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GAFSP Steering Committee Chair.

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**Subiect: Reouest for funding for Yemen's GAFSP nroiect nrnnosal under the “Special cal! for  
nronosals for fragile and conflict affected countries”. Public Sector Window**

IFearMr Stefan Schmitz.

On behalf of the Government of Yemen, we are pleased to submit the attached program proposal entitled **Strengthening Agriculture Productivity and Resilience Project (SAPReP+)** for funding consideration under the Global Agriculture and Food Sccuritv Program (GAFSPk snccial call for nronosals for Inutile and conflict affected countries.

Yemen have exnericnced in recent vears severe conflict and uncertaintv. which have led to a ven' serious humanitarian crisis and have added additional pressures to an already weak productive system and national economy. Estimates from the World Bank indicate that Yemen’s economic output has decreased by about 50 ner cent since 2015. ihe agricultural and fisheries sectors, while demonstrating comnarativclv eood levels of resilience, have laced major challenges leading to the deterioration of the livelihoods of small­scale farmers, breeders and fishers. Major challenges include, the diminishing capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Fish Wealth to nrovide services to smallholders, the displacement of fanners and fishermen from their production sites, the deterioration of water resources and infrastructure, the disruption of input and output market channels, and the use of coping strategics that lead to environmental deeradation.

Ihe attached proposal intends to effectively respond to the pressing needs identified by the Ministries in coordination with the I Inked Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (I-AO) and the World Bank, ihe nroiect targets the seven most food insecure agricultural Governorates in the country, and builds on the success of the current GAFSP funded project (SAPRI.!’). which, despite the great challenges posed by the conflict is ficins implemented with significant levels of nerformancc in Yemen.

**SAPRcP+** aims at improving the livelihoods, nutrition, and resilience of target rural populations through sustainable enhancements in agriculture nroductivitv. market access, and incomes of smallholders.

Therefore the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) and the Ministry of I inance of the Republic of Yemen, kindly request from the GAF SP Steering Committee due consideration to fund this crucial nroiect nronosal. I he total cost of the nroiect is **USD 30 million** for a period of implementation of 4 years.

Following the GAFSP Country Guidelines for Public Sector Window, besides this cover letter the following

1. Document checklist
2. Endorsement letter from the in-countrv Food Sccuritv and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC >



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1. Statement of readiness from the World Bank; and also from the Food and Agriculture Organization who arc nronosed as nreferred Sunervistnc Entities
2. GAFSP proposal including Par 1 and 2
3. A conv of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Stocktaking Document, describing nast nlans. the current status of the situation in the country, and the interim priorities for the agricultural sector
4. A conv of the Roadman document describing the nrocess to develon a new National Agriculture Sector Strategy' and Investment Plan for Yemen
5. A conv of additional documents: the Yemen Humanitarian Resnonse Plan (YHRP) and the FAO Plan of Action for Strengthening Agricultural Livelihoods in Yemen.

We thank you in advance for the kind consideration to our request and look forward to an early acceptance of the nronosal.

Yours sinccrelv.

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