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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Njala University is delighted to affirm its institutional support for the proposal titled '**EVALUATION OF INDIGENOUS VEGETABLE SPECIES POTENTIAL AS ALTERNATIVE TO TACKLE MALNUTRITION AND FOOD INSECURITY AT RURAL HOUSEHOLD IN SIERRA LEONE**' in response to the National Science Technology and Innovation Council's titled 'Call for Full Proposals to Fund a Project that promote food security and modern agriculture'.

The overall goal of this project is to evaluate the potential of traditional vegetable species as an economic and sustainable way of reducing malnutrition and boosting food security at house hold level in Sierra Leone. This proposal will also determine the nutritive properties of the indigenous vegetable species for recommendation of incorporation into the diet of rural households in the country.

We are fully committed to supporting this project in any way possible for successful implementation, especially given the development challenge of malnutrition and food insecurity at rural household level in Sierra Leone. In Sierra Leone where the diet is dominated by carbohydrate foodstuff, identification of indigenous vegetables with high potential of nutritive values would constitute a good, cheap and most available source of proteins, vitamins, minerals, amino acids and fibre to tackle malnutrition at rural households.

It is our fervent hope that findings generated from this research would serve as database for linkage between agriculture and nutrition and could inform evidence-based decisions for farmers, agricultural extension services, and policymakers, facilitating the adoption of environmentally friendly and resource-efficient agricultural practices

We hope this proposal will be given duly consideration and look forward to the implementation of the project.

Yours sincerely,

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