

Project Title: Enhancing the productivity of salt-prone land and water resources to ensure sustainability of smallholder crop-livestock farmers in West and Central Asia

Project Type: Research Proposal Development /Seed Grant/

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Activity	Individual(s) responsible	Activity description	Due date	Follow up (status, date)
1. Baseline information	M Qadir and all PIs of lead institutions	Collection of baseline information and review of literature relating to crop-livestock interaction in salt-affected areas	June 2007	All the partners have collected baseline information relating to their respective field of work within the framework of crop-livestock interaction in salt-affected areas.
2. Online brainstorming	M Qadir and all PIs of lead institutions	Online brainstorming on the aspects related to the project and preparations for the organization of the workshop(s)	June 2007	All the project partners were contacted and online communication was established to finalize the dates and program of the project development workshop. Initially, there was a proposal to organize the workshop in July 2007, but considering the calls from some donors it was decided to organize the workshop in May 2007. The shifting of the dates will provide more time for proposal development.

3. Project planning workshop(s)	M Qadir and all PIs of lead institutions	Project planning workshop(s) will be organized to have detailed discussions on different aspects of project preparation and possible donor contacts. The workshop(s) will result in zero order draft of the proposal.	July 2007	Project planning and development workshop was organized (24-26 May 2007, Tashkent, Uzbekistan) to have detailed discussions on different aspects of project preparation. Day 1 of the workshop was dedicated to the presentations by the partners providing insight into their work that can be integrated into the proposed project. Day 2 and 3 were used to discuss the different elements of the proposal to prepare the zero order draft.
4. Contacts with potential donor(s)	M Qadir and A Larbi	Consultations and initial contacts will be established with the potential donors	September 2007	A first order draft of the proposal is in preparation. This will be shared with all the project partners and after their input and feedback the proposal will be shared with the potential donor(s). Search for the potential donor(s) has been initiated.
5. Draft full proposal	M Qadir and all PIs of lead institutions	Draft full proposal will be prepared after consultation with all the partner institutions	December 2007	
6. Final proposal + donor submission	M Qadir and A Larbi	Final proposal will be prepared and submitted to the agreed donor	February 2008	