Pulse Value Chain Initiative – Zambia (PVCI-Z)

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Abstract of Research Achievements and Impacts
This project is just about to start. Therefore, we have no research achievements to report. However, we have completed the U.S. institution project planning and the lead PI is going to Zambia September 22 - October 5 to begin the HC institution project planning. We have also recruited 6 (out of 6) undergraduate students, 1 (out of 3) MS students and 0 (out of 3) MAB students.

Project Problem Statement and Justification
Information provided in the work plan has not changed and need no revisions.

Planned Project Activities for April 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010

Objective 1: Identify the different supply chains used by the Zambian pulse industry and describe the characteristics of those using them at the different loci of the supply chains.

Approaches and Methods: The approach to achieving this objective (and others) includes starting with a developing a common appreciation of the project and engaging both PIs and students. Therefore, organizing PI strategic planning session and recruiting students were seen as priority activities.

Results, Achievements and Outputs of Research: Our project was just approved (at the end of August). We have only been successful completing the strategic planning of the U.S. PIs and planned a planning session in Zambia from September 22 to October 5, 2010. The Zambian session aims to also initiate the development of the project’s survey instruments.

In the short weeks since signing our contract, we have completed recruiting the six undergraduate students and one of three MS students. We have also identified six candidates for the MAB program and will be conducting interviews when the lead PI arrives in Zambia to facilitate their recruitment and enrolment for the January 2011 class.
**Objective 2:** Identify and estimate the effects of stakeholder characteristics on producers’ supply chain participation decisions.

**Approaches and Methods:** No change in proposed methods and approaches in technical report and addenda.

**Results, Achievements and Outputs of Research:** Not started yet.

**Objective 3:** Describe and estimate the pecuniary and non-pecuniary value for different supply chain participants.

**Approaches and Methods:** No change in proposed methods and approaches in technical report and addenda.

**Results, Achievements and Outputs of Research:** Not started yet.

**Objective 4:** Identify the institutional and policy issues influencing value creation and determine if any effect differences exist by crop, location, gender and stage of the chain.

**Approaches and Methods:** No change in proposed methods and approaches in technical report and addenda.

**Results, Achievements and Outputs of Research:** Not started yet.

**Objective 5:** Based on the results from the foregoing, develop and deliver education and outreach programs targeting specific stakeholders and provide policy recommendations to facilitate solutions.

**Approaches and Methods:** No change in proposed methods and approaches in technical report and addenda.

**Results, Achievements and Outputs of Research:** Not started yet.

**Objective 6:** Work with specific industry stakeholders to pilot different governance systems to identify the factors and participant characteristics influencing performance.

**Approaches and Methods:** No change in proposed methods and approaches in technical report and addenda.

**Results, Achievements and Outputs of Research:** Not started yet.

**Objective 7:** Use the results of the experiment to develop outreach programs, program advocates and program advisory support systems to help producers and their partners develop appropriate governance systems to improve their economic well-being.
Approaches and Methods: No change in proposed methods and approaches in technical report and addenda.

Results, Achievements and Outputs of Research: Not started yet.

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