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To: Mr. Thomas Rath  
Country Director and Representative for Vietnam, Thailand and Lao PDR  
Subregional Coordinator - Mekong Hub  
International Fund for Agricultural Development – IFAD  
Hanoi, Vietnam

Subject: Additional funding request for COVID-19 response from Lao PDR

Dear Ms. Natasha Hayward and Dear Mr. Thomas Rath,

On behalf of Department of Planning and Finance (DoPF) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) of Lao PDR, I would like to you that the SSFSNP/AFN project, implemented under the MAF, has formulated a proposal to request additional budget from the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), following to circulated “Funding for COVID-19 Response Request Guidelines and Application Template” from 10 July 2020.

The total requested amount is 5,5 million USD, divided over the two Supervising Entities of IFAD and WFP. The activities described in this proposal are fully in line with the draft “Response Plan for Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition Mitigating Impacts of COVID-19 Containment Measures in Lao PDR” from the MAF.

Regarding this issue, AFN and the MAF have started the process of obtaining the official request letter from the Ministry of Finance, according to the Government of Lao PDR regulations. As soon as we receive the fully signed letter from the Ministry of Finance, we will forward this to GAFSP and IFAD.

In this regards, on behalf of the MAF of Lao PDR, DoPF also would like to express our sincere appreciation for your kind and continued support to the development of our sector.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



*for* **Dr. Phommy Inthichack**  
Director General  
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