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**Mr. Stefan SCHMITZ**

Chair of the GAFSP Steering Committee  
The World Bank  
1818 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20433  
USA

**Subject: Submission of The Gambia Proposal for the 5<sup>th</sup> call of the Global Agriculture & Food Security Program (GAFSP) Funding**

Dear Mr Schmitz,

In response to the Special Call for Proposals for Fragile and Conflict Affected Countries, under the Public Sector Window, opened in March 14, 2019, the Government of The Gambia is pleased to submit herewith the country's proposal for GAFSP funding.

The Government of The Gambia has implemented The Gambia National Agriculture Investment Plan I (GNAIP I 2011-2015) and is finalizing the design of the GNAIP II (2020-2024) with the support of the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of the West African States (ECOWAS), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the World Food Programme (WFP), under the aegis of the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP), and the Regional Agricultural Investment Programme (RAIP).

This GAFSP proposal will implement GNAIP II programmes promoting sustainable food systems to improve livelihoods, productivity and climate resilience, with a sensitive focus on reducing rural and child food and nutrition security vulnerability through social protection. Under the coordination of the national Ministry of Agriculture and with the supervision from the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the World Food Programme (WFP), this proposal will scale up and expand proven best practices from the GNAIP I and from Food and Agriculture Sector Development Project (FASDEP), financed by GAFSP.

The cost of the proposal for GAFSP financing is **USD 21.65 million** (twenty-one million and six hundred and fifty thousand United States Dollars). These funds will reduce the current financing gap of GNAIP II from 47 percent to about 40 percent.

Kindly find attached the GAFSP project proposal with all relevant attachments and appendices. The proposal is fully supported and endorsed by the UN Resident Coordinator, Ms. Seraphine Wakana, and the Agriculture Sector Minister Hon. Amie Fabureh.

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We hope that our proposal would meet a positive response .

Please accept the assurances of our highest considerations.

Sincerely yours,



**Honourable Mambury Njie**

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