



Ninth Call for Proposals

Country-led

Information Session
GAFSP Coordination Unit
May 28, 2026

OUTLINE

Program Brief and GAFSP Strategic Plan (2025-2030)

Scope and Eligibility

- Eligible Activities
- Eligible Countries

Scoring Criteria

- Country Readiness and Needs (20 Points)
- Proposal Quality and Implementation Readiness (75 Points)
- Special Aspects (25 Points)
 - Innovative and Integrated Solutions
 - Co-financing and Collaboration
 - Private Sector Engagement

Application Process and Required Documents

Key Contacts and Resources

1. Background and Vision 2030



GLOBAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

A demand-driven, country-led financing and partnership platform that channels support toward high-impact, scalable investments promoting longer-term resilience across agriculture and food systems.

Key Features:

- ✓ **Grant financing:** Implements government commitments under country-led programs
- ✓ **Multilateral coordination:** Mobilizes actors and resources across the multilateral system
- ✓ **Medium- to long-term focus:** Complements humanitarian and emergency responses
- ✓ **Country-led priorities:** Reinforces alignment around nationally defined strategies

Portfolio Snapshot – Highlights

Portfolio Size: 2.46 Billion

1.88 billion

Grant-based
Financing

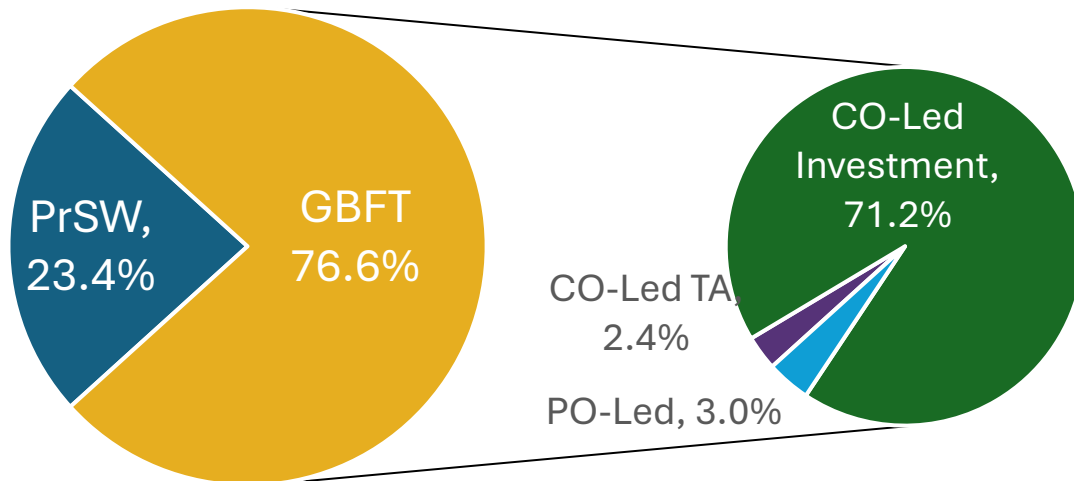
576 million

Private Sector
Window

PEOPLE REACHED

**24.8 million people in
51 Countries**

Grant-based Financing



Recent 8th Call for PO-led Proposal: awarded 38 million to 16 producer organizations in March 2026.

VISION 2030 STRATEGIC POSITIONING

Three reinforcing roles under the 9th Call



Incentive Setter

Drives innovative and integrated approaches to agrifood system transformation



Connector

Links smallholders to value chains, bridges public-private financing, improves coordination



De-Risker

Unlocks additional investment in high-impact, scalable solutions for underserved communities

NINTH CALL AT A GLANCE

Key facts and figures



~US\$163M

Total Funding

in grant resources



6-10

Expected Projects



58

Eligible Countries

IDA-only members



120 pts

Max Score

across 3 categories

2. SCOPE & ELIGIBILITY



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

What GAFSP finances under this Call

Food System Outcomes

- Increased agricultural productivity
- Improved farm-to-market linkages
- Reduced risk and vulnerability
- Improved rural livelihoods & entrepreneurship
- Improved institutions

Crosscutting Outcomes (pick 2 of 3)

- Improved climate resilience
- Empowered women and girls
- Improved nutrition

Proposals must address at least 2 of 3 crosscutting priorities

Eligible Countries

Africa			East Asia and the Pacific	Europe and Central Asia	Latin America	Middle East	South Asia
Benin	Gambia	Rwanda	Cambodia	Kosovo	Guyana	Yemen	Afghanistan
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Sao Tome & Principe	Kiribati	Kyrgyz Republic	Haiti	Syria	Bangladesh
Burundi	Guinea	Senegal	Lao PDR	Tajikistan	Honduras		Bhutan
CAR	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone	Marshall Islands		Nicaragua		Maldives
Chad	Lesotho	Somalia	Micronesia, FS				Nepal
Comoros	Liberia	South Sudan	Myanmar				Sri Lanka
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Madagascar	Sudan	Samoa	Solomon Islands			
	Malawi	Tanzania	Tonga				
Djibouti	Mali	Togo	Tuvalu				
Ethiopia	Mozambique	Uganda	Vanuatu				
	Niger	Zambia					

*Notes: Countries in **Bold** have never received GAFSP country grants before.*

3. SCORING CRITERIA



SCORING OVERVIEW

20 pts

75 pts

25 pts

I. Country Readiness & Needs

- Country Readiness (15 pts)
- Country Needs — FCS +3, First-time +2 (5 pts)

II. Proposal Quality & Implementation

- Technical Quality (35 pts)
- Theory of Change & Results (10 pts)
- Detailed Budget (10 pts)
- Implementation Readiness (20 pts)

III. Special Aspects

- Innovative & Integrated Solutions (10 pts)
- Co-financing & Collaboration (7 pts)
- Private Sector Engagement (8 pts)

I. COUNTRY READINESS & NEEDS (Max 20 points)

Country Readiness | 15 points

- Alignment with national agriculture/food security strategies
- Why the project is the best use of GAFSP grant funding
- Inter-ministerial & multi-stakeholder coordination
- **CAADP countries:** additional alignment with Kampala Declaration and 4th Biennial Review

Country Needs | 5 points

+3 points

Fragile & Conflict-affected (FCS) (Annex 1)

+2 points

Never received a GAFSP country-led grant

15 first-time eligible countries

II. PROPOSAL QUALITY (1/2)

75 points – Part 1: Technical Quality & Theory of Change

Technical Quality | 35 points

- Problem analysis aligned with objectives
- Project description: components & activities
- Cross-cutting thematic areas (2/3 required)
- Phasing within proposed timeframe
- Evidence for intervention & targeting
- Post-project sustainability plan

Theory of Change & Results | 10 points

- Complete Theory of Change and Results Framework
- Risk to achieve results with clear/costed mitigation measures
- SMART indicators with clear monitoring responsibilities, and data sources
- Alignment with [GAFSP M&E Plan \(2022\)](#)

II. PROPOSAL QUALITY (2/2)

75 points — Part 2: Budget & Implementation Readiness

Detailed Budget | 10 points

- Fully disaggregated by component & activity
- Breakdown by financing source (GAFSP, co-financing)
- Unit costs, quantities, and totals
- Well-justified cost estimates
- Clear cost table format
- See the separate Excel template (2 tables required)

Implementation Readiness | 20 points

- Sound institutional arrangements & roles
- Track record of implementing entities (e.g., evaluation of projects of similar size)
- Identified capacity gaps + mitigation measures, including long-term capacity building activities (if applicable)
- Evidence of consultation process

III. SPECIAL ASPECTS (1/2)

Innovative & Integrated Solutions | 10 pts

Innovation (up to 5 pts):

- Context-specific, proven innovations (technological, financial, institutional, or policy)

Integration (up to 5 pts):

- Integration between any of the GAFSP crosscutting themes (climate, gender, nutrition) or/and other themes (i.e., biodiversity, water, soil), why it helps achieve project objectives

Co-financing & Collaboration | 7 pts

No co-financing = ineligible

Indicative co-financing is not counted

- Cash and in-kind treated equally
- Co-financing outside ODA: +3 pts
- Co-financing $\geq 50\%$ of GAFSP request amount : +4 pts

III. SPECIAL ASPECTS (2/2)

Private Sector Engagement | 8 pts

- Quality of market opportunity identification
- Spectrum: nascent/informal to structured/commercial
- Clarity on roles for private actors
- Enabling environment for sustained investment beyond project life

III. SPECIAL ASPECTS (For Information Only)

Global Partnership

- Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty — GAFSP is a founding member
- UN Food Systems Summit
- CFS Policy Processes
- Others

Linkages with GAFSP Tracks

Coordinate with existing GAFSP projects

Explore synergies across:

- Country-led track
- PO-led track
- Blended Investment Financing Track (BIFT)
- Private Sector Window

4. Application Process & Documents



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Annex 2 for the Full Details

#	Document	Details
1	Completed Proposal	Using the Proposal Template, in English or French
2	Budget Spreadsheet	Two budget tables using the budget spreadsheet template
3	National Strategy or/and Investment Plan	Agriculture/food security strategy or/and investment plan (approved, not draft) Also submit other strategies <i>if relevant</i> (e.g., nutrition, water, land management)
4	Government Letter	Signed by Min. of Finance + line ministry, confirming priority & co-financing
5	Sector Working Group Endorsement	Attesting complementarity with ongoing investments (Existing donor coordination mechanisms; if not, a meeting with all locally active GAFSP SEs)
6	SE Attestation Letter	Confirming willingness to serve as SE, quality assurance completed
7	Co-financing Evidence	Secured: signed agreements Expected: letters of intent / MoUs
8	Associated Project Documents	For complementary ongoing/pipeline projects (optional for pipeline)

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to prepare and submit your proposal

1

Prepare Proposal

Country-led, using the Proposal Template.
One proposal per country.

3

Consult Stakeholders

Engage smallholders, farmer organizations, private sector, civil society, and donor partners.

5

Compile Documents

Complete all required documents listed in the submission checklist (see Annex 2).

2

Engage Supervising Entity

Select from: AfDB, ADB, IFAD, IDB, or World Bank for Investment and TA.
Optional 2nd SE (FAO/WFP) for TA.

4

Secure Endorsements

Government letter (Min. of Finance + line ministry) and sector working group endorsement.

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Submit by Deadline

Email to gafsp-info@gafspfund.org by **Sep 15, 2026, 11:59 PM (DC time)**.

SELECTION PROCESS



KEY CONTACTS AND RESOURCES



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES



Questions: send email to: gafsp-info@gafspfund.org



All Call information, guidelines and template are available on the GAFSP website at: www.gafspfund.org, including FAQs



The FAQ will be continuously updated with any questions that are received that are relevant to other applicants

Focal Points at each Supervising Entity

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Key Takeaways

- Start early — engage your Supervising Entity and stakeholders now
- Secure the required letters and documentations (Annex 2 of the Guidelines)
- Secure co-financing evidence (required — proposals without it are ineligible)
- Address at least 2 of 3 crosscutting priorities in your design
- Lengthy or generic descriptions provided solely for completeness will not receive additional credit, so **provide succinct and concrete responses.**

Submission & Contact

Email: gafsp-info@gafspfund.org

Deadline: September 15, 2026, 11:59 PM Washington D.C. time (GMT-5)

THANK YOU



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Annex 1: List of Fragile and Conflict-affected Situations

FY26 List of Fragile and Conflict-affected Situations

CONFLICT	INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL FRAGILITY
Afghanistan	Burundi
Burkina Faso	Chad
Cameroon	Comoros
Central African Republic	Congo, Republic of
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Eritrea
Ethiopia	Guinea-Bissau
Haiti	Kiribati
Iraq	Libya
Lebanon	Marshall Islands
Mali	Micronesia, Federated States of
Mozambique	Papua New Guinea
Myanmar	São Tomé and Príncipe
Niger	Solomon Islands
Nigeria	Timor-Leste
Somalia	Tuvalu
South Sudan	Venezuela, RB
Sudan	Zimbabwe
Syrian Arab Republic	
Ukraine	
West Bank and Gaza (territory)	
Yemen, Republic of	