

## 2.8 Consultation with Local Stakeholders and Development Partners

97. The proposal for GAFSP Funding are conceived as directly resulting from the objectives for agriculture and food security outlined in the ADS (2015 to 2035), the Three Year Plan (TYP) (2014/15 to 2015/16) of GoN, FNSPA and ZHCNAP in line with the Constitution of Nepal (provision of right to food and food sovereignty), and the National Agriculture Policy 2004.

98. The Agriculture Development Strategy (2015 to 2035), which is the 20 years Country Investment Plan followed a Participatory Process of Consultation from the beginning of the preparation and undertaken series of activities including: (i) Policy Roundtables (with NPC, Farmer Organizations, Private Sector, NGOs, Former finance Ministers); (ii) Policy Retreat; (iii) National Workshops (4 events); (iv) Regional Workshops (13 events); (v) Thematic Group Meetings (30 times); (vi) National Conference (1 event); (vii) Public Dialogues with media, farmer organizations, and civil society (9 times); (viii) Key stakeholder interviews (about 4,000); (ix) Project Steering Committee Meetings (7 times); (x) Focus Group Discussions at the village level (total 200 of which 5 irrigation, 3 social, 3 trade, 3 women, 3 research and extension, 3 academia); (xi) Experts assessment; (xii) Submission to Ministry of Agricultural Development; (xiii) Formation of ADS Advisory Committee and Technical Committee in the ministry; (xiv) Wide dissemination of the report through website and national papers; (xv) Peer review by the experts; (xvi) Consensus with National Peasant's Coalition; (xvii) Final Regional consultations (2 event) and National workshop (1 event); (xviii) Suggestions from AWRC-LP and NPC incorporated; (xviii) Submission to the cabinet for approval, and (xix) Approval by the Economic and Infrastructure Committee of the Cabinet as mandated by the cabinet with suggestions incorporated rose during the meeting (ADS Final Report page no.22-23).

99. Following to the ongoing process of Nepal in achieving food security through its policy and plan documents mentioned above, GAFSP Trust fund is taken as a complimentary window to narrow the funding gap in ensuring food and nutrition security. In order to prepare proposal for fourth call of GAFSP funding, a technical coordination committee was formed by MoAD including Government officials, FAO officials and members of Nepal Peasant Coalition. Under this committee, 10 member working team encompassing AFSP officers, FAO TA experts and Experts from MoAD, DoA and DLS were formed to draft the proposal.

100. To this, a brainstorming session from GON, donors, civil society organizations, and the private sector was held in Kathmandu on Nov.25, 2016. A prioritizing exercise was held to identify the main areas and components of the GAFSP proposal. Feedbacks on the draft proposal were received from a workshop organized at Bardibas in Dec 23 2016 and chaired by Joint Secretary of MoAD. 35 participants, representing the private sector NGOs, farmer organizations and related sector ministries and departments attended the workshop. A national validation workshop was conducted on Dec 26, 2016, chaired by Secretary of MoAD in presence of Hon. Agriculture Minister and consensus on draft proposal build with National Peasant's Coalition. The outcomes were discussed in a steering committee chaired by the Vice Chairman of the NPC and with the donor

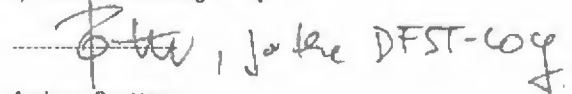
101. This document has been endorsed by the donor Food Security Technical Working Group on January 5, 2017.



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