

**Proposed Allocation of New Funds by
Dry Grain Pulses CRSP
For FYs 2010 – 2012
(October 1, 2009 – September 29, 2012)**

The following outlines the Management Office's (MO) proposal for the budgetary allocation of the \$5,014,000 in additional funding to the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP for the period October 1, 2009 – September 29, 2012. This is in response to USAID's letter of July 14, 2009 informing the Management Entity (Michigan State University) of its intention to increase the total estimated award ceiling from \$9,000,000 to \$14,014,000.

A. MANAGEMENT OFFICE

With expanded programming resulting from the increase in the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP's award ceiling and anticipated additional funding during FY 2010, 11 and 12, the following changes are proposed for the Management Office budget.

1. Management Office Staffing

a. New Associate Program Director (0.5 FTE)

An internal search will begin for a new Associate Program Director (0.5 FTE) to replace Dr. Mywish Maredia who will be assuming the role of Impact Assessment Consultant for the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP. The responsibilities associated with this position will be similar to those of the past.

If a suitable person can be identified, this position may start as early as October 1, 2009.

b. Impact Assessment Consultant (0.25 FTE)

Dr. Mywish Maredia will be contracted (0.25 FTE) to provide leadership to the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP for the planning and implementation of impact assessment activities, including monitoring and evaluation. Dr. Maredia will have specific responsibility for oversight of ex-post impact assessment activities involving other MSU faculty and graduate students and the preparation of the appropriate reports and communication pieces.

c. Clerical Staff (0.75 FTE)

The existing clerical staff position will be increased from 0.5 to 0.75 FTE.

2. Global Meetings

Global Meetings of Principal Investigators, collaborators and partners are an effective means to ensure coherency of the global program vision, strategic planning, coordination of research, training and outreach activities among project teams and between countries and regions, and successful achievement of program goals leading to developmental outcomes.

The MO proposes to use the new funds to support a second and third Global Program meeting, to be held during FY 10 and 12, respectively. A global program meeting had already been planned for year five in the original (2007) Technical Approach approved by USAID, but the costs would have charged against Phase II project awards in FY 2012. These will be expanded global program meetings involving participation by subcontracted Phase III, Technology Dissemination and Impact Assessment project PIs, which were not included in the original plans.

3. Communication and Promotional Material for Pulse CRSP

In response to USAID's request that the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP develop effective and user-friendly communication tools, the MO is budgeting an additional \$70,074.00 over a three year period for the following:

- Brochures for USAID Missions and other stakeholders
- High quality annual "Highlights" of Phase I, and II and III projects
- Research Briefs of Phase I, II and III projects
- Spotlight articles, special impact reports, and playable audio-visual interviews for Pulse CRSP webpage
- High quality Final Technical Report of Dry Grain Pulses CRSP which incorporates success stories from ex-post impact assessments and the meta-analysis of the current Dry Grain Pulses CRSP

B. CONTRACTUAL

1. Phase II Projects

The total budget for the continuing Phase II projects¹ for FY 2011 and 2012 will be \$2,063,004 for the two year period. Principal Investigators will be requested to submit two-year workplans and budgets. Priority for project funding increases will be given to activities that promote and contribute to the dissemination of technologies, knowledge, etc. resulting from Phase I research activities. Phase II project funding levels will not necessarily be uniform. The MO believes that Phase II project teams will be in the best position to contribute to the Pulse CRSP's global program objectives since they will have completed 2.5 years of research and thus should be able to offer technologies and knowledge that can be disseminated in Host Countries and regions to address the global food crisis.

2. Phase III Projects

The MO proposes that the new funds be directed in part to integrated research, training and outreach projects that are both aligned with USAID's priorities as well as address "technical gaps" in the global program of the Pulse CRSP.

A total of \$2,750,000 will be awarded for approximately five new three-year projects (Phase III projects) in response to the Request for Proposals issued on June 25, 2009.

¹ A decision on the continuation of the current Phase I projects in to Phase II will be based upon continued interest expressed by the U.S. and HC PIs, project performance, and continued relevance to USAID strategic objectives.

Since the deadline for receipt of proposals was on August 21, 2009, the Phase III projects to be funded will not be selected until late September 2009. The MO's goal is to establish contracts for Phase III projects with start dates as early as October 1, 2009.

3. Technology Dissemination

In order to enable the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP to be able to respond to strategic opportunities to address food security needs in USAID priority countries, the MO proposes to budget \$530,000 for activities that would result in the multiplication and dissemination of technologies and knowledge generated by the Bean/Cowpea and Dry Grain Pulses CRSPs, and that would benefit resource poor pulse farmers. These funds will be distributed among three proposed projects during FY 2010 - 2012 to national agriculture research institutions (NARs), NGOs, etc. which partner in the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP.

4. Impact Assessment

USAID requests that the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP direct increased resources to assess the impact of research conducted under the Bean/Cowpea and the Dry Grain Pulses CRSPs. The Management Office proposes to employ Dr. Mywish Maredia (0.25 FTE) as the "Impact Assessment Consultant" for the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP for Fiscal Years 2010, 11 and 12 to provide leadership to the impact assessment activities of the global program. The total contractual commitment to impact assessment over the three-year period (FY 10-12) is budgeted at \$510,000 for ex-post and meta-analysis impact assessments.

5. CRSP Knowledge Management and Communication Project

The CRSP Council in conjunction with the Office of Agriculture is planning for the contracting of a private organization in Washington DC which would have centralized responsibility for collecting data on CRSPs, synthesizing information, and establishing communication instruments (i.e., web pages, brochures, media releases, etc.) for priority target audiences so as to inform and promote the excellent work and achievements of the CRSPs. Tentative plans are for this project to be financially supported in FY 2010 by taxing each CRSP ME. In subsequent years, the Office of Agriculture, EGAT, USAID will seek to include financial support for the operations of the CRSP Knowledge Management and Communication Office in its annual budget. This investment by USAID could be counted as attribution toward the CRSP congressional earmark. Without additional details at the present time, the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP is budgeting \$50,000 of support for this project in only FY 2010.

6. Institutional Capacity Building

A total of \$600,000 is budgeted over the five-year period to support Institutional Capacity Building at partner Host Country Institutions. Funding is intended for use to implement innovative and cost-effective approaches for degree and short term training, to finance the purchase of equipment to enhance research capacity in cutting-edge areas of science, and to provide opportunity for Host Country scientists

to attend professional meeting to share their CRSP research findings and network. The number of awards will be determined by need and proposed budget amounts.

C. COST SHARE

The total projected cost share, as presented in SF424, is \$1,908,989 with \$723,818 provided by the ME (MSU) and \$1,185,171 by current and future sub-contracted partners. This represents nearly a 14% cost-share commitment overall from non-federal sources on the anticipated \$14 million grant award. Approximately 38% of the total cost share will be contributed by the ME and the other 62% will come from current and future U.S. partner universities.

D. IEHA ATTRIBUTION

Per the August 13 email of John Riffenbark, Office of Agriculture, EGAT/USAID, to CRSP Directors, there will be “**no percent requirement for IEHA**” in future obligations by USAID to CRSPs.

Therefore, the new five year budget for the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP does not include an increase in the IEHA attribution amount of \$ 2,250,000 as committed in the original award contract (September 28, 2007).

The email went on to state the following, which has been adhered to in developing the Amendment to the Technical Approach for the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP for expenditure of the new funds.

“In particular, the proposed activities of this CRSP should show an understanding of and align research activities with the Presidential Initiative to End Hunger in Africa (IEHA) objectives and other follow-on food security initiatives as they evolve. IEHA objectives can be found at <http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharanafrika/initiatives/ieha.html>. The application should outline a strategy for dissemination of knowledge in a manner that leads to engagement of and influence on USAID field Missions and bureaus, host-country policy makers and practitioners, as well as other development and donor organizations.”