
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
For Cooperative Work
Between
the
Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Eritrea
(hereinafter called the MA)
and the
Integrated Pest Management Collaborative Research Support Program
(hereinafter called IPM CRSP)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Eritrea (MA) (hereinafter called Grantee) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) (hereinafter called Grantor), with the Integrated Pest Management Collaborative Research Support Program (IPM CRSP) as endorser.

WITNESSETH THAT:

Whereas, the Grantor has undertaken certain research for the United States Government, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) under Grant Number LAG-G-00-93-00053-00;

Whereas the Grantee represents that it is ready, willing and able to conduct a portion of said research and agrees that all provisions and requirements of Grant Number LAG-G-00-93-00053-00 will flow down to Grantee;

Now therefore, in consideration of the premises as well as the obligations herein made and undertaken, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

Goals

The goals of the IPM CRSP are to develop improved IPM technologies and institutional changes that will reduce crop losses, increase farmer income, reduce pesticide use, reduce pesticide residues on domestic and export products, improve IPM research and education program capabilities, improve ability to monitor pests, and increase the involvement of women in IPM decision making and program design.
Statement of Work

A. A portion of the collaborative proposal, which is incorporated hereina and made a part of hereof, led by the Grantor, will be carried out in collaboration with the MA. The MA and other Eritrea institutions and investigators will be responsible to Virginia Tech as Grantor for program accomplishments and fiscal accountability. Operational and reporting procedures will be developed in cooperation with the Management Entity in the Office of International Research, Education, and Development (OIRED) at Virginia Tech.

B. Grantee accepts all the provisions and requirements as set forth in Grant Number LAG-G-00-93-00053-00 with guidance for compliance to the Grant being provided by Virginia Tech.

C. The IPM CRSP is under the direction of the Management Entity with the guidance of the Board of Directors, Technical Committee, and the External Evaluation Panel. The IPM CRSP Management Entity through the Program Director will provide assistance in the management of activities under the MOU. Input into operational policies will be through the Technical Committee and the Board of Directors and in compliance with the provisions of the Grant. Policies developed will take into account recommendations by the External Evaluation Panel.

D. Ownership and title of equipment, material, and supplies purchased with USAID/IPM CRSP funds by the MA for use under the MOU shall be in the name of the Grantee. All such property shall be under the custody and control of the Grantor. When requested, the Grantee shall submit an inventory schedule covering all items of equipment which have not been consumed in performance of the research. Advice will be given by the Grantor as to the disposition of property at the end of the grant period.

E. Ownership and title of equipment, material, and supplies purchased with MA funds for use under this MOU shall be in the name of the Grantee. All property purchased with these funds will be in the custody and control of the Grantor. When required, the Grantee will present a dated inventory covering all the items which were not used during the execution of the research. The disposition of property at the end of the research period will be decided by the Grantee.

F. The IPM CRSP is an interdisciplinary effort and has a Site Coordinator in Eritrea. Work under this MOU should be coordinated and complementary with the overall IPM research program in East Africa, as well as with other IPM CRSP sites.

G. The IPM CRSP is an integrated and coordinated program of individual research projects each on specific aspects of IPM methods and implementation. These research projects are to be carried out by scientists from U.S. and national institutions working together in close collaboration. The participating scientists are equal collaborators and the rights for publication of findings carried out under IPM CRSP should be so viewed. All publications must acknowledge support for USAID, the IPM CRSP, and include the Grant Number LAG-G-00-93-00053-00. All publications should be attributed to the authors, stating that opinions expressed or recommendations made do not represent an official position or policy of USAID, IPM CRSP, or the institutions to which they are ascribed.
Procedure for Establishment of the Collaborative Research Relationship

With mutual understanding of the IPM CRSP and its goals as described above, a collaborative research relationship is as follows:

A. Based on previous discussions and consultations on constraints to IPM and research needs to relieve these constraints, projects will be prepared, reviewed, and selected through established procedures.

B. The collaborative research agreement will include: (a) the MOU between the IPM CRSP Management Entity and the MA; (b) a long-term plan of work with Annual Project Revision to implement the research proposal between the participating U.S. and Eritrean institutions with the research project attached detailing research to be done.

C. Any number of Plan(s) of Work following with these same procedures may be developed jointly with the MA, as appropriate under this Memorandum.

Ministry of Agriculture Contribution

The contribution of the MA will include the following:

1. Combination of collaborative scientists and IPM CRSP approved programs;
2. Offices, laboratories, land and agricultural facilities as available for conduct of the program;
3. Administration, direction and evaluations of the program, and Eritrean collaboration through the MA’s office.
4. Control and supervision of all MA funds provided under this MOU and written approval of the detailed annual budgets for the work plan financed with these funds.

IPM CRSP Contribution

The contribution of IPM CRSP will include the following:

1. Senior scientists for short term work and collaborative research support in Eritrea;
2. Graduate research/education for Eritrean personnel at collaborating U.S. institutions as approved in the workplan;
3. Supplies, equipment, and travel for IPM CRSP employed personnel;
4. Travel to U.S. or third countries for certain MA personnel as approved in the workplan;
5. The organization of periodic workshops for the benefit of host country IPM CRSP collaborators, to facilitate the exchange of information among researchers;

6. To provide administration, direction, supervision and collaboration of the IPM CRSP with the MA. The IPM CRSP, through its ME, will be responsible for written approval of the detailed annual budgets for the workplan financed with IPM CRSP/USAID funds.

7. Control and supervision of all IPM CRSP core funds provided under this MOU.

Administration of Collaborative Research Projects

A. IPM CRSP is funded by USAID and the collaborating U.S. institutions, and administered by the Management Entity, which is responsible to USAID for fiscal matters and research progress. Each participating institution in turn is responsible to the Management Entity for project expenditures and research progress.

B. Detailed Annual Budgets and Work Plans will be developed and submitted to the Management Entity by the Site Committee in coordination with and with input provided by the MA and other participating Eritrean institutions, and subsequently approved by the Global Technical Committee and USAID/IPM CRSP.

C. The MA or their designated representative institution will be administratively responsible for any funds provided to them for expenditure under IPM CRSP, and will provide to the Management Entity documentation of expenditures. The Management Entity will be responsible for conducting an external audit, if required by USAID. The MA, through the designated U.S. Site Chair, will also be responsible for submitting a research progress report to the Management Entity.

D. Equipment to be bought under this project pursuant to the agreement, will be free of all duties, tariff or customs levies and other obligations applicable in Eritrea, whether the purchase is made in the U.S., locally or in another country.

E. Grantee shall be compensated for actual costs incurred, not to exceed costs estimated in budgets developed and approved in actual work plans. Funds may be advanced by the Grantor. Any funds advanced by the Grantor on the initial or future annual budgets will be provided to cover actual costs to be incurred; any overpayment shall be reimbursed to the Grantor. The MA or their representative institution shall submit, at least quarterly but not more frequently than monthly, an invoice identifying expenditures of claimed allowable costs by major categories and individual items within major categories for any funds advanced by the Grantor. Reimbursement will be made based on allowable expenditures reported on the voucher (a mutually agreed upon format) supported by receipts detailing expenditures. An annual financial report shall be submitted at the end of each IPM CRSP project year (September 28) summarizing all funds received, expended, and funds remaining from the previous year. Access will be allowed to the financial files in the event that an external audit is required. It is understood that there is no obligation on the part of the Grantor to reimburse costs in excess of the agreed upon budget. Invoices should be submitted to IPM CRSP,
Duration

A. This MOU shall commence effective September 29, 2003 and terminate September 28, 2008, unless circumstances such as availability of funds from USAID, or programmatic decisions by the IPM CRSP Board of Directors cause an earlier termination date.

This MOU will officially commence on the date of completion of its signing.

If any party to this MOU decides to terminate, it must provide at least three (3) months advance written notice to the other party.

B. This MOU covered by this document shall continue until terminated by:

1. Immediate notification of termination of the IPM CRSP funding grant by USAID;

2. Acceptance by the IPM CRSP Management Entity of a request by the MA to terminate; or

3. Acceptance by the Board of Directors of a recommendation to terminate by the IPM CRSP Management Entity.

4. Either party may terminate this contract for any reason with 30 days written notice.

C. The MA or the IPM CRSP Management Entity may request consideration of amendments to this MOU.

This MOU shall be construed and performance hereunder shall be determined according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, USA.
Approvals

Having read this Memorandum of Understanding, the persons below have signed their names and shown their agency affiliation indicating their concurrence with the collaborative research relationships outlined therein.

In the event of any apparent discrepancies due to translation, this English version will take precedence.

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Date 30/09/03

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Date 9/4/03

Mr. David W. Richardson
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Dr. Charles W. Sieger,
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Date 9/17/03

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