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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 30 grants for Agricultural Research, Other Research, Training and Other approved under this arrangement during 2001.

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Originating Department/ Division	Grant Title	Amount (USD)	Scope of the Grant
ED	IFAD's Contribution to the Women's World Summit Foundation for World Rural Women's Day, 15 October 2001	5 000	As in previous years, this technical assistance grant (TAG) supported the foundation in convening the annual global awareness-building event – World Rural Women's Day – which aims to make governments and the public aware of the crucial role of rural women and the need to support their economic and social empowerment.
ED	Follow-Up Activities on IFAD's <i>Rural Poverty Report 2001</i> : IFAD/ADB I Workshop	100 000	This grant initiated joint organization with the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) of a capacity-building workshop, Rural Poverty Reduction in South East Asia: Rural Growth as a Key to Urban Peace. The aim was to: (i) discuss the issues raised in the <i>Rural Poverty Report 2001</i> and the regional assessments with a broader audience among IFAD beneficiary countries; and (ii) provide a basis for increasing awareness of rural poverty development and policy dialogue in the region.
ED	Support to the World Hunger Report 2002: a Partnership to Overcome Hunger	50 000	This is the last of three annual grants to Bread for the World in support of its annual hunger reports. This year's report is entitled <i>Hunger 2002: A Future with Hope</i> . These publications aim to raise public awareness of poverty and advocate greater commitment and support for poverty reduction and international cooperation.
ED	Supporting Participation of Delegates from Developing Countries to the World Food Summit: Five Years Later	25 000	This grant is intended to support the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in meeting the travel expenses of participants from developing countries at the World Food Summit: Five Years Later. FAO's request to IFAD is a part of its request to other United Nations agencies and bilateral donors for voluntary contributions to meet such travel costs.
ED	Translation of <i>Rural Poverty Report 2001</i> into French, Spanish and Arabic	100 000	The TAG was used to translate the <i>Rural Poverty Report 2001</i> into the official languages of the Fund. The translations have enabled the Fund to reach a wider audience in member countries and to initiate policy dialogue beyond English-speaking countries.
OE	Africa and Asia Regions OE workshop: Institution-Building for Poverty Alleviation	100 000	The TAG funded an international workshop on malnutrition in Africa and Asia, held in Fiuggi, Italy, 19-20 September 2001. Approximately 75 representatives from research institutions and multilateral/bilateral donors, project managers and practitioners participated. Agreement was reached on: (i) the importance of consistent monitoring of anthropometric indicators to assess project impact; and (ii) empowering community-based organizations. As part of the dissemination plan, workshop proceedings will be widely distributed and a CD-ROM will be prepared.



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OE	Papua New Guinea: Round-Table Workshop	40 000	The TAG supported: (i) organization of the final workshop on the Office of Evaluation and Studies (OE) country programme evaluation in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 3 August 2001; (ii) statistical analysis of data collected by OE in Papua New Guinea for presentation at the workshop; and (iii) organization of two follow-up workshops to be held in the field in local languages to provide feedback to communities and potential beneficiaries. Approximately 30 representatives from the Government, IFAD, research institutions, local project management and civil society endorsed OE's recommendations for future interventions. The workshop proceedings represent the agreement at completion point, a document of understanding between IFAD and the Government regarding future development programmes.
OE	Syria: Policy Dialogue Workshop	40 000	The TAG was used to finance the Syria country-programme evaluation workshop, held in Damascus in 2001. The Government and IFAD discussed: (i) cooperation in developing a comprehensive rural poverty assessment and a national strategy for rural poverty reduction; (ii) encouraging the involvement of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Syrian development intermediaries and civil society in rural poverty alleviation at the community level; (iii) strengthening pro-poor financial services by encouraging community-based credit and savings groups; and (iv) strengthening gender considerations, including greater support for income-generating activities and reorientation of existing institutions to provide them. Members of the Evaluation Committee contributed to the workshop, which brought together partners from the Government, IFAD, the donor community, university and research institutions, and civil society.
OE	Testing Innovative Approaches to Communication of Evaluation	50 000	This TAG was used to improve communication of evaluation-based learning. Experiments conducted in 2001 on enhancing the impact of evaluation results included: (i) development of a video documentary based on the lessons and recommendations of the evaluation of the Andhra Pradesh Tribal Development Project (India); (ii) using printed material to disseminate evaluation results to alert decision-makers to evaluation findings and recommendations related to tribal development; (iii) translating evaluation summaries into local languages; and (iv) organizing workshops to exchange experiences.





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OE	Viet Nam: National Round-Table Workshop	20 000	The TAG was used to organize the workshop in Hanoi in March 2001, cohosted by IFAD and the Government of Viet Nam. The objective was to formulate an agreement at completion point for evaluation of the Viet Nam country programme and to discuss policy with partners. Approximately 40 people from partner institutions attended. Three requirements were discussed: (i) elimination by the Government of subsidies for the rural financial sector and extension of support by the Viet Nam Bank for the Poor to the poorest people in rural areas; (ii) provision of land titles in the joint names of husbands and wives and definition of a minimum 'reservation' for women's participation in rural development institutions; and (iii) delegation by the Government of greater financial authority to provincial, district and commune levels for rural development programme planning, implementation and disbursements.
PA	Chad: Country-Level Workshop	20 000	The objective of the workshop was to discuss with stakeholders ways of improving monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems and procurement procedures in projects in Chad.
PA	Grant Facility to Enhance the Performance of IFAD Loans and Grants in the Western and Central Africa Division	60 000	The TAG financed a review of management and performance of field operations in selected countries of the region with a view to developing recommendations for improvements. The outcomes will be discussed in an implementation workshop to be held in the region in late 2002.
PA	Niger: Workshop on Promotion of Farmer Innovations	20 000	The objectives of the workshop were: (i) to assess experience in identifying and developing farmer innovation in Niger; IFAD-funded projects, donors and NGOs were included and the outputs of this workshop will contribute to the design of the project development chart priority investment plan (PDC-PIP); and (ii) to reinforce partnerships in the coming project among research centres, resource institutions and local organizations.
PA	Nigeria: Workshop on Mainstreaming Environment in Poverty Reduction, September 2001; Consultative Group on Agricultural and Rural Development, November 2001	20 000	The grant was used to support a national workshop on Mainstreaming Environment in Poverty-Reduction in Nigeria, funded by IFAD, the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and the World Bank. Agreement was reached on implementing linkages between environmental issues and the poverty-reduction strategy process in Nigeria. The workshop was an excellent example of donor collaboration to assist the Government in developing and planning a better environmental policy for poverty reduction. A framework for follow-up was agreed. The President of Nigeria launched the rural development policy during the IFAD President's official visit in December 2001. The President of Nigeria also launched the Consultative Group on Agriculture and Rural Development. The TAG provided support for finalizing and printing documents and preparing and distributing background material for the Consultative Group meeting early in 2002.

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PF	Madagascar: Country-Level Support Mechanisms on a Pilot Basis	86 000	The grant contributed to establishing a pilot mechanism for support of IFAD's representation in poverty-reduction processes in Madagascar. The aim is to improve implementation of IFAD-supported projects and enhance knowledge management and partnership development. The mechanism includes a local consultant recruited by IFAD and a financial contribution to the Multi-Donor Group Secretariat (<i>S�cretariat Multi-Bailleurs</i>), which was established to coordinate environmental concerns, food security and rural development among donors and the Government.
PF	Supplementary Financing for the Rural Organization and Agri-Services Development Programme (Road/Reap) in Zambia	31 500	This grant provides supplementary financing to a programme extending activities in Zambia that was previously funded by another TAG. The aim is to increase agricultural productivity and incomes among smallholders through improved access to affordable inputs and development of sustainable linkages with private markets. The objectives are to: (i) establish a financially viable network of rural traders in the programme area; and (ii) acquire experience as a basis for replication in the region, especially under the IFAD-financed Smallholder Enterprise and Marketing Programme.
PF	Uganda: Recruitment of Local Consultant to Accelerate the Performance of IFAD's Portfolio in Uganda	21 000	The consultant will give IFAD a voice in discussions on policy and operational issues and enhance implementation of interventions assisted by the Fund. The objective is to project a positive image of IFAD and promote its vision and operations. The means will be: (i) meetings with government and donor agencies on policy and projects; (ii) cooperation with the Agriculture Donors' Subgroup and other Kampala-based donors; (iii) meetings with the Uganda Microfinance Forum; and (iv) response to issues relating to IFAD-assisted interventions. The arrangement is for 12 months, with renewal upon review.
PI	Electronic Networking for Rural Asia/Pacific (ENRAP) Interim Phase	100 000	The aim is to maintain the momentum of ENRAP until approval of the second phase. Project networks will be strengthened, the website will be updated, two knowledge-management workshops for project staff will be organized and there will be consultations on development of the second phase.
PI	China: Impact Enhancement of Microfinance Components	75 000	The TAG supports capacity-building for rural credit cooperatives in selected IFAD project countries to enhance the impact of IFAD credit lines and reach out to the poor while improving profitability.
PI	Pilot Capacity-Building Programme to Enhance Implementation of Social Mobilization Activities	98 450	IFAD project staff in South Asia will participate in training-of-trainers workshops to enhance local capacities in social-mobilization activities and participatory approaches.
PI	India: Reality-Check Workshop on Regional Poverty Assessment, 23-24 August 2001	40 000	Feedback on the Asia and the Pacific Division's regional poverty assessment will be discussed with development stakeholders, including senior government officials, NGOs and academics.
PI	Enhancing the Performance of IFAD Loans and Grants in India and the Asia and the Pacific Region	70 437	IFAD-World Food Programme (WFP) collaboration will be strengthened and IFAD's field presence in India will be enhanced, with focus on improving the performance of projects.



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PL	Acceleration of Performance of the Rural Development Programme for Las Verapaces (PRODEVER) Project and Support for Implementation of the Programme for Rural Development and Reconstruction in the Quiché Department (PRODERQUI) Project	26 500	The objective is to accelerate disbursements and support decentralization of the National Peace Fund (FONAPAZ) (Guatemala) in order to improve conditions for sustainable development.
PN	High-Level Ministerial Meeting of Governments with Donor Agencies to Discuss Opportunities for Sustainable Investment in Dryland Ecosystems in West Asia and North Africa (WANA)	50 000	The ministerial meeting was convened by the Government of Morocco in Rabat on 24-27 June 2001. It was cosponsored by IFAD, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Fund and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). Algeria, Jordan, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Authority, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen were represented. The outcome was the Rabat Declaration on Opportunities for Sustainable Investment in Rainfed Areas of West Asia and North Africa. This emphasized the need to: (i) develop and implement integrated drought policies; (ii) provide incentives and safety nets to encourage environmentally friendly land use by rural communities; (iii) strengthen institutional mechanisms for improved participation by local communities in defining investment priorities; and (iv) identify private and public investment opportunities to improve the social and economic infrastructures for dryland development.
PN	Subregional Poverty Assessment and Strategic Opportunities Workshop	100 000	The workshop focused on IFAD-supported poverty reduction operations in the Balkans, eastern Europe and the Caucasus. Participants included multilateral and bilateral donors, government representatives and ministers of agriculture, finance and planning from eight borrower countries in the region. IFAD's experience and opportunities for rural poverty reduction were discussed. Participants received IFAD's <i>Rural Poverty Report 2001</i> .
PN	To Assist IFAD-Financed Projects in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria	85 000	The objectives of the TAG are to help five IFAD-financed projects in Jordan (2), Lebanon (1) and Syria (2) to reach poor people, thereby enhancing IFAD's ability to achieve the objectives set out in the Plan of Action. The Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the Near East (CARDNE) will use TAG resources to: (i) set up an impact-oriented M&E system at programme management unit (PMU) level, which would involve review of project documents, field visits and meetings with stakeholders; (ii) train PMU staff in the use of logical frameworks; (iii) develop logical-framework-based performance indicators in consultation with organizations implementing projects; (iv) assist PMU with data collection and analysis; and (v) assist PMU in preparation of regular impact-monitoring reports.
PT	African Fruit Fly Initiative (AFFI): Dissemination of Results and Continued Research in Priority Areas	100 000	Activities will focus on: (i) compiling information from the first phase; (ii) preparing leaflets; (iii) continuing assessment of economic impact, on-farm evaluation and technical support; (iv) maintaining fruit-fly colonies to ensure their survival; (v) starting the next phase; and (vi) maintaining communications within the AFFI network of collaborating countries, institutions and scientists.





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PT	Project Evaluating the Impact of Research Partnership	100 000	The aim is to evaluate the impact of two IFAD-financed participatory research programmes in Mali and Niger and analyse conditions for enhancing their effect and broadening their scope, with particular reference to measures required for personnel and institutional changes.
PT	Research Partnership and Rural Poverty Alleviation	100 000	The project will: (i) analyse successful Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) partnerships; (ii) review proposed innovative partnerships; (iii) set up an international workshop on GFAR methodologies, organization and management; and (v) publish the results of the analyses.
VC	Preparation of Guidelines and Manuals for Grant Recipients	50 000	The aim is to familiarize IFAD grant recipients with IFAD's financial and audit requirements.

Notes:

ED	Economic Policy and Resource Strategy Department
OE	Office of Evaluation and Studies
PA	Africa I Division
PF	Africa II Division
PI	Asia and the Pacific Division
PL	Latin America and the Caribbean Division
PN	Near East and North Africa Division
PT	Technical Advisory Division
VC	Controller's Office