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Mr. Stefan SCHMITZ  
Chair of the GAFSP Steering Committee  
The World Bank  
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Washington, DC  
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Subject: Submission from The Gambia for the 5<sup>th</sup> call for proposals of the Global Agriculture & Food Security Program (GAFSP)

Dear Mr Schmitz,

Pursuant to the Government of The Gambia's indication of the World Food Programme (WFP) as the technical supervising entity for the new GAFSP proposal, I hereby confirm WFP's accreditation and readiness to contribute to the country's project design and implementation priorities with the Ministry of Agriculture of The Gambia.

WFP established its presence in The Gambia in 1970, supporting school meals and smallholder farming programmes from then through the 2000s. In response to the last food availability crisis in 2010–2011 WFP led humanitarian efforts in the country, increasing the focus on nutrition. WFP, subsequently, introduced cash-based transfers and local procurement and helped to strengthen national capacities and policies aimed at long-term sustainability, particularly regarding the school feeding programme: essential driver and enabler of this new GAFSP proposal.

To guarantee continuity in the face of this new grant opportunity, WFP is ready to support the Government of The Gambia through strategic support for project implementation and capacity support in the enhancement of the Gambia National Agriculture Investment Plan (GNAIP II) process. WFP will count on its United Nations partners, such as WFP Centre of Excellence in Brazil, FAO and UNFPA to scale up and harmonize joint-work under the country's GNAIP.

Please accept the assurances of our highest considerations.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Wanja KAARIA  
Representative and Country Director  
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