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Subject: Project Proposal for Funding under Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)

Dear **Mr. Delgado**,

We refer to the Call for Proposal issued on 20 May 2010 by the Chair of the GAFSP Steering Committee on submitting a project proposal for funding under GAFSP.

We are pleased to send herewith a project proposal prepared by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) in consultation with the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MOWRAM) and the Supreme National Economic Council (SNEC), other Ministries, agencies and local stakeholders. The project document has also had significant input from the Development Partners (DPs) in the Technical Working Group for Agriculture and Water (TWGAW).

We have signed the project proposal along with MAFF, the two co-facilitators (DPs representatives) from TWGAW, and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Representative in Cambodia.

The proposal has been prepared in line with the format provided with the Call for Proposal and the Framework Document for GAFSP dated December 7, 2009, please see all necessary related attachment.

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) is fully aware that despite impressive economic growth and considerable improvement in the living standards during recent years, significant segments of Cambodians, especially those living in rural areas, continue to suffer from poverty and food insecurity. As stated in the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) 2009-2013, the RGC has made it a priority to make significant reductions in poverty and food insecurity in the country and improve the institutional and management capacity of the government to support farmers and the agricultural sector.

In response to this national priority, MAFF and MOWRAM have developed the Strategy for Agriculture and Water (SAW) Program for the period 2010-2013. It is a product of an inclusive and participatory process involving a wide range of key concerned national stakeholders and external

development partners, local and international non-governmental organizations, including those working for other donor-funded projects or Programs related to the Agriculture and Water Sector.

The SAW is a joint response of our two ministries to an urgent need for rapidly improving food security status and reducing the poverty rates in Cambodia. It is intended as a national framework to guide the planning and programming of interventions for this purpose by concerned national and international agencies in cooperation in Cambodia.

The total cost of the SAW is US\$501.3 million, and several Development Partners have already agreed to allocate funds to implement parts of the Strategy from 2011. The critical gap in funding is in the areas of food security and household nutrition and under the GAFSP Trust Fund we are requesting \$50 million to implement the Food Security Pillar of the SAW.

RGC will ensure that the implementation of the proposed project is carried out by its designated agencies in close partnership with the beneficiaries and civil society/non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and thereby demonstrate its full commitment and ownership and at the same time ensure development objectives are achieved through a strong participatory approach.

In view of the above, we would kindly request that the project proposal be considered by the GAFSP Steering Committee for its consideration for funding under the GAFSP Trust Fund toward further improvement in the food security status and reduction in poverty in Cambodia.

Sincerely yours, 



Keat Chhon
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Economy and Finance

cc:

- MAFF
- Mr. Roger Ehrhardt, Chair of the GAFSP Steering Committee, Washington D.C.
- Mr. Jim Hagan, Executive Director, the World Bank
- FAO
- The World Bank Cambodia Country Office



The GAFSP Steering Committee:

Specific GAFSP request:

- Part 1: Summary of the Cambodia Strategy for Agriculture and Water
- Part 2: Country proposal for GAFSP financing

Supplementary Annexes:

- Annex 1: Country Selection Criteria Eligibility
- Annex 2: Sector Analysis
- Annex 3: Donor Funding and Coordination
- Annex 4: List of Donor Projects
- Annex 5: Stakeholder Consultation
- Annex 6: Linkages and Synergies between SAW and GAFSP
- Annex 7: Where the Cambodia Food Security Program and GAFSP Component Areas
Overlap and Areas where Other Donors are Working
- Annex 8: Detailed Log frame
- Annex 9: Summary Budget
- Annex 10: Detailed Budget
- Annex 11: Detailed Implementation Plan
- Annex 12: Risk Management Plan

Required Attachments:

- Part 1: Agriculture and Food Security Strategy Documents
- Part 2: Strategy for Agriculture and Water 2010-2013 Investment Plan
- Part 3: Investment Plan Review and Government - Donor Declaration