directly linked to poverty alleviation, food security and reducing malnutrition reflecting the MDGs of the country. The proposal as being fully aligned with the National Food Security Strategy, will be coordinated under the Supreme Council for Food Security and its Technical Secretariat, which were established last month.

A total series of eight consultation workshops were organized at the national and regional level to ensure full participation. During the period 7th and 8th May, a workshop was held in Sana'a City, which covered Sana'a, Mareb, Amran, Saddah, Dhamar and Beida. During the period 12th and 13th May, workshops were held concurrently in Hodeida, covering Tihama and Hajja, in Aden, covering Aden, Dalea', Lahej, Abyan, Taiz and Ibb; while in Mukalla, covering Hadhramout, Shabwa and Mahra. These come to a total of about 17 governorates that have been represented. A concluding national workshop involving government officials, NGOs and private sector, and donor agencies representatives was also organized on the 18th of May 2013.

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In these workshops the NASS and GAFSP documents were presented and subjected to intensive deliberations with participants both, male and female in working groups throughout the different sessions of the workshops. The outputs of the consultations were reflected in the workshops' reports and were used to fine tune both the NASS and the GAFSP proposal.

We are confident that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and other collaborating Ministries such as Ministry of Water and Environment as well as other pertinent Ministries will exert their efforts to make this proposal a success story in the context of Agriculture and Food Security in Yemen.

We confirm that GAFSP funding builds upon and complements existing programs and will not displace or duplicate other sources of funding.

I hereby, in my capacity as Chair of the in-country sector working group for Agriculture & Food Security, endorse the GAFSP Proposal.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely Yours,


Dr. Mohammed Saeed Al-Saadi
Minister of Planning and International Cooperation
Chairman, In-country Sector Working Group for Agriculture & Food Security

