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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, OTHER
RESEARCH, TRAINING AND OTHER APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT**

1. At its Fifty-Second Session held in September 1994, the Executive Board authorized the President to approve all grants under the above-mentioned heading, up to a maximum of USD 100 000 for each proposal, and to report to the Executive Board on the use of such authority.
2. A description is attached of 23 grants for Agricultural Research, Other Research, Training and Other approved under this arrangement during 2000.

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Originating Department/ Division	Grant Title	Amount USD	Scope of the Grant
ED	Contribution to Women's World Summit Foundation	5 000	As in previous years, this grant supported the Foundation to convene the annual global awareness-building event – the World Rural Women's Day – which serves to sensitize governments and the public at large to the crucial role of rural women and the need to support their economic and social empowerment.
ED	Follow-Up Activities on IFAD's Rural Poverty Report 2000-2001	100 000	The grant ensured that: (i) IFAD's Rural Poverty Report 2001 was complementary to other major poverty reports; (ii) IFAD's key messages and comments on the draft report were adequately reflected in the final manuscript; and (iii) the report was published with the support of a professional publisher to reach an audience beyond the development community.
ED	Poverty Study Launching: Activities Complementary to the Preparations of IFAD's Rural Poverty Report 2000-2001	100 000	This grant initiated some interrelated activities to attain the overall objectives of IFAD's Rural Poverty Report 2001 such as public lectures, discussions with member countries and independent revisions of the report. The overall goal of this grant was to: (i) inform the development community and major stakeholders about rural poverty issues and the work of IFAD; (ii) ensure convergence of interests among the parties involved in rural poverty eradication; and (iii) achieve a balanced report reflecting the different shades of opinion in a neutral and proactive manner.
ED	Rural Poverty Report 2001: Pre-Launching and Launching Activities	100 000	This grant supported the launching of IFAD's Rural Poverty Report 2001 in the first two weeks of February 2001 in New York, Washington, London, Sweden and Rome. The main launching by the Secretary-General of the UN, Mr Kofi Annan, took place in New York, at UN Headquarters. The audience included journalists from the UN press corps, experts on development issues, representatives attending the General Assembly, academicians, heads of UN agencies based in New York and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Related to the launching in New York and Washington, IFAD, together with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the Vision 20/20 initiative, organized a workshop in Washington.
ED	Rural Poverty Report 2001: Preparation for a Campaign of the Dissemination of Rural Poverty Report 2001 in Nordic and Other Countries	100 000	The grant supported some member countries in launching the Rural Poverty Report 2001 by: (i) identifying key messages of the report; (ii) developing a strategy for communication of the messages; (iii) preparing material for communication (flyers, videos, press kits, desk calendars, posters, etc.); and (iv) preparing material targeted to regional specificities (North America and Europe). The media tools produced were used for pre-launching, launching and post-launching events.
ED	Support of IPS Press Coverage of Rural Poverty Alleviation	18 000	Inter Press Service (IPS), is the world's leading provider of information on global issues and is backed by a network of journalists in more than 100 countries, linked to 1 200 outlets. To raise IFAD's profile and to publicize the problems of rural poverty, IPS provides an excellent platform to reach an extensive audience.





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ED	Support for Research, Writing, Consultations, Meetings, Travel, Production, Printing and Dissemination of the Hunger 2001 Report	50 000	This is the last of three annual grants provided to Bread for the World in support of their annual publication entitled Foreign Aid to End Hunger: Hunger 2001. As a result of IFAD/Bread for the World collaboration, this year's report has strengthened its analysis of hunger as a symptom of poverty, and its recommendations go beyond humanitarian aid to encompass the need to address structural problems that generate and perpetuate poverty.
ED	Support to UN Convention to Combat Desertification/COP4 Preparatory Meetings including Regional Focal Point Meetings and Resource Mobilization Workshops	100 000	Provided through the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), this grant represented IFAD's contribution to the financing of the participation of country representatives in the regional and subregional workshops on approaches to partnerships and resource mobilization for the UNCCD. These workshops were organized by the IFAD-housed Global Mechanism, under the aegis of concerned regional organizations and in collaboration with the member institutions of the Global Mechanism Facilitation Committee.
PA	Benin – Implementation Workshop	20 000	The objective of the proposed workshop is to contribute to the improvement of the quality and efficiency of IFAD operations in Benin, through deeper knowledge of project management and discussions of best practices.
PA	Country-Level Workshops in Guinea	20 000	The main objective of this ongoing series of workshops is to continue building local capacity and to develop and strengthen partnerships between the Government and IFAD, as well as NGOs and community-based organizations by: (i) improving partners' knowledge about IFAD procurement procedures; (ii) giving staff from the different IFAD projects and other partners a chance to meet each other, share their experience and build stronger partnerships; and (iii) achieving deeper knowledge of bottlenecks in project management procedures in order to contribute to better project implementation.
PA	Research on Appropriate Water-Lifting Technologies in West Africa	100 000	The main objective of this ongoing pilot study is to obtain a representative picture of water-lifting technologies in West Africa. The study will conclude with the design of a comprehensive research programme that will focus on the adaptability of such technologies for their increased use by the IFAD target group under conditions appropriately tuned to their needs and capabilities.
PA	Workshop on Beneficiary-Based Monitoring and Evaluation Methods	20 000	The objectives of the workshop are to (i) provide diagnostics of existing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems; and (ii) introduce improvements with respect to the participation of key stakeholders and for increased integration of M&E results into the planning and programming of project activities.
PN	Capacity Building for Rural Finance Delivery	90 000	The project is contributing, on a pilot basis, to the establishment of a responsive institutional framework for rural financial services delivery through the provision of training and access of selected smallholder rural cooperatives to small-scale rural finance schemes. The grant is also assisting PN in better designing the Cooperative Rural Finance Programme in Lebanon. Activities include training and implementation of a pilot small-scale microcredit scheme.

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PN	Country Portfolio Implementation Review and Strategy Workshop (Albania)	20 000	The workshops aim to bring together project management staff, IFAD, cooperating institutions, cofinanciers and other partners for discussions that will lead to improved understanding of the policy environment and the factors affecting positively and negatively project implementation with the objective of agreeing on recommendations that will enhance implementation for improved country strategies and future project interventions.
PN	Country Portfolio Implementation Review and Strategy Workshop (Egypt)	20 000	
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PN	Impact Assessment of Previous Agricultural Research TAGS in the NENA Region	90 000	This impact assessment aims at, first, documenting the output of seven completed Near East and North Africa (NENA) agricultural research technical assistance grants in terms of technologies generated and, second, measuring their impact (quantitative and qualitative) on the IFAD target group.
PN	Regional Consultation to be held in Aleppo	63 000	This regional consultation intends to ensure the participation of National Agricultural Research Systems international and regional research institutions in the development of a NENA agricultural research and Technology Transfer Strategy for the period 2001-2002.
PT	Enhancing Rice Wheat System Productivity in the More Marginal Areas of the Indo-Gangetic Plains	97 020	The project will test and validate the viability of providing small-scale irrigation to poor farmers from small streams, using a water wheel system that does not rely on electricity or fossil fuels in India and Nepal – and using this water efficiently through complementary resource-conserving technologies resulting in increased farmer incomes, stable crop production and improved livelihoods.
PT	Environmentally Sustainable Strategies for the Control of the Tropical Bont Tick from the Caribbean	95 000	This grant builds on the Caribbean Amblyoma Programme, which recognized the need to develop a safe and effective acaricide – specifically a myco-insecticide – in order to supplement control technologies against the Bont tick. The adaptive research project is helping to demonstrate, with livestock owners, the effectiveness of controlling the Bont tick through field trials on infected animals.
PT	Global Cassava Development Strategy Validation Forum	97 000	The grant helped in the promotion of the Global Cassava Development Strategy (GCDS) by supporting in part the Global Stakeholder Forum, which brought together principal cassava development stakeholders to endorse the GCDS and be informed about current and future opportunities for a cassava-based rural poverty alleviation strategy.
PT	Global Initiative on Livestock Service Delivery and the Poor	75 000	IFAD's support to the Global Initiative on Livestock Service Delivery and the Poor leverages strategic bilateral support from a large number of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) donors, NGOs and private-sector providers to: increase knowledge of priority needs of poor livestock holders; strengthen communication links and improve policy dialogue; carry out planning and mobilize actors involved in livestock service delivery; and provide technical assistance and advice to development planners on effective and appropriate livestock technology diffusion.

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PT	Microcredit Summit Follow-Up Campaign – Scholarship Fund	15 000	At the Microcredit Summit held in Washington, D.C., in February 1997, international financial institutions were requested to contribute a minimum of USD 10 000 for scholarships to help finance the attendance of multilateral financial institution leaders from Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and/or Central and Eastern Europe and the newly independent states at the yearly meetings of the Summit's follow-up campaign until the year 2005. IFAD agreed to this request and is contributing annually, in principle, for the full period, thus entailing an institutionalized contribution from the Fund. As of 1999 onwards, the requested contribution increased to USD 15 000 to enable additional participants from Africa to attend. A grant in the amount of USD 15 000 was therefore made to cover the Fund's contribution for the year 2001.

Notes:

- ED Economic Policy and Resource Strategy Department
- PA Africa I Division
- PN Near East and North Africa Division
- PT Technical Advisory Division

