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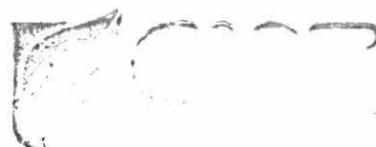
PROJECT IP - 1

Bean Improvement for the Tropics



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1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

IP-1: BEAN IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TROPICS

Goal: To obtain a lasting increase in food availability and income for the poor through improved bean productivity.

Objective: To increase bean productivity through enhanced access and utilization of improved cultivars and management practices in partnership with NARS and regional networks, and through them, with farmers.

Important assumptions: Regional bodies and national governments continue to give priority to bean production. Partners and providers of research and extension services are willing to incorporate and commit resources to innovative approaches to reach end users. Core research capacity and budgets maintained. Continued success in attracting special project funding. Continued donor support to regional networks. Resources in challenge programs accessed.

Target Ecoregions: East-Central and southern Africa. Neotropical regions of Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Brazil and the Andean zone.

Beneficiaries and users: Small farmers in tropical America and Africa (mainly women) will obtain higher and more stable yields. Poor consumers, especially women and children, will benefit from low-cost protein and micronutrients. The environment and community at large will benefit from reduced pesticide and fertilizer use. Food legume researchers will access an enhanced knowledge base and germplasm.

Collaborators: *Regional networks in Africa and Central America:* AfNet, ASARECA, CORAF/WECARD, ECABREN, SABRN, SACCAR, SADC/FANR, and SICTA. *NARS:* Central America (6), the Caribbean (3), the Andean zone (5), Brazil, East Africa (9) and southern Africa (10). *CGIAR centers:* ICRAF, CIMMYT, IITA, CIP, IRRI, ICRISAT. *Systemwide programs:* IPM program and African Highland Initiative (AHI). *Other international institutions:* EAP-Zamorano, ICIPE, Bean/Cowpea CRSP. *Diffusing technology:* More than 30 NGOs, churches, relief and governmental agencies, and entrepreneurs. *ARI's:* more than 20 universities and 10 other ARI's in Australia, Europe and North America. *HarvestPlus CP:* NARS in Brazil and East Africa; ARI's in 3 countries. *Generation CP:* NARS in 5 countries; ARI's in 2 countries.

Explanation of project changes: In light of the distinction drawn by the Science Council between output targets and outcomes, and in an effort to focus, two of our outputs from the 2005 Log Frame (outputs 4 and 5) that dealt with services provided to NARS have been combined into one (output 4). This presentation is more succinct and to the point.

Project funding: Data from Finances

LOGFRAME MATRIX: BEAN IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TROPICS (2006-2008)

IP-1	Outputs	Intended user	Outcome	Impact
Output 1	Improved, small-seeded, bean germplasm resistant to major biotic and abiotic stresses with greater nutritional and market value.	NARS and farmers in Central America, the Caribbean, Brazil, East Africa	Adoption of improved varieties by farmers	More stable production, food availability, better nutritional status and income
Output Targets 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten lines tolerant to low nitrogen and phosphorus and acid soil complex available to NARS, farmers and other partners in Africa (DRC, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Madagascar, Malawi, and Sudan), and 20 drought tolerant, disease resistant lines validated in 5 countries in Central America / Caribbean. • ~40 small seeded F₆-derived F₇ families combining 40% higher mineral content and moderate drought tolerance developed (HarvestPlus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARS, NGO's, and CBO's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lines tolerant to low fertility are used widely by partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved productivity in marginal environments
Output Targets 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-10 interspecific progeny between common bean and <i>P. coccineus</i> that broaden the genetic base for tolerance to aluminum; resistance to ALS, root rots, anthracnose; and/or high mineral content. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIAT breeders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breeders incorporate broader diversity into populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved productivity in marginal environments
Output Targets 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 40 lines combining drought tolerance with resistance to BCMNV, root rots, and/or ALS available for testing in Africa • ~30 small seeded F₃-derived F₅ families developed with tropical adaptation, 80% more minerals, abiotic tolerance, and 2 resistances (HarvestPlus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARS, NGO's and CBO's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought tolerant lines with critical resistance genes are used in drought prone areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yield stability

IP-1	Outputs	Intended user	Outcome	Impact
Output 2	Improved, large-seeded, bean germplasm resistant to major biotic and abiotic stresses with greater nutritional and market value.	NARS and farmers in the Andean zone, the Caribbean, East and southern Africa	Adoption of improved varieties by farmers	More stable production, food availability and income
Output Targets 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 climbing bean lines with heat tolerance and BCMNV resistance distributed to NARS and network partners in Andean region, East Africa and Southern Africa • Small-to-medium seeded climbers with tropical adaptation and 40% more minerals developed (HarvestPlus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARS, NGO's and CBO's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners use climbing beans adapted to elevations down to 1200 masl in 4 Andean countries and 6 African countries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer's yield doubled over bush beans in areas of adoption
Output Targets 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 new large-seeded bush lines with high mineral trait and resistance to 2 diseases, mainly in the red mottled and red seed classes (HarvestPlus). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARS and NGO's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High iron lines adopted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced levels of iron and zinc deficiency
Output Targets 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 new large seeded climbing beans with high mineral trait (HarvestPlus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NARS, NGO's and farmers' groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High mineral lines incorporated into production system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced levels of iron and zinc deficiency

	Outputs	Intended user	Outcome	Impact
Output 3	Strategies developed for managing diseases and pests in bean-based cropping systems.	Breeders, entomologists and pathologists in CIAT and NARS	Best bet IDPM practices and genetic combinations for stable resistance deployed.	More stable bean yields
Output Targets 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resistance genes tagged in 3 sources of <i>Pythium</i> resistance, 2 sources of ALS resistance, and 1 source of Apion resistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathologists, entomologists and breeders in NARS (NARO-Uganda and KARI-Kenya) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efficiency of selection for resistance is improved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced time to varietal development
Output Targets 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Method available to quantify 2 major soil borne pathogens (<i>Pythium ultimum</i> and <i>Fusarium solani</i>), as a tool to assess disease management strategies, and to refine management of resistance breeding nurseries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathologists in CIAT and NARS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved efficiency in genetic improvement and in control of disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced yield losses from root rots
Output Targets 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple gene combinations to manage ALS developed through MAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIAT and NARS breeders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per cent of resistant lines in breeding program increased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More stable resistance in advanced lines

	Outputs	Intended user	Outcome	Impact
Output 4	Approaches and methods developed and available for strengthening institutional, organizational and collaborative capacity of NARS and sub-regional networks in Africa and Latin America	NARS in Africa and Latin America	Improved institutional performance by NARS, NGOs and other partners, reflected in more effective technology development and dissemination	More stable production, improved food availability, income and nutrition, especially for the poor and women farmers
Output Targets 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies and networking mechanisms refined and promoted for sustainable seed production and dissemination of technologies in fourteen countries in east and southern Africa. Methods and tools developed and made available for participatory plant breeding in 10 PABRA countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NARS, Bean networks, NGOs, seed companies, CBOs NARS, NGOs, CBOs, farmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National strategic alliances established, internally monitored and reaching one million people in Africa with improved varieties and/or crop management technologies. More cost-effective NARS in development and dissemination of technology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased adoption and productivity More benefits to poorer farmers and those in marginal situations
Output Targets 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative approaches and tools developed and made widely available to partners in Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, and Tanzania for IPDM and marker-assisted selection of varieties . Breeding programs for biofortification established in Honduras, Brazil, Bolivia, Venezuela, Kenya and Malawi. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NARS, NGOs, CBOs and farmers. NARS, NGOs, and farmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased use of IPDM strategies that enable R&D institutions to reach more farmers, and of marker-assisted methods that improve cost-effectiveness in breeding new varieties. NARS breeders select lines with higher mineral content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced effect of diseases and pests leading to increased and more stable bean production by farmers Increased production and incomes
Output Targets 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An IPM system for whiteflies on snap beans refined and promoted in major bean producing areas of the Andean zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NARS, NGO's, CBO's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pesticide use is reduced, production assured, and profitability increased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less pesticide intoxication in rural communities and urban consumers

2. RESULTS ASSOCIATED WITH 2006 PROJECT OUTPUT TARGETS

	Output targets	Output category	Achieved?	Means of verification
Output 1: Improved, small-seeded, bean germplasm resistant to major biotic and abiotic stresses with greater nutritional and market value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten lines tolerant to low nitrogen and phosphorus and acid soil complex available to NARS, farmers and other partners in Africa (DRC, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Madagascar, Malawi, and Sudan), and 20 drought tolerant, disease resistant lines validated in 5 countries in Central America / Caribbean. ~40 small seeded F₆-derived F₇ families combining 40% higher mineral content and moderate drought tolerance developed (HarvestPlus) 	Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual report 2006 section 1.1.2.3 and 1.1.3.4 Annual report, AgroSalud project, p. 13-14; 19-21 Annual report 2006, section 1.4.1
Output 2: Improved, large-seeded, bean germplasm resistant to major biotic and abiotic stresses with greater nutritional and market value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 climbing bean lines with heat tolerance and BCMNV resistance distributed to NARS and network partners in Andean region, East Africa and Southern Africa Small-to-medium seeded climbers with tropical adaptation and 40% more minerals developed (HarvestPlus) 	Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual report 2006, summary of seed shipments, section 4 Annual report 2005, p. 127-134. Annual report 2006, summary of seed shipments, section 4.3
Output 3: Strategies developed for managing diseases and pests in bean-based cropping systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resistance genes tagged in 3 sources of <i>Pythium</i> resistance, 2 sources of ALS resistance, and 1 source of Apion resistance. 	Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual report 2006, activity 3.2.1; Annual report 2005, section 2.2.1; Annual report 2006, section 3.2.3
Output 4: Approaches and methods developed and available for strengthening institutional, organizational and collaborative capacity of NARS and sub-regional networks in Africa and Latin America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies and networking mechanisms refined and promoted for sustainable seed production and dissemination of technologies in fourteen countries in east and southern Africa. Methods and tools developed and made available for participatory plant breeding in 10 PABRA countries 	Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual report section 4.3.1 Annual report 2005, p 317-325. Annual report 2006, section 4.1.5

3. RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS IN 2006

We will highlight three areas of our current research portfolio:

3.1 DROUGHT AND YIELD POTENTIAL

Drought has long been a priority for the CIAT bean breeding program, and in recent years we have reported that levels of drought resistance have increased significantly in improved lines. Nonetheless, drought seldom is a yearly event and the question remains, do drought resistant varieties yield well in well-watered years? Yield trials of drought-selected lines were established in three different environments under well-watered and fertile conditions, to investigate the yield potential of drought-resistant materials. Lines were compared with standard commercial checks in small red, small black, and cream-striped (carioca) classes. Virtually no lines yielded significantly less than the respective checks, most yielded marginally more, and several yielded significantly more. Some lines also outyielded low P check cv. Carioca (G4017) under phosphorus stress. Moreover, lines were also earlier to mature and often presented significantly greater yield per day than checks. We suggest that selection for drought resistance has favored genes for plant efficiency, perhaps manifested as improved photosynthate mobilization, and that these genes and trait(s) have a beneficial effect on yield across multiple environments.

3.2 EFFECTS OF MACRONUTRIENT FERTILIZATION ON GRAIN CONCENTRATION OF IRON AND ZINC

While genetic enhancement of iron and zinc concentrations is the focus of the bean component of the HarvestPlus program and the AgroSalud project, knowledge of environmental factors that influence mineral concentration is useful to understand the causes of instability in these traits over sites and seasons, and potentially to manipulate these factors for higher mineral content. A series of studies in Kenya elucidated the effects of macronutrients on iron and zinc in grain. Ten bean lines were grown at Thika and Kabete during the short rain season, and at Kakamega and Kabete in the long rain season. N was applied at rates of 0-150 kg ha⁻¹, P at rates of 0-75 kg ha⁻¹, and K at rates of 0-150 kg ha⁻¹. Fertilization increased iron concentration in grain by as much as 63, 58 and 23% for N, P and K. Zinc increased by as much as 22, 27 and 14% in response to N, P and K. This suggests that if fertilization becomes feasible for African farmers, this could have positive effects on the nutritional quality of beans, as well as increasing yields. Among the ten bean lines, AND 620 and Maharagi Soja (previously identified as high iron) presented the highest levels of iron.

3.3 BROADER USE OF MARKER ASSISTED SELECTION IN AFRICA

Marker assisted selection (MAS) has been employed in CIAT headquarters for several years, first for resistance to BGYMV, and then for BCMV resistance. This activity has been transferred to Africa, and has been expanded significantly to include selection for resistance genes effective against other diseases. More than 1000 plants were assayed in Uganda for resistance genes (both recessive and dominant) against BCMV and BCMNV. Markers developed at CIAT headquarters to detect the Pythium resistance gene found in RWR 719 (a Rwandan bred line), were tested in Uganda on 111 backcross progeny and 54 families derived from double crosses. Meanwhile, at headquarters 282 F₂-derived families were tested for the presence of anthracnose resistance genes derived from G2333. This sort of targeted, selective use of markers at specific points in the breeding program will make breeding more efficient and more directed toward the deployment of recognized, highly useful resistance genes. The decentralized strategy of CIAT in Africa aims to carry out this work in laboratory facilities of NARS, thus exposing partners to routine application of these techniques.

4. PROJECT OUTCOME: LINKING FARMERS TO BEAN MARKETS

Outcome statement: Smallholder Ethiopian farmers benefit from re-invigorated international and regional markets for beans. More efficient seed systems have facilitated response of farmers to this opportunity.

Relevant outputs: Outputs 1 and 5, project SN-1 (2002-2004); Output 4, IP-2 (2002-2004)

Who adopted: The Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research adopted and multiplied genetic materials for distribution to small bean producers. Limited capacity of EIAR to supply seed was addressed with NGO's to develop farmer-led seed systems. A survey (N=323) revealed that 73% of farmers so reached had never before accessed a new variety.

How adopted: European companies have invested in new processing plants as Ethiopia has become a low-cost source for white canning beans. This market has been fostered by private companies, EIAR and leading NGO's. CIAT's role includes (i) providing genetic materials; (ii) fostering farmer-led local seed systems; (iii) helping NGO's to link farmers to markets. In the 2005-2006 season total bean exports valued \$30-40 million. In 2006-07 farmers received two-to-three times higher farm-gate prices under *high market demand*. NGO's such as Catholic Relief Service and the national program have received training in market analysis and development of innovation platforms in support of market chains.

Evidence:

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Louise Sperling, R. Buruchara, R. Muthoni, R. Kirkby, J.C. Rubyogo. Annual report 2005, project IP-1. Bean improvement for the tropics. p 283-288.

5. LIST OF 2006 PUBLICATIONS

(includes accepted, in press, in review and submitted) - see complete list

5.1 Book chapters and books (five in English, one in French)

- Book chapters published: 1
- Book chapters in review 1
- Book chapters in press: 4

5.2 Refereed and non-refereed journal articles

- Papers published in English: 34
- Papers accepted in English: 2
- Papers submitted in English: 3
- Papers in press in English: 2
- Papers published in Spanish: 2
- Papers in review in English: 1

5.3 Workshop and conference papers

- Papers in English: 54
- Papers in Spanish: 11

5.4 Proceedings, posters, abstracts, others

- Proceedings: in English 5
in French 2
- Posters: in English 8
in Spanish 1
- Abstracts: in English 2
- Others: in English 7
in Spanish 4
in others 2 (African languages)

5.5 Editorial Contributions

- Reviewed papers for:
 - Agronomy Journal
 - Crop Science
 - European Journal of Plant Pathology
 - Journal of Experimental Botany
 - Journal of Phytopathology
 - Molecular Breeding
 - Phytopathology
 - Plant Breeding
 - Plant Science
 - Theoretical and Applied Genetics

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6. LIST OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

6.1 AT HEADQUARTERS

6.1.1 New proposals approved in 2006

Title	Donor	Funding period	Total Amount US	Amount to partners US\$	Available in 2006 US\$
Improved beans for Africa and Latin America	DFID, UK	2006	258,943	-	258,943
Commissioned Research-GCP Consortium Members - TILLING mutagenesis and drought gene analysis	Generation Challenge Program	2006	103,879	-	103,879
Reducing pesticide use and pesticide resistance in rice and beans in the Andean zone	FONTAGRO	2006-2009	125,000		125,000
Fighting Drought and Aluminium Toxicity: Integrating Genomics, Phenotypic Screening and Participatory Research with Women and Small-Scale Farmers to Development Stress-Resistant Common Bean and Brachiaria for the Tropics	BMZ	2006-2009	€ 1,100,000	€ 354,550	€ 256,701

6.1.2 List of ongoing special projects in 2006

Title	Donor	Funding period	Total Amount US	Amount to Partners (US\$)	Available in 2006 US\$
Bean genomics for improved drought tolerance in Latin America	BMZ-Germany	2003-2007	€ 740,000	13,046	94,240
Increasing bean and maize agrobiodiversity as an approach for improving production systems, food security and nutrition in Nariño, Colombia	ECOFONDO/ FIDAR, Colombia	2003-2006	8,823	-	-
Biofortified Crops for Improved Human Nutrition – Harvest Plus Challenge Program	Gates Foundation World Bank DANIDA, Denmark	2003-2008	351,570	63,000	288,570
Obtención de nuevas variedades de frijol común con atributos de rendimiento y potencial para nuevos mercados, utilizando selección convencional y asistida por marcadores moleculares	COLCIENCIAS/ Universidad Nacional de Colombia	2004-2007	8,235	-	3,598
Mejoramiento de la nutrición humana en comunidades pobres de America Latina utilizando maíz (QPM) y frijol común biofortificados con micronutrientes	IICA/BID FONTAGRO	2004-2007	350,000	80,198	37,614
Combating hidden hunger in Latin America: Biofortified crops with improved vitamin A, essential minerals and quality protein (AgroSalud)	CIDA	2004-2010	20,000,000 Can\$		229,331
Desarrollo de mapas genéticos para el mejoramiento del contenido de Fe y Zn en frijoles andinos como alternativa para reducir las deficiencias nutricionales de la población colombiana	FIDAR	2005-2006	24,000	-	12,773
Integrated management of whiteflies in the tropics	DFID	2005 - 2008	80,610	31,084	49,526

6.2 IN AFRICA

6.2.1 New proposals approved in 2006

Title	Donor	Comments	Funding period	Total amount US
Putting Seed Security at the Heart of Agricultural Relief and Recovery Response	USAID/OFDA	Focus on SSSA and Tool Development	2006-2007	335,000
Effects of root rots on beans on Biodiversity	Gines Mera Fellowship	Scholarship for Two years	2006-008	10,000
Enhancing competitiveness of snap bean for domestic and export markets	ASARECA/EU	Started March 2006	2006-2009	400,000
Getting back to basics: creating impact-oriented bean seed delivery systems for the poor in Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania	McKnight	CIAT/SABRN in partnership with NARS in Malawi-Tanzania and Mozambique	2006-2010	418,940
Improved Smallholder food Security, Nutrition and Income through Increased Production and Marketing of Climbing Beans.	McKnight	Initiated by ICRAF in partnership with NARS in Malawi and Mozambique and CIAT-TSBF/SABRN	2006-2010	418,940
Nutribean	VLIR/Belgium	Started July 1, 2006	2006-2011	384,000
Improving Resilience of production systems in Great Lakes Region	DGDC/Belgium	Started January 2006	2006-2011	€ 1,938,392
Intensification of climbing bean based agro-ecosystems	EU/ASARECA	Great Lakes region - backstopped by ECABREN	2007-2010	€ 419,568
Export marketing of beans in ECABREN countries	USAID/REDSO/EA	In collaboration with ECAPAPA to start end March	Ending by 9/07	25,000
Increasing the productivity, stability, sustainability and profitability of smallholder agriculture in vulnerable production systems through more efficient use of water and nutrients	Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Program	Proposal approved	4 years	1,000,000

6.2.2 List of ongoing special projects in 2006

Title	Donor	Funding period	Total amount	Amount to Partners (US \$)	Available in 2006 (US\$)
Enhanced utilization of nutrient rich beans for nutrition and income	ASARECA/USAID	2005-2006	US 280,000	280,000	-
Bean root rot disease management in Uganda	DFID-CPP	2005-2006	UK £ 76,927	UK £ 47,600	UK £ 29,327
Promotion of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Strategies of Major Insect Pests and Diseases of Phaseolus Beans in Hillside Systems in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa	DFID-CP Natural Resources International Ltd. (NRI)	2005-2006	107,661	-	40,000
Evaluation of biorationals for bean bruchid pest management by small holder farmers in Lake Victoria Basin	SAREC-SIDA, Sweden	2005-2007	US \$ 30,000	10,000	20,000

Title	Donor	Funding period	Total amount	Amount to Partners (US \$)	Available in 2006 (US\$)
Assessing The Effect of Long-Term Seed Aid in Ethiopia	IDRC	2005-2007	US 232,705	66,932	49,420
Increasing Food Security and Rural Incomes in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa through Genetic Improvement of Bush and Climbing Beans	RF	2005-2008	US 254,000	34,000	83,738
East and Central Africa Bean Research Network	ASARECA/ USAID	2003-2006	US 319,000	-	239,500
East and Central Africa Bean Research Network – ECABREN Phase III	USAID/ REDSO	2007 One year No- cost extension	US 301,000	-	
Supporting improved nutrition, food security and community empowerment for poverty alleviation – PABRA Phase III	CIDA	2003-2008	US\$5,298.787	155,000	1,269.992
Supporting improved nutrition, food security and community empowerment for poverty alleviation – PABRA	SDC	2004-2007	US\$2,165.139	90,000	600,590
Climbing bean & agroforestry interventions	FARM- AFRICA MATF	2004-2006	UK £59,997	UK£59,997	-
Application of marker assisted selection (MAS) for the improvement of bean common mosaic necrotic virus resistance in common bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>)	USAID/ through ASARECA Competitive Grant System	2004-2007	US 150,000	147,818	-

6.2.3 Regional research subprojects under SABRN

Activity	Value	Country
1.1. Develop acceptable bean varieties rich in protein and micro-nutrients [establish methods for selection with regional breeders and at least two countries]		
1.1.6. Assemble and characterize germplasm of African landraces	1000	D R Congo
	500	Lesotho
	500	Mozambique
	200	Zambia
	500	Swaziland
	1000	Tanzania
	500	South Africa
	500	Zimbabwe
1.1.7 Participatory evaluation of promising materials (fast track) in target countries	1000	D R Congo
	500	Malawi
	850	Zambia
	1000	Tanzania
1.4.7. Increase seed of micronutrient rich bean lines for dissemination	500	D R Congo
	500	Lesotho
	500	Malawi
1.2. Exploit genetic diversity of bean to address marginal environments		
1.2.1. Continue to characterize; generate and evaluate segregating populations for resistance to major constraints	500	Malawi
	1000	Tanzania
	3000	South Africa

Activity	Value	Country
1.2.3. Complete characterization of pathogen diversity of <i>P. griseola</i> and <i>X campestris P</i>	3000	South Africa
1.2.6. Bean materials for low soil fertility and moisture stress in BILFA and BIWADA.	800	D R Congo
	1600	Malawi
	800	Mozambique
	800	Zambia
	400	Swaziland
	1500	Tanzania
	800	Zimbabwe
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1.3. Improve understanding of opportunities in local, regional and international bean markets		
1.3.2. Conduct studies to identify and characterize potential local, regional and export markets	2000	D R Congo
	1000	Mozambique
	2800	Zambia
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1.4. Develop new bean varieties that address food security and market demands		
1.4.1. Continue to generate and evaluate segregating populations and advanced bush and climbing bean lines for priority trait combinations in food, canning and export beans.	3000	Malawi
	3000	Mozambique
	2000	Zambia
	3500	Tanzania
	4000	South Africa
1.4.2. Apply marker assisted selection tools to speed up accurate selection for certain resistances (ALS, and CBB)		
1.4.3. Conduct more rapid eco-regional evaluations of best advanced lines and nurseries	2000	D R Congo
	1000	Lesotho
	2000	Zambia
	400	Swaziland
1.4.4. Apply participatory varietal evaluation (PVS) of promising materials with end-users especially women, traders, processors and exporters and thereby identify new varieties for formal national releases.	2000	D R Congo
	2000	Lesotho
	2000	Malawi
	2000	Mozambique
	2000	Zambia
	1100	Swaziland
	1000	Tanzania
	2000	South Africa
	2000	Zimbabwe
1.4.5. Production of breeders and foundation seed to feed adequate amounts into seed supply chains, with provision of variety descriptors (9 ECABREN countries and 7 SABRN)	2000	D R Congo
	500	Lesotho
	1000	Malawi
	2000	Mozambique
	2000	Zambia
	1500	Swaziland
	1000	Tanzania
	5000	South Africa
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2.1. Make available more options for managing soil productivity and bean pests [e.g. evaluate and document new ISFM options such as green manures, and IPDM options for managing intractable pests and diseases especially bean stem maggot and root rots]		
2.1.1. Continue testing to identify IPDM / ISFM options with farmers in 7 in SABRN countries.	3000	D R Congo
	2000	Malawi
	2000	Mozambique
	2000	Zambia
	2200	Swaziland
	2000	Tanzania
2.1.2 Participatory development and evaluation with farmers of potential, environmentally friendly, and consumer safe IPDM	2000	Lesotho
	500	Malawi
	1500	Zambia
	1500	Zimbabwe

Activity	Value	Country
2.1.3 Facilitate the use of farmer-to-farmer (also research groups) learning approaches e.g. training, research groups	2000	Malawi
	2000	Zambia
	2000	Tanzania
2.1.4. Analyse health and economic effects of botanical pesticides	2000	Malawi
2.2. Equip farmers for selecting among options for knowledge-intensive technologies		
2.2.2. Adapt the decision guides and facilitate their use in decision making in the choice of options, in partnership with service providers 5 countries in ECABREN and in SABRN	1500	Zambia
	2000	Tanzania
2.2.3. Prepare manuals for use by farmers	2000	Tanzania
3.1. Scale up proven technologies through strategic alliances with specialist NGOs in at least 10 countries [with innovative approaches; learning by farmer research groups/field schools; provision of promotional leaflets; guidelines for adaptation and scaling up; etc]		
3.1.1. Continue wide national and regional dissemination of bean-based technologies through a series of nationally-facilitated strategic alliances with NGOs including PM&E	3000	D R Congo
	1000	Lesotho
	2000	Malawi
	2000	Mozambique
	2000	Zambia
	3000	Swaziland
	2000	Tanzania
	2000	Zimbabwe
3.1.2. Continue farmer-to-farmer and group-to-group dissemination of IPM methods and technologies through local extension partners	1000	Malawi
	1000	Zambia
3.1.7. Analyze uptake pathways (socio-economic characterization, dissemination and adoption) of bean IPM technologies by farmers in selected IPM promotion sites	2000	Malawi
3.1.6. Produce promotional publications in both networks	2000	D R Congo
	2000	Zambia
	500	Swaziland
	2000	Tanzania
3.2. Reinforce sustainable approaches to decentralized seed systems [including women as seed entrepreneurs, and development/use of a decision support tool for designing decentralized seed interventions across crops]		
3.2.1. Support and develop decentralized seed systems, including through training in business skills for seed production for farmers in ERI pilot sites and of NGO staff more widely through the Networks	1500	Malawi
	1000	Zambia
	200	Swaziland
	1500	Zimbabwe
3.2.5. Publish manual on pest and disease management and more local-language versions of existing seed manuals	800	Swaziland
3.3. Implement strategies that enable women to benefit from increased household incomes [including market studies that examine role of women traders]		
3.3.1. Identify and document new and existing post-harvest and processing bean technologies that could increase women's income in at least four countries	200	Swaziland
5.2. Enable men and women farmers to evaluate a diverse range of crop and soil fertility management technologies to address issues linked to market production [with feedback of farmers' criteria to research]		
5.2.1. Increase levels of support in soils and NRM options from NARS and partners to Farmer Experimentation Groups or Committees	1500	Malawi
	1500	Zimbabwe

Activity	Value	Country
5.3. Evaluate agricultural technologies for utility and acceptability in HIV/AIDS affected situations and make available relevant information to pilot communities		
5.3.1. Identify actors who are already developing or assessing agricultural technologies suited for application to HIV/AIDS situations	1000	Malawi
	1000	Zambia
6.1. Train regional and national breeders in new techniques of marker-assisted selection, selection for micro-nutrients, and participatory breeding		
6.1.7 Support an MSc student in social science in DR Congo	2000	D R Congo
6.2. Improve NARS capacities to convert research results into extension materials and articles aimed at policy makers		
6.2.1. Support NARS to produce articles for policy makers in both networks	1000	Mozambique
6.3. Build partnerships and capacity in research and extension organizations that support community interventions in pilot areas in at least three countries		
6.3.1. Enhance partnerships between NARIS and other stakeholders that support community interventions to institute farmer participatory research; and exchange visits	2000	Mozambique
	2500	Tanzania
	1500	Zimbabwe
6.4. Make available to development stakeholders information on: research results; the BAPPA [ERI] approach to community empowerment; gender; and other "lessons		
6.4.1. Continue to support NARS partners to conduct seminars and develop publications targeting development partners in 4 countries in each network (including participation in field days.	1500	Mozambique
	2500	Swaziland
	2000	Zimbabwe
8.0 Project management & performance measurement		
8.1 Support performance monitoring against RBM by national coordinators	1000	D R Congo
	1000	Lesotho
	1000	Malawi
	1000	Mozambique
	1000	Zambia
	1000	Swaziland
	1000	Tanzania
	1000	South Africa
	1000	Zimbabwe

6.3 LIST OF PROJECTS SUBMITTED, PROPOSALS, AND CONCEPT NOTES PREPARED

6.3.1 AT HEADQUARTERS

Title	Donor	Comments	Funding period	Total amount US
Obtención y evaluación de <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> y <i>Zea mays</i> tolerantes a la sequía	CYTED, Spain	Approved	4 years	1,000,000
Variedades de frijol tolerantes al estrés abiótico de la baja fertilidad y la sequía, y a la sostenibilidad productiva y alimentaria de Centroamérica	Red SICTA-SDC	Approved but not initiated	2007-2008	245,000
Improvement of Chitti bean in Iran. SPII, Iran	Iranian government	Under negotiation	4 years	240,000
Improving tropical legume productivity for marginal environments	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)	Submitted	Over 3 years	10,800,000
Enhancing Crop Productivity: Exploiting the molecular basis of host-pathogen interaction to develop durable disease resistance in African crops, using Angular Leaf Spot disease of bean as a model	Rockefeller Foundation	Concept Note	3 years (2006 – 2008)	322,230

Title	Donor	Comments	Funding period	Total amount US
Improving drought tolerance in common beans using gene-based markers and pyramiding drought tolerance mechanisms	Generation Challenge Program	not selected for full proposal development	2 years	600,000
Improving fruit and vegetable product quality from smallholder systems: Optimizing soil-crop-pest management for economically viable, socially acceptable and ecologically sustainable production	Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), Austria	Proposal Rejected	3 years	€ 709,000
Supporting livelihoods through agriculture in Nicaragua	CIDA Canada	Rejected	4 years	12,000,000 Can.\$
Habichuelas (vainitas) <i>verdaderamente</i> verdes: Una alternativa limpia para generar empleo e ingreso para pequeños agricultores	FONTAGRO	Concept Note (rejected)	3 years	490,000
Bioplaguicidas como alternativas verdes de control de plagas y enfermedades para aumentar la competitividad de pequeños agricultores Andinos	FONTAGRO	CN-Rejected	3 years	490,250

6.3.2 IN AFRICA

Title	Donor	Comments	Funding period	Total amount
Improving rural livelihoods in Rwanda: Promoting integrated crop, disease, and pest management (ICDPM) strategies for intensification and diversification of agricultural systems	Bilateral project for Belgium	Proposal approved pending to confirm	3 years (2005-2007)	€ 3,000,000
Enhancing grain legumes' productivity, production and the incomes of poor farmers in drought-prone areas of sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)	Approval pending	2007-2010	20,000,000
Improving potato-bean-sweet potato (PBS) based rural livelihood systems through integrated soil ecosystem management (ISEM), market development and nutritional innovation in the highlands of Lake Kivu area	Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Program	Proposal Rejected	4 years	2,000,000

7. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND THEIR SOLUTION

- Adjustments to financial limitations continued to distract from the basic research agenda at all levels of staff. Ex-post rechanneling of funds raised concerns with donors, partners and staff, including the use of funds raised by staff for own salary. A prompt solution is being sought to define future staffing and to facilitate regrouping and rebuilding.
- CIAT infrastructure is in need of renovation, and its state is beginning to affect the effectiveness of research. A project was submitted to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that includes funds to renovate planting and irrigation equipment.

8. STAFF LIST (INCLUDING % TIME ASSIGNMENT)

8.1 STAFF AT HEADQUARTERS

Stephen Beebe, PhD, Breeder, Geneticist, Project Manager (70% IP-1, 30% SB-2)

Matthew Blair, PhD, Germplasm Characterization Specialist, Bean Breeder

(70% SB-2, 30% IP-1)

*César Cardona, PhD, Entomologist

George Mahuku, PhD, Plant Pathologist (80% IP-1, 20% PE-1)

Francisco Morales, PhD, Virologist (70% IP-1, 30% PE-1)

Idupulapati Rao, PhD, Plant Nutritionist, Physiologist (30% IP-1, 30% IP-5,
40% PE-2)

8.2 STAFF IN AFRICA

Robin Buruchara, PhD, Plant Pathologist/PABRA Coordinator (stationed in Kampala,
Uganda - 65% IP-1, 35% PE-1)

Rowland Chirwa, PhD, Plant Breeder/SABRN Coordinator (stationed in Lilongwe, Malawi-
100% IP-1)

Paul Kimani, PhD, Plant Breeder for ECABREN (University of Nairobi/CIAT, stationed
in Nairobi, Kenya - 75% IP-1)

*Eliaineny Minja, PhD, IPM Specialist

Rachel Muthoni, BSc, MPA, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, (stationed in Kampala,
Uganda - 50% IP-1, 50% SN3)

Jemimah Njuki, PhD, ERI Specialist, (stationed in Malawi) – 50% IP-1, 50% PRGA

Martha Nyang'aya, MSc, Nutrition (stationed in Kampala, Uganda) – 30% IP-1, 70%
ATDT

Mukishi Pyndji, PhD, Plant Pathologist, ECABREN Coordinator (stationed in Arusha,
Tanzania - 100% IP-1)

Jean Claude Rubyogo, BSc., Seed System Specialist (stationed in Malawi – 100% IP-1)

Louise Sperling, PhD, Social Scientist, (stationed in Rome, Italy- 80% IP-1, 20% SB-2)

9. SUMMARY 2006 BUDGET PREPARED BY FINANCES: ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2006

SOURCE	Headquarter & Latin America		Project Africa	
	AMOUNT US\$	PROPORTION (%)	AMOUNT US\$	PROPORTION (%)
Unrestricted Core	468,049	61%	151,336	5%
Restricted Core		0%		0%
Sub-total	468,049	61%	151,336	5%
Special Projects	305,177	39%	3,122,579	95%
Sub-total	305,177	39%	3,122,579	95%
Total Project	773,226	100%	3,273,915	100%

* Left in 2006