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Subject: FAO and ADB as Afghanistan's GAFSP supervising entities

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA) has designated the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO/UN) as the supervising entities in support of a proposed Household Food and Livelihood Security Project (HFLS). FAO in its capacity as the Technical Supervising Entity (TSE) supported the development of the HFLS Project proposal in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD). The project proposal is developed in response to the Special Call for Proposals for Fragile and Conflict Affected Countries issued on 14 March 2019 under the GAFSP Public Sector Window.

The proposal formulation team comprising of experts from FAO, MAIL and MRRD consulted a wide-range of stakeholders including public institutions at central and decentralised levels, international partners and more importantly communities and their representatives. The proposed project aims to improve food security and resilience of the poorest and most vulnerable households by addressing access to water, livelihood diversification, farming system adaptation and improving household capacity to ensure food and nutrition security. This proposal, is fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, intends to contribute directly to the Afghanistan National Comprehensive Agriculture Priority Program and the Afghanistan Food Security and Nutrition Agenda. Furthermore, the project approach and interventions are fully in line with policies, priorities and planned initiatives of both FAO and ADB.

FAO and ADB reaffirm their strong commitment and readiness to serve as supervising entities. Both institutions undertake to do their utmost to effectively supervise the implementation, monitoring and financial management of the project, if the GAFSP project proposal is approved. Therefore, ensuring technical and financial best practices throughout the project cycle. Reiterating our determination to contribute fully to the success of this program, please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

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