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GRiSP

The response from GRiSP to the written comments provided by ISPC and CO is extensive, well-structured and comprehensive. The response matrix addresses each of the points mentioned by both ISPC and CO in a detailed manner and key elements of these responses are summarized in a 10-pager document.

In response to ISPC's questions, GRiSP explains its relationship with other CRPs such as WLE (CSISA Bangladesh, CPWF in the Ganges Basin), AAS & WLE in Myanmar and CCAFS for weather prediction. As for all the programs, targets and indicators are under development in GRiSP which is planning to lead a 1-week meeting in Dec 2014 with other commodity CRPs to harmonize such parameters. In order to clarify the dynamics within and between partners GRiSP describes a leveraging strategy of local or national funds by its NARES partners.

The CO's comments are also carefully taken into account. Regarding its FPs, GRiSP has developed specific IPs and sub-ToCs for FP 2, 3 and 4. For FP1, because it is a facilitating FP enabling the actions in FP 2-4, there is no plan to set up specific IP and ToC (but the rationale supporting such decision is absent); the IPs and ToCs for FP5 are under construction. A straightforward reflection linking increased productivity (markets and incomes) to reduced rural poverty and increased food security seems to be demonstrated (2 citations from 2008 and 2010). Sustainable intensification in rice is supported by decision making tools such as "Field calculator" computing quantitative sustainability indicators on multiple environmental, social and economic dimension. On GRiSP Gender Strategy, a detailed informative response is provided. For the public-private sector partnership, being a member of the HRDC or SRP is independent of from the size of the company but conditions for membership fees are dependent.

The Extension Proposal is acceptable. GRiSP was approved for 5 years, from January 2011 till December 2015, so the extension phase is only for 1 year. Over this 1-year extension, GRiSP is planning to:

- Develop in the context of its FP1 an automated system for tracking outcome indicators and detailed household performance measures
- Set up through FP2 an innovative Genetic Diversity Platform (genomes) and deliver Whole-genome sequence information for >200 genotypes and pipeline for SNP marker development; a New International Rice Informatics Consortium will be created
- Start through FP3, a new breeding information management system for large breeding programs released and in use at IRRI and CIAT



- to develop in FP4 farm-level decision tools to close yield gaps while reducing the environmental footprint. For sustainable rice production and processing, SRP Standards will be defined including decision making tools and so-called Field Calculators that will compute quantitative sustainability indicators on multiple environmental, social, and economic dimensions (which will allow the quantification of potential trade-offs and win-win situations).
- to manage several actions through FP5 including (i) demonstrated model for large-scale engagement with women in dissemination and adoption of new rice technologies (products and services), (ii) improved seed distribution systems for new and improved varieties and (iii) formulated national rice sector development strategies and targets.

Recommendation to approve.