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Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) Coordination Unit

Subject: Kyrgyz Republic’s application to the GAFSP Call for Proposals

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are pleased to submit the Kyrgyz Republic's proposal for funding support under the GAFSP Call for Proposals. If approved, the proposed project would contribute significantly in closing the investment gap which currently exists to help small scale producers strengthen their farm and producer organizations, so as to expand their productive and organizational capacity, improve their climate resilience, and help them participate in emerging agri-food clusters contributing thus to improved incomes.

The proposed project seeks to complement on-going value chain development investments and strengthen the capacity of private sector actors to lead further agricultural growth. This is expected to contribute post COVID-19 economic recovery and food security through increased productivity and more resilient food systems and will also contribute to the development of more inclusive agri-food clusters, which will require greater coordination and partnerships between producer organizations and agri-businesses.

The proposal was presented to and endorsed by the development partners working group on September 2, 2021. We are pleased to submit the endorsement letter signed by the World Food Program (WFP) of the United Nations (UN), co-chair of the development partners working group. !• approved, the project will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture. Water Resources and Regional Development, and the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will act as the project's Supervising Entity for investment and technical assistance, respectively.

The Kyrgyz Republic would like to express its full commitment in achieving the objectives stated in the proposal. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our proposal under the GAFSP Public Sector Window.

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Sincerely, Deputy Minister

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