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ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE
COUNTRY GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC SECTOR PROPOSALS

The “Country Guidelines for Public Sector Proposals (May 20, 2010)”, the GAFSP Governance Document, Framework Document, and other documents pertaining to GAFSP are available on the GAFSP temporary website (www.worldbank.org/gafsp).

The following are clarifications to the “Country Guidelines for Public Sector Proposals (May 20, 2010)” based on frequently asked questions since May 2010, and updated information about likely resource scarcity.

1. Announcement of award

Governments that have submitted proposals by the October 1, 2010, deadline will be notified via email of the outcome of the October 2010 allocation in early November 2010, within 3 business days after the GAFSP Steering Committee meeting. The successful proposals will also be posted on the GAFSP website as soon as possible thereafter.

2. Available resources (Section III Paragraph 6; Page 2)

The June 2010 allocation awarded a total amount of US\$ 224 million to five recipient countries (Bangladesh, Haiti, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, and Togo), with an additional set-aside of \$11.2 million to defray the costs of Supervising Entities for the appraisal and supervision of these projects. For the next allocation, available resources are expected to be in the vicinity of US\$ 100-120 million immediately, with the possibility of further contingent awards based on the actual arrival of funds foreseen for early 2011.

3. Prioritization of activities (Section III Paragraph 6; Page 2 and Annex 1 Part 2 Section 2.3; page 5)

Please ensure that all proposed activities for GAFSP financing are ranked in order of priority, since only parts of the request may be financed due to the limited resources available and expected large response to the Call for Proposals.

4. Supervising Entities (Annex 1 Part 2 Section 2.3 and 2.4; page 5)

Governments should identify their preferred Supervising Entity/ies in their submissions. More than one Supervising Entity per proposal is possible, but the requested division of labor must be clearly specified. Possible Supervising Entities of GAFSP projects are identified Multilateral Development Banks¹ or IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) for investment operations and/or technical assistance. For technical assistance activities only, FAO (Food Agriculture Organization) and WFP (World Food Programme) may also be identified as preferred Supervising Entities.

5. Samples of successful submission documents

¹ Currently limited to the World Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, or Inter-American Development Bank



The proposals and supporting documents submitted by the five countries who received GAFSP financing in the June 2010 allocation are posted on the GAFSP temporary website for reference purposes (www.worldbank.org/gafsp).

6. Deadline

Deadline for submission is **October 1, 2010 (midnight, US Eastern Standard Time)**. Please send submission documents via email to the GAFSP Coordination Unit at gafspcoord@worldbank.org.