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RE: Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme Call for Proposals: AIM Nutrition Project

Dear Director General

On behalf of New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to engage on the Agricultural Investment for Markets and Nutrition (AIM Nutrition) joint project proposal of the Governments of Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands for the GAFSP 2021 Call for Proposals.

The strong alignment of the project proposal with Vanuatu's National Sustainable Development Plan 2016-2030 and Agriculture Sector Policy 2015-2030 is clearly evident. Through its focus on resilient food systems, nutrition and livelihood opportunities, the proposed project will help deliver on key Vanuatu aspirations. These focal areas are also in accordance with New Zealand priorities for support for Pacific agriculture.

MFAT acknowledges that the magnitude of the food security and livelihoods challenges faced by communities in Vanuatu have recently been attenuated by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and will only increase with further climate change.

The proposed project complements New Zealand's existing and planned support for Vanuatu agriculture, through its strong focus on climate resilience and nutrition, and its innovative community-based approach. The project will clearly help achieve additional reach and impact beyond what current donor and government efforts are able to collectively achieve.

We have no hesitation in fully supporting this proposal and wish you a successful outcome.

Yours sincerely

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