



**Design and Program**  
**CSO MISSION**  
**GAFSP Bhutan**  
**Dec 11-18, 2015**

**1 Rationale**

- 1.1 At the conclusion of the G8 summit in Italy last 2008, policymakers at that meeting agreed to allocate US\$20 billion to combat the effects and impacts of the 2008 food crisis, and bolster and coordinate multilateral efforts aimed at reducing, or even ending, hunger and food insecurity. With a view to implementing that decision, a fund—the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)—was established at the World Bank to finance food and nutrition security projects for developing countries. A Steering Committee, a Coordination Unit, and a pool of consultants have been tasked with the management of the GAFSP. The Steering Committee is responsible for reviewing projects and allocating resources.
- 1.2 The GAFSP has approved two projects in Bhutan:
  - a) funding from the public sector window of GAFSP: \$8 million in funding will focus on a list of 24 geogs in the five proposed South Western dzongkhags: Chukka, Dagana, Haa, Samtse and Sarpang. The project aims to promote agricultural productivity, improve water management, improve post-harvest and marketing infrastructure, and improve access to finance.
  - b) funding from the private sector window of GAFSP: \$6M in funding will focus on the expansion of Mountain Hazelnuts (MHZ), a semi-greenfield smallholder based company, to take advantage of the growing demand for hazelnuts from European confectionary and snack producers in Asia. With GAFSP's support, MHZ will provide hazelnut tree plantlets, inputs and support to local farmers – free of charge. The trees will be planted on fallow land that otherwise has no commercial use for the farmers. Once the trees produce hazelnuts, the company will purchase the crop from the farmers at a guaranteed minimum price and market the hazelnuts to international buyers. This project will be carried out in conjunction with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). IFC and ADB will each invest \$3 million of equity in MHZ which will then be matched by a \$6 million investment by GAFSP.
- 1.3 The GAFSP Steering Committee includes, among others, three non-voting members who represent the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) : Marie Brille-Clarke from Action Aid USA for the Northern CSOs, Djibo Bagna from ROPPA for the African CSOs, and Shimpei Murakami / Raul Socrates Banzuela for the Asian CSOs. They were selected based on a process of nominations by farmers' organizations in their regions.
- 1.4 The Africa and Asia CSO representatives to the Steering Committee were appointed to give voice, within the Steering Committee, to the concerns and interests of the small-scale farming, which accounts for a major share of global agriculture. They must also advocate for the involvement of producer organizations in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of projects submitted to and financed by GAFSP.
- 1.5 The GAFSP Steering Committee, in its meeting last June 2011, also decided on some guidelines contained in Annex 3 : Quality of Participation Guidelines. The guidelines are intended to be used by governments and supervising entities to finalize and implement GAFSP supported projects and ensure regular, sustained, inclusive and meaningful participation of relevant actors, including small scale women and men farmers and CSOs.
- 1.6 The Asian Farmers Association, AFA, a regional alliance of national farmers' organizations, currently with 12 member organizations in 10 countries, is the support organization for the Asia CSO representative. As such, AFA provides technical, administrative and logistical support to the CSO Asia representative to facilitate (1) consultation among constituency CSOs; (2) dissemination of



information to constituency CSOs, and (3) dialogue between representatives and other members of the GAFSP Steering Committee.

## **2 Objectives of the Mission**

- 2.1 Get basic profiles of key FOs and NGOs working for food security
- 2.2 Get information about the GAFSP processes undertaken by the government and inter-governmental bodies , mainly FAO, WB, IFAD
- 2.3 Inform key FOs and NGOs about
  - 2.3.1 the GAFSP processes at international level
  - 2.3.2 CSO work within GAFSP
  - 2.3.3 status of GAFSP project proposal
- 2.4 get feedback from key FOs and NGOs about the GAFSP process , agriculture situation in the country
- 2.5 get recommendations from key FOs and NGOs about CSO involvement in GAFSP at international and country levels
- 2.6 get the commitment of the government and the Supervising Entities to include FOs in the design, implementation and evaluation of the GAFSP project through institutionalized mechanisms

## **3 Main Activities**

- 3.1 courtesy calls, meetings, sharing of developments of GAFSP and agri strategies and processes, and FO involvement
  - 3.1.1 with key government officials in charge of GAFSP process
  - 3.1.2 with key officers of Supervising Entity and inter governmental bodies FAO, IFAD
  - 3.1.3 key FOs and NGOs working on food security
- 3.2 CSO consultation workshop on GAFSP – one day

## **4 Expected Output**

- 4.1 A brief description of the key FOs and NGOs working on food security
- 4.2 mission report containing Highlights of meetings

## **5 General Program**

- 5.1 Visits to offices of key government offices in charge with GAFSP
- 5.2 visit to offices of key FOs and CSOs
- 5.3 Visits to offices of WB , FAO and IfAD
- 5.4 Visits to offices of key government agencies involved in GAFSP
- 5.5 One day consultation with CSOs and FOs—possibly in capital city and/or target GAFSP area

## **6 Tasks**

### **6.1 AFA**

- 6.1.1 Drafts design of the mission, and finalizes upon consultation with local hosts
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- 6.1.3 Drafts generic letter for participants to be invited to the consultation, and finalizes upon review by local hosts
- 6.1.4 Make highlights of the consultation and meetings; finalizes upon review by local host
- 6.1.5 Cover international fares, board and lodging expenses of AFA Mission Team members

### **6.2 Local Host/s**

- 6.2.1 facilitate visa of mission team members
- 6.2.2 Secure a venue and make other logistical preparations for the consultation
- 6.2.3 Invite participants to the meeting ( sends invitation letter and follow up confirmation, make efforts for good attendance)
- 6.2.4 Suggests list of participants
- 6.2.5 Translate key documents so that FOs can participate actively



- 6.2.6 Get good translation services ( we assume FOs cannot speak in English ) during consultation and field/office visits
- 6.2.7 Makes a budget to cover in-country expenses , considering budget amount of \$2000 to cover venue, transpo for field/office visits by Mission Team, kit, translation services, equipment rental, coordination fee
- 6.2.8 Arrange for board and lodging for AFA Mission team members with a maximum budget of \$60 /day/person on twin sharing basis.

## **7 Mission Team Members**

- 7.1** Keshab Khadkha, Head Research Department, All Nepal Peasant Federation Association (ANPFa), Nepal
- 7.2** Dr. Edilberto Concepcion, Centro Maginhawa Clinic , Philippines
- 7.3** Ma. Estrella Penunia, Secretary General, Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development, Philippines
- 7.4** Marcos Jr Castaneda Sundiang , engineer, Philippines