

A Strategic Partnership Contributes to Reduce Poverty

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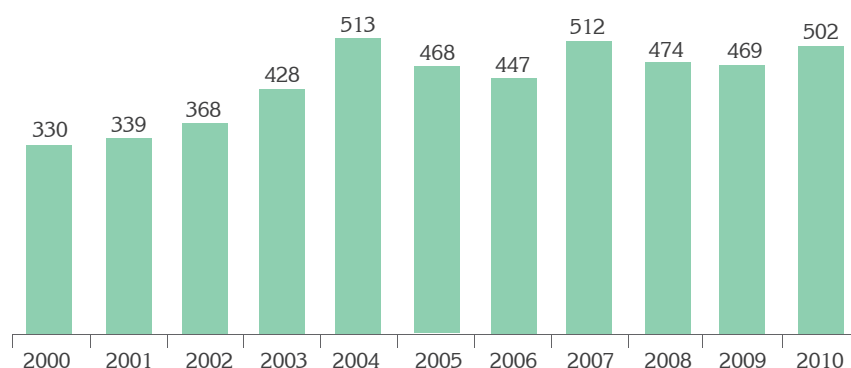
We look forward to strengthening our partnership with Sida, and closely work in some initiatives to reduce poverty. We welcome continued interactions to identify collaborative opportunities where CIAT and Sida can contribute to making it possible for poor people to improve their living conditions.

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Project name	CIAT staff member	Period	US\$ (in '000s)	Results
HarvestPlus Challenge Program - Phase II	Joe Tohme	2009–2011	145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-yielding candidate biofortified lines, which meet at least 50% of the nutrient target densities, have been submitted to varietal release committees in Nigeria for cassava, in Zambia for maize, in Rwanda for beans, and in India for pearl millet.
Improving the Nutritional Quality of Cassava Roots	Joe Tohme	2003–2010	355	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definitive evidence developed indicating that (a) there is no tradeoff between yield and mineral and vitamin density in seeds and roots; (b) high zinc density under some growing conditions can enhance yield. High throughput, low cost screening methods for measuring minerals and vitamins in seeds and roots have been developed and implemented. Strengthened NARS capacity in target countries for breeding for minerals and vitamins. NARS are already conducting multi-locational trials for several crop-nutrient combinations.

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