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Dear Sir/ Madam

It is with great pleasure that we bring to you a proposal for financing from the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP) for the Smallholder Commercialisation Programme, on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone.

The Government has decided to prioritise the Smallholder Commercialisation Programme (SCP) over the next five years under the National Sustainable Agriculture Development Plan (NSADP), which was launched as Sierra Leone's Compact under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) process. On 21 May, the Presidential Task Force on Agriculture, the country's peak sector coordinating body, fully endorsed the SCP Investment Plan as constituting the National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP) under CAADP.

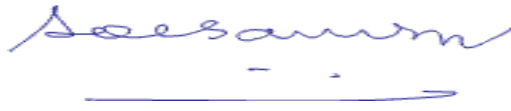
Sierra Leone's submission to the GAFSP Steering Committee is based on this plan for the sector, which has been the product of extensive consultation with stakeholders and development partners. Support from the GAFSP will make a vital contribution to meeting the key objectives of increasing agricultural sector growth and farm household incomes, and ensuring greater food security across the country.

Please find attached a copy of Sierra Leone's proposal for specific financing under the GAFSP, alongside a copy of the country's NAIP, the final NSADP, the signed CAADP Compact and the CAADP Technical Review of the SCP. We look forward to your favourable consideration of our proposal.

With kind regards

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Hon Dr Samura Kamara
Minister of Finance and Economic Development

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Hon Dr Joseph Sam Sesay
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security

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Mr Kevin Gallagher
FAO Country Representative
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