## **MEMO**



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VHUYLFHV WR IDUPHUV LÆGAÐESTAMVNS:120000160118031U±RENSHAFFNÓÐÁ (Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania) and additional funding by GAFSP for Covid-19

response

Issue:

The Grant Agreement (IFAD

became effective on 7 May 2018. The Project is financed in the amount of US\$2.61 million as part of the Missing Middle Initiative (MMI) pilot under the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (WKGAFSP). In response to the negative impacts brought by the Covid-19 pandemic. GAFSP granted a one-year extension and additional financing to all MMI projects Project in question. Both requests were approved by the President on 30 June 2021 and thus, the new completion date of the Project is 30 June 2022 with the Grant financing closing date on 31 December 2022 with a total of USD 478,240 as additional financing.

From the beginning of the Project implementation, the development of the e-Granary digital platform has had multiple shortfalls mainly attributed to: (i) unrealistic assumptions at the design stage with ambitious target indicators; (

The proposed restructuring will not significantly change the Project design as approved by the GAFSP and IFAD Executive Board. There will be no change in the Project development objective and no need for fund reallocation. The proposed changes are: (i) reducing direct Project activities to only the two countries ±Rwanda and Uganda and removal of Tanzania as a target country, (ii) revision of logframe to reflect the changes, (iii) strengthening of procurement; and (iv) strengthening of financial management. 7KHVH FKDQJHV GR QRW UHTXLUH \*\$)63 6WHHULQJ &RPPLWV already been reviewed and accepted by the GAFSP Coordination Unit.

Upon the approval of the restructuring, the Agtent will be amended to reflect both the one-year extension together with the GAFSP additional financing and the proposed restructuring measures.

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## Background & Project Description:

The Project  $\P V L Q = A \log 2$  design was to improve the income and living standards of participating e-Granary smallholder farmers in Uganda, Rwanda,

