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LETTER OF SUPPORT

This is to affirm Njala University support for the proposal titled "Development and Promotion of Biological Control Program in the Management of Agricultural Pests in Sierra Leone" in response to the call to National Science Technology, and innovation Council (NSTIC) titled Call For Full Proposal to fund a Project to Promote Food Security.

The general goal of this project is to develop and promote biological control of agricultural pest to boost productivity leading to achieving food security. The project will mass rear natural enemies namely predators, parasitoids and extraction of bioactive ingredients from virulent fungi species as bio-pesticides for the management of agricultural insect pests.

Njala University is fully committed in supporting this project as we fully aware of the destruction of agricultural crops caused by insects which are found to seriously undermine crop productivity and food security. The successful implementation of this project will establish a Centre of Excellence at Njala University that would cater for short term training of pest management officials leading to specialization in biological, commercialization of biological control products in the form of bio-pesticides natural enemies with a platform for collaboration with both private and public sectors respectively.

Yours sincerely,

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