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September 5, 2019

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Dear Ms Hayward:

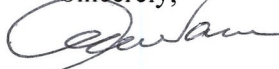
***Letter of Endorsement and Support: Smallholder Agricultural Development for Food and Nutrition Security Project Proposal***

This letter serves as an endorsement of the above captioned project proposal. The objective of the proposed project is to improve food and nutrition security, increase income and reduce poverty and vulnerability of rural population in Liberia. This is aligned with the Government's goal to make agriculture a top priority and is in line with its medium-term strategy, the Pro-poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD).

The proposed project has strong synergies with the recently approved IDA financed agriculture project, the Smallholder agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P). We also understand that the proposal was prepared with technical support from the FAO and the AFDB, and that the latter will co-finance and serve as a Supervising Entity. In this regard, the proposed project is in line with the principle of stronger coordination and collaboration amongst developments partners in Liberia.

Therefore, we would like to reiterate our support for the proposal. If approved, we look forward to collaborating with all the partners in providing any support necessary during project preparation and implementation.

Sincerely,



Khwima Nthara  
Country Manager

cc:

Hon. Precious Tetteh, Acting Minister of Agriculture  
Hon. Samuel D. Tweah Jr., Minister of Finance and Development Planning, MFDP  
Hon. Augustus J. Flomo, Deputy Minister for Economic Management, MFDP  
Hon. Robert K. Fagans, Deputy Minister, Department of Planning, MoA



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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Letter of Support for the 2019 Government of Liberia GAFSP Proposal**

I have the honor to write on behalf of USAID/Liberia in support and endorsement of the Government of Liberia Ministry of Agriculture proposal to the GAFSP Coordination Unit for a grant. The grant will fund the “Smallholder Agriculture Development for Food and Nutrition Security in Liberia” project to improve food security and nutrition, increase smallholder farmer incomes and reduce poverty in Liberia. The proposed project is aligned to the U.S. Government Global Food Security Strategy and the USAID/Liberia 2019-2024 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) food security and economic growth priorities.

USAID is a major agricultural sector donor in Liberia and has been working very closely with the Government of Liberia and other development partners in rebuilding of the Liberian agricultural sector post-civil war. The interventions proposed in the 2019 Government of Liberia GAFSP proposal will build on and complement USAID efforts in cassava and vegetable value chains in rural Montserrado County. There will not be any overlap or duplication of efforts with other USAID interventions. Moreover, GAFSP funding will extend and harmonize with USAID rice, cassava and vegetable value chains activities in Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, Grand Bassa, Grand Gedeh, Grand Kru, Maryland, River Cess, River Gee and Sinoe Counties.

Based on our coordination with and knowledge of other donors’ activities in the sector, I do not believe GAFSP funding will displace or duplicate any other sources of funding.

We strongly support this grant application and the focus of improving food security and reducing poverty in Liberia.

Sincerely,

Sara Walter  
USAID Mission Director



## Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture

September 3, 2019

Subject: Letter of Endorsement and Support

Dear World Bank Coordination Unit:

The Feed the Future Liberia Agribusiness Development Activity (LADA) is being implemented by Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA). Under LADA, CNFA Liberia works closely with the Ministry of Agriculture of Liberia and their agro-processing initiatives. The LADA activity takes place in four counties Bong, Nimba, Lofa & Upper Montserrado, and focuses on three components, namely:

- C1: Increase private sector investment in agriculture inputs,
- C2: Increase private sector investment in post-harvest handling support, packaging, marketing, storage and auxiliary services,
- C3: Strengthened facilitation, market information, advocacy and support.

This letter confirms the intention of CNFA Liberia to support on an exclusive basis the Government of Liberia response to a call for proposal by the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) in support of Smallholder Agriculture Development for Food and Nutrition Security in Liberia. The project overall objective is to improve food and nutrition security, increase income and reduce poverty and vulnerability of rural population in Liberia.

Under the GAFSP, CNFA Liberia commits to support the project activities by harnessing efforts to facilitate business linkages between actors (farmers, agro-inputs dealers, aggregators, processors, marketers, etc.) operating along targeted agricultural value chains including rice, cassava and vegetables. As part of the project, CNFA Liberia is willing to collaborate with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Liberia to provide technical assistance to major private sector actors along the pre and post-harvest value-chain to strengthen sustainability of integrated rice and cassava processing mills procured through LADA for increased production of nutritious food produce and income of small holder farmers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if any further information needed in support this important proposal.

Signed:

September 3, 2019

Djimasbe Ngaradoun

Chief of Party

FtF Liberian Agribusiness Development Activity (LADA)