

Memorandum of Understanding for Co-operation

Between

Government of Eritrea

and

The International Crops Research Institute for the semi-Arid Tropics

(ICRISAT)

Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh, India

Preamble

WHEREAS, sorghum, pearl millet, finger millet, chickpea, pigeonpea and groundnut crops and dryland farming systems research represents tremendous potential in the current efforts at upgrading Eritrean agriculture.

WHEREAS the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) with its Corporate Office in Patancheru, India, is an autonomous, non-profit making research and training organisation sponsored and funded by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

That ICRISAT has carried on successful research work in sorghum, pearl millet, finger millet, chickpea, pigeonpea, and groundnut and continues exercising considerable efforts for the further improvement of these crops.

That ICRISAT has conducted, and continues conducting important activities in matters related with production of the mentioned crops and in matters related to the improvement and application of agricultural research techniques.

Now, therefore, the Government of Eritrea and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh 502324, India (hereinafter referred to as ICRISAT) arrive at an agreement for mutual co-operation as follows:

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Article I

ICRISAT will provide subject to personnel and availability of funds, and as may be mutually agreed upon:

- (a) Consultants to advise and assist the research efforts of Government of Eritrea in selected programs;
- (b) Opportunities for co-operative research and in - service short and long-term training to Eritrean scientists;
- (c) Opportunities in ICRISAT for research by Eritrean scientists for postgraduate and doctoral theses guided by the scientists of both the parties;
- (d) Relevant scientific literature, information and publications;
- (e) Farming systems technology and germplasm and breeding material of potential use relevance towards the improvement of Eritrean agriculture;
- (f) Opportunities to Eritrean scientists for participation in international conferences, workshops, seminars and symposia conducted by ICRISAT.

Article II

The Government of Eritrea will provide to ICRISAT as may be mutually agreed upon:

- (a) Appropriate facilities for office, laboratory and experimental field tests; and
- (b) Appropriate scientific and support staff and logistics for the co-operative research projects.

Article III

- (a) Benefits such as improved breeding materials, machinery, designs and techniques, accruing or arising from this co-operative effort may be used by either or both parties with the due recognition of each party's contribution;
- (b) Results from collaborative research may be used by either or both parties with due recognition of each party's contribution.
- (c) Research findings as a result of the joint collaborative work of the two parties will be published in the public interest.

- (d) Research findings published by either party will give credit to the other party's contribution, but the party publishing them will be entirely responsible for the conclusions and interpretation reported.

Article IV

In order to facilitate the implementation of the co-operative undertakings envisaged in this Agreement, the Government of Eritrea will:

- (a) Extend invitations to ICRISAT staff members to participate in workshop, conferences, investigation tours and other activities related to sorghum, pearl millet, finger millet, groundnut, chickpea, pigeonpea and dry and farming systems technology conducted by the Government of Eritrea;
- (b) Assist in obtaining visas and completion of necessary formalities in connection with visits of ICRISAT scientists to Eritrea;
- (c) Recommend Eritrean scientists to participate in conferences, workshops, training programs, and other collaborative activities mutually agreed upon, and assist in going through the related formalities;
- (d) According to the laws of the Government of Eritrea, arrange exemption from customs duties and other related clearance requirements in respect of articles (instrument, equipment, supplies for office, field and laboratory, and vehicles) imported by ICRISAT into Eritrea through mutual consultation for their official use for implementation of activities identified in terms of this Agreement;
- (e) According to the laws of the Government of Eritrea, arrange exemption from custom duties and other related clearance of personal and household effects, (including a personal motor vehicle, or other vehicle, household supplies or similar things) imported by an ICRISAT staff member deputed to Eritrea and its co-ordination network on the basis of the agreement for his/her personal or family use. It is understood, however, that such household goods will not be sold in Eritrea except in accordance with the laws and regulations of the government;
- (f) According to the laws of the Government of Eritera, arrange exemption from the payment of any direct taxes or other levies on moneys being salary and

other emoluments received from ICRISAT by ICRISAT staff members deputed to Eritrea under this Agreement;

- (g) Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind, ICRISAT may, in accordance with the financial rules and regulations of the Government of Eritrea, hold funds or currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency and shall be free to transfer its funds or currency from one country to another or within any country and to convert any currency held by it into any other currency.
- (h) Co-ordinate the collaboration between Agricultural Universities and other relevant organisations in Eritrea and ICRISAT and bring these collaboration activities into the workplans between the Government of Eritrea and ICRISAT;
- (K) After mutual consultation, authorise ICRISAT to enter into agreements with other international agencies located in Eritrea to facilitate its project management and logistics support and for co-operative research programs of common interest to such agencies and the Government of Eritrea.

Article V

The Minister for Agriculture acting on behalf of the Government of Eritrea and the Director General of ICRISAT may nominate their staff to work out the practical details of co-operation between the two organisations and, in general, to ensure proper and effective implementation of this Agreement. Such details, as agreed upon, will be confirmed by exchange of letters between the Government of Eritrea and ICRISAT and such letters will form part of this Agreement.

Article VI

The Agreement may be supplemented by workplans to be developed jointly. Such workplans will require the approval and signing of both parties for implementation. The two parties will meet, as and when necessary, to discuss and sign the workplan.

Article VII

This Agreement will be in force from the date of the act of signing and will remain in force for a period of five years. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for each subsequent period of five years unless either party gives a written notice to the other of its intention to terminate it. The Agreement shall stand terminated at the end of six months from the date of receipt of notice.

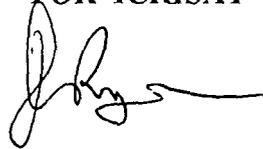
In witness of which, the Representatives of the agreeing parties, duly authorised, sign this Agreement in duplicate, at the Ministry of Agriculture Headquarters' Office, Asmara Eritrea, on the day 03 of the month of October in the year 1995

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ERITREA



Dr. Tesfai Ghermazion
Minister of Agriculture

FOR ICRISAT



Dr. James G. Ryan
Director General