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**Subject:** Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) for Cambodia - Request for Additional Financing to Climate Resilient Rice Commercialization Sector Development Program (Rice-SDP)

Dear Ms. Natasha Hayward,

The Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, appreciates the GAFSP for making additional funding available to existing GAFSP cofinanced projects to provide a rapid response for short-to-medium term COVID-19 impacts.

In this regard, the MEF would like to request the GAFSP Steering Committee to provide an additional grant of US\$9.57 million to Climate Resilient Rice Commercialization Sector Development Program (Rice-SDP) with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as the Supervising Entity.

The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia has undertaken several measures particularly in the agriculture and food security sector to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed activities such as quality seeds production and distribution, strengthening of agricultural cooperatives, and crop insurance will benefit smallholder farmers in rural areas of Cambodia. The proposal deals with short to medium-term measures with a longer-term impact and is fully aligned with the Royal Government's priorities for COVID-19 response.

Please accept, Ms. Natasha Hayward, the assurances of our consideration.

Sincerely yours, *[Signature]*



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