

8 April 2013

His Excellency
Dr. Phouang Parisak Pravongviengkham
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR

Subject: IFAD and WFP as GAFSP supervising agencies

Excellency,

We thank you for your strong guidance and trust and we are happy to work with your Government to access the GAFSP funds. Both IFAD and WFP have been working together with the GoL in a coordinated approach for many years and we are determined to support you in the preparation of the GAFSP proposal and as supervising agencies of this program.

We look forward to strengthening our joint efforts to help the rural poor overcome poverty, promote your country's agricultural sector and work together to achieve the MDG goals. We are now ready to embark on a new phase in our fruitful cooperation.

Together, as a team, we will do our best to assist you in preparing a high-quality proposal for the GAFSP program, obtaining the GAFSP funds and providing collaborative supervision of this program.

Given our joint performance in delivering results in a short period of time, I am confident we will be able to make great progress.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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