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IMPLEMENTATION FOR FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION**

Moderator,

The Government of Tuvalu has demonstrated its commitment to funding projects directly aligned with the national pathway for food systems transformation. This commitment is a crucial step towards achieving sustainable and resilient food systems in Tuvalu. The government recognizes the importance of collaboration and will continue to work in partnership with other donor partners and UN agencies to carry out activities that support the transformation of food systems at the national level.

One relevant issue that needs to be addressed is the ongoing challenge of climate change. Tuvalu, being a small low-lying atoll nation, is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, including rising sea levels and extreme weather events. These factors significantly affect food production and security. Therefore, it is essential to prioritize innovative practices and adaptation strategies that can mitigate the effects of climate change on agriculture and fisheries in Tuvalu.

Another relevant issue is the scarcity of land, water, and energy for food production. Tuvalu faces limitations in arable land and freshwater resources, making it crucial to explore sustainable and efficient methods of food production. This could include promoting vertical farming, hydroponics, and other innovative techniques that maximize food production in limited spaces and with minimal water usage. Additionally, exploring renewable energy sources for agricultural activities can contribute to the sustainability of food systems in Tuvalu.

Lastly, the government should address the challenge of pests and diseases that impact inter-island trading and exports. Implementing robust pest and disease management strategies, including strict

quarantine measures and effective surveillance systems, will help protect local produce and ensure the smooth flow of trade at the national, regional, and international levels.

By addressing these issues and continuing to invest in projects aligned with the national pathway, Tuvalu can make significant progress in transforming its food systems. Collaboration with donor partners and UN agencies will provide valuable support and expertise in implementing activities that promote sustainable and resilient food systems in Tuvalu.

Thank you.