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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, OTHER RESEARCH, TRAINING AND OTHER**

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 40 grants for Agricultural Research, Other Research, Training and Other, approved under this arrangement during 2002.

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EAD	IFAD Co-Sponsorship of the International Consultation on Peace, Freedom from Hunger and Sustainable Development (2-4 December 2002)	50 000	This grant is to support, in part, national programme participants from developing countries with direct/indirect involvement with IFAD loans/grants operations, organizational expenses, preparations and publication of the proceedings of the International Consultation.
EAD	Indigenous Peoples and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) – Kimberley and Johannesburg, South Africa (20 August – 4 September 2002)	62 000	<p>The WSSD provided IFAD with a unique opportunity to draw the attention of the world community to the plight and vulnerability of the rural poor. During the Fourth WSSD Preparatory Committee (PrepCom-4), held in Bali on 27 May–7 June 2002, IFAD engaged in sustained dialogue with several major stakeholder groups, including the Caucus of Indigenous Peoples (IPs). As a result, a partnership was forged with the Caucus of IPs and a partnership proposal (or Type 2) was prepared jointly by IFAD and selected groups of IPs represented at Bali for launching at the Johannesburg Summit.</p> <p>The IFAD grant was used to: (i) finance the travel and daily subsistence allowance of some IP representatives to participate in the Kimberly and Johannesburg Summits; (ii) cofinance, with the Caucus of IPs, a side event on IPs in Johannesburg; (iii) finance the travel to Johannesburg and daily subsistence allowance of one staff member from the Regional Programme in Support of the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Basin; and (iv) finance the cost of publishing the pamphlet released in Johannesburg.</p>
EAD	Preparations for the WSSD in Johannesburg	100 000	The purpose of this technical assistance (TA) grant is to finance the transport and dismantling costs for the IFAD "Hope to Harvest" Exhibition showcasing innovations in environmentally-friendly technologies; support the International Food Policy Research Institute in preparing the WSSD Paper; and support costs for WSSD publications.
EAD	Publication of the 2003 Hunger Report	50 000	<p>Bread for the World, a United States-based grass-roots non-governmental organization (NGO) with over 45 000 members, works to mobilize American leaders to support policies that reduce hunger and poverty throughout the world. In this effort, every year it produces the Hunger Report, each volume focusing on a specific poverty and hunger issue. IFAD has been contributing to the cost of publishing the report for the last four years. The 2003 Report has been entitled "Food in the Global Economy". The objectives of this specific volume are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop an appreciation among readers of agriculture's role in reducing hunger and poverty world-wide (especially in Africa) by exploring both its difficulties and potential in development efforts; • ensure that readers understand the dynamics of international trade and agriculture by exploring its impact on rural areas of the developing world (especially Africa) and the rural United States; and • put forth recommendations for making agriculture more effective in reducing hunger and poverty world-wide. <p>The Report also commemorates IFAD's 25th Anniversary and includes an article written by Mr. Båge.</p>

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EAD	Second World Conference and Exhibition on Infopoverty – Milan, Italy (13 May 2002)	10 000	Developing nations that genuinely seek to empower their people to make use of available information technology (IT) have a better record of poverty reduction, whereas those that place no emphasis on IT dissemination at the local level contribute indirectly to an ever-growing digital divide and thereby a growing wealth divide. The Second World Conference and Exhibition on Infopoverty (organized by the Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication (OCCAM) – which was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1996), was attended by leading experts and representatives of international and national social and academic institutions from some 40 countries. The Conference has established itself as a world discussion forum where all aspects of the digital divide are taken into account by leading world institutions, experts and scientists with the aim of finding a real solution to the problem and providing invaluable contributions to the forthcoming World Summit on Information Society to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2003. The Third World Conference and Exhibition on Infopoverty will be held in Washington, D.C., on 19-20 June 2003. The grant represents a contribution towards the costs of the attendance of delegates and media reporters from developing countries.
EAD	Seminar on Food Security and Agricultural Cooperation in Asia in the Context of Globalization – Manila, The Philippines (3-5 June 2002)	60 000	The grant was used to cofinance, with the National Agricultural Co-operative Federation of the Republic of Korea, a Seminar on Food Security and Agricultural Development in Asia in the Context of Globalization. The grant financed the travel of 28 participants from 14 of IFAD's Member States in Asia, paid for the preparation of a keynote paper and printing the seminar proceedings in booklet form.
EAD	World Rural Women's Day 2002	5 000	On a yearly basis, the Women's World Summit Foundation organizes a World Rural Women's Day as a global awareness campaign to highlight the contribution of rural women world-wide both to food security and to the development of rural areas. The Fund has provided USD 5 000 to the World Rural Women's Day every year since 1997, as a contribution to the cost of printing posters and stickers. All materials produced for the event, including approximately 16 000 open letters, carried IFAD's logo and were distributed world-wide to governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), grass-roots organizations and the media.
OE	Customization of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Guide in the Western and Central Africa (WCA) region	100 000	The grant was provided to support the regionalization of the M&E Guide in the WCA region, the overall objective of which was to define the strategy for the diffusion, introduction and sustainable application of the guide among various projects and partners in the Asia region. This includes tailoring the guide to fit the users' language, their specific contexts, needs, procedures and partnerships. A concept note was produced on the regionalization of the guide in WCA, outlining the various activities that will be undertaken.
OE	Customization of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Guide in Asia and the Pacific (AP) region	100 000	The grant was provided to support the regionalization of the M&E Guide in the AP region, the objectives being similar to those in the WCA region, as outlined above. In particular, in 2002, a concept note was prepared on the regionalization of the guide in AP and an inventory was developed of M&E institutions and capacities in Asia in support of the regionalization process. Other activities will be financed using the same grant in 2003.





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OE	Preparations for Roundtable Workshop for the Conclusion of the Agreement at Completion Point in the Tunisia Country Programme Evaluation	40 000	The grant was used to finance preparations for the Tunisia Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) roundtable workshop, including finalization of CPE report, recruitment of a workshop facilitator, production of a video illustrating the evaluation's main findings and conclusions, be used to stimulate discussion at the workshop, and various other administrative and logistic costs.
OE	Tanzania, United Republic of: Roundtable Workshop – Dar-es-Salaam (18-19 November 2002)	25 000	The grant was used to finance the national stakeholders' roundtable workshop for the CPE of the United Republic of Tanzania. The objective of the workshop was to discuss the key conclusions and lessons learned from the CPE and formulate the evaluation's Agreement at Completion Point. More specifically, the grant was used, inter alia, to recruit the workshop facilitator and prepare an issues paper for the deliberations and workshop summary.
PA	Benin: Assessing Knowledge System Dynamics in Farmer-Field Schools	70 000	The objective of this applied research grant is to finance work with farm communities in Benin to identify appropriate ways of assessing the impact of farmer-field school interventions for agricultural extension on integrated pest management techniques. It builds on the regional cowpea development TA grant managed by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture and approved in 2000.
PA	Cassava Market Development Initiative for Western and Central Africa	75 000	The general objective of this initiative is to increase the effectiveness of IFAD-supported national roots and tubers programmes in four countries (Benin, Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria) through the identification and implementation of appropriate processing and marketing interventions. Specific objectives include the following: to identify appropriate and effective approaches to problem diagnosis and identification of appropriate interventions in the areas of cassava processing and marketing; to train local stakeholders (IFAD project staff, cooperating NGOs, farmers' groups and organizations) in these approaches; building on these approaches, to initiate a set of concrete actions related to processing and marketing at the project level in these four countries; and to increase the sharing of lessons and experience among the four countries in order to enhance learning and cross-fertilization.
PA	Support to West Africa Farmers' Organization Development	50 000	The grant aims at supporting the rural poor of Cameroon and a number of other Central African countries in their efforts to organize themselves and manage their development so as to better "influence national policy and enforce pro-poor policy". The target group consists of farmers' organizations at the local, national and regional levels in Cameroon and selected leaders in Chad, Central African Republic, The Congo and Gabon. One of the major factors of success in implementing Cameroon's poverty reduction and rural development strategy, would be the strengthening of farmers' organizations to improve communication among them and develop farmers' strategies for the improvement of food security and for poverty alleviation at the national and regional level.



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PA	Support to West Africa Farmers' Organization Network (ROPPA)	95 000	The grant aims to support ROPPA, a regional apex organization regrouping national farmers' organizations in 10 West African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. The target group consists of farmers' organizations at the local, national and regional levels. The project seeks to develop a training programme and a communications system designed to improve ROPPA's executive committee, regional office, national platform management capacity and negotiation skills. Through this support, ROPPA and the national platforms will be able to articulate clear and consistent policy statements for conveying to governments, donors and international institutions. This support will also improve communications and consultations among ROPPA members.
PA/PF/PT	Regional Forum: Sector-Wide Approaches: Do they really help the Poor? Workshop in Accra, Ghana (November 2001)	61 465	The aim here was to discuss and place the views and experiences of implementers and national decision-makers at the forefront of sector-wide approaches to development cooperation, sector programmes and poverty reduction strategies.
PA/PT	Developing an Action-Research Methodology to Tackle Poverty and Social Exclusion in Rural Environments (Cameroon)	100 000	Within the context of an IFAD-financed investment project in Cameroon, this programme is testing a methodology to ensure that different interest groups and socio-economic groups are involved in the analysis and local planning of action against poverty.
PF	Tanzania, United Republic of: Workshop on Poverty Reduction and Rural Growth in Eastern and Southern Africa/Launching of the Regional Assessment – Dar-es-Salaam (May 2002)	100 000	The aim here was to provide a forum for high-level policy-makers from the region to develop a common appreciation of the rural poverty problem and the role of broad-based rural economic growth; identify priority areas and mechanisms for national action and international support within the framework of poverty reduction strategy programmes, the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the Millennium Development Goals; and to reach consensus on the best application of IFAD's programme in support of rural poverty reduction, as set forth in IFAD's new regional strategy paper, which was discussed, deliberated and agreed upon during the workshop.
PI	Formation of a Self-Help Group Federation in Andhra Pradesh, India	98 000	This technical assistance (TA) grant was approved in July 2002 and is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh State by Community Forestry International. The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the women-administered self-help groups (SHGs) to manage natural resources and develop livelihood-generating activities. The project will improve the access of target groups to natural resources by establishing links between SHGs and Forest Protection Committees and develop sustainable financing for rural community development activities through environmental service-based payments.
PI	General Assembly of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) – Beijing, China (16-18 October 2002)	27 000	In the context of IFAD's recent appointment as executing agency of the GEF, this TA grant was used to establish an exhibit at the Second General Assembly of the GEF, held in Beijing, to demonstrate IFAD's capacity and experience in combating land degradation in different regions.

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PI	International Conference on Poverty Alleviation in the Mountain Areas of the People's Republic of China (11-15 November 2002)	75 000	This TA grant financed an international conference held in collaboration with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, the German Foundation for International Development and the Chinese Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment. The conference provided IFAD with an opportunity to share its Regional Strategy for Rural Poverty Reduction in Asia, and to discuss the experience of countries of the region in poverty reduction.
PI	Symposium on IFAD's Strategy for Rural Poverty Reduction in Asia and the Pacific – Chennai, India (1 December 2002)	75 000	This grant funded the South Asia Symposium on IFAD's Strategy for Rural Poverty Reduction in Asia and the Pacific, held in Chennai, India, on 1 December 2002. The main objective was to raise awareness among stakeholders on the importance of rural poverty reduction and to share IFAD's regional strategy. Participants included senior policy-makers, representatives of civil society, IFAD project staff from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka and donor representatives.
PI	Symposium on IFAD's Strategy for Rural Poverty Reduction in Asia and the Pacific – Medan, Indonesia (25-26 September 2002)	100 000	This grant funded the East and South East Asia Symposium on IFAD's Strategy for Rural Poverty Reduction in Asia and the Pacific, held in Medan, Indonesia, on 25-26 September 2002. The main objective was to raise awareness among stakeholders on the importance of rural poverty reduction and to share IFAD's regional strategy. Participants included senior policy-makers, representatives of civil society, IFAD project staff from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, D.P.R. Korea, Laos, Mongolia, The Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Viet Nam and donor representatives.
PL	Forum on Rural Finance for Latin America and the Caribbean	93 000	The aim of the grant is to support this 'network-of-networks' in rural finance. The Forum is composed of 11 microfinance networks in nine countries that serve 189 microfinance institutions reaching out to 900 000 clients. IFAD will help the Forum in three areas: tailoring financial services to the needs of the rural poor; providing policy advocacy to governments on regulatory frameworks; and developing methodologies to channel remittance flows for poverty outreach. IFAD's support was announced at the Microcredit Summit + 5.
PN	Lebanon: Income Generation and Food Security for Poor Households in Hermel Cluster	50 000	The objective of the TA grant is to provide opportunities for sustainable income-generation for small farmers and rural women in the Hermel cluster of rural villages in the Bekaa Valley, classified by the recent IFAD study on Rural Poverty Assessment and Mapping in Lebanon as one of the country's poorest regions. The grant proceeds will be used to help finance the establishment of a local fruit-processing unit and make use of surplus (often wasted) fruit produced by small farmers and rural women beneficiaries of the IFAD-financed Irrigation Rehabilitation and Modernization Project.
PN	Regional Rural Poverty Assessment and Strategic Opportunities Workshop – Beirut, Lebanon (6-7 May 2002)	91 500	This grant was used to finance a regional workshop to discuss and validate IFAD's Regional Strategy for the Near East North Africa (NENA) region with the various stakeholders from the region. The two-day workshop was held in Beirut, Lebanon, in May 2002 and brought together about 60 participants from the 22 NENA countries that are members of IFAD, including officials from various ministries and parliament, donor organizations, NGOs, academicians and IFAD staff. The workshop was chaired by the Minister for Agriculture of Lebanon and co-organized with the Ministry of Agriculture.





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PN	Thematic Study on Comparative Advantage and Agricultural Marketing by the Rural Poor in the Central Europe and the Newly Independent States (CEN) Sub-Region – Phase I	100 000	The study will address the need to promote market-led agricultural growth and facilitate the transition from subsistence agriculture to market-based production in the CEN sub-region. The main objective of the study is therefore to provide recommendations to enhance the competitiveness and marketing of key commodities produced by rural poor people in selected countries. Albania, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova were selected as pilot countries.
PN	Thematic Study on Comparative Advantage and Agricultural Marketing by the Rural Poor in the Central Europe and the Newly Independent States (CEN) Sub-Region – Phase II	50 000	See above. The activities of Phase I consisted of a comparative advantage study to analyse the competitiveness, both economically and financially, of selected key commodities. Those of Phase II consist of a marketing chain study to identify bottlenecks to market access for small farmers in the sub-region.
PT	Agricultural Research Strategy for Asia and the Pacific	60 000	IFAD intends to formulate its agricultural research strategy for Asia and the Pacific region, which will focus on small and marginal farmers in less-favoured areas. The aim is to establish strategic research areas and criteria for prioritization of research topics and guide IFAD's future investments in the region for agricultural technology development and dissemination.
PT	Contract Farming of Livestock in India: Partnerships to Promote Environmentally Friendly and Equitable Intensification of Smallholder Market-Oriented Livestock Production	95 400	The objective is to provide preliminary strategic guidance to the research and development community at large and facilitate the elaboration of a global study on livestock contract farming and other organizational arrangements.
PT	Decision-Support for Trypanosomiasis Control in Uganda	97 031	The objective is to develop decision-support mechanisms for trypanosomiasis control through the following activities: establishment of a decision-support/geographic information system facility at the International Livestock Research Institute; gathering relevant data from a range of sources; establishment of a decision-support task force that will hold workshops twice yearly and report to the Minister of State for Animal Industry to assist with decision-support and policy development for trypanosomiasis control and provide technical backstopping to facilitate the above.
PT	Incorporating Participatory Research Approaches into Research and Development (R&D) Capacity-Building in West Africa	100 000	This initiative aims at adapting university curricula to participatory research skills and attitude requirements emerging from a pilot experience carried out in the context of an IFAD-financed investment project in Aguié, Niger.
PT	Immunization against East Coast Fever for Poor Livestock-Keeper in Eastern Africa – Adoption of Infection and Treatment Method (ITM)	94 400	The grant will finance strategic studies to assess the role of ITM in agro-pastoral systems in Uganda, pastoral systems in the United Republic of Tanzania and smallholder dairy systems in Kenya.
PT	Microcredit Summit Follow-Up Campaign – Scholarship Funds	22 000	The aim of the grant is to pilot-test the Poverty Assessment Tool of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest (CGAP), which measures the relative poverty of clients of microfinance programmes/institutions and enables IFAD to better assess the depth of poverty outreach of its rural finance partners.
PT	Participatory Action-Research on Linking Medicinal Plants with the Livelihoods of People in the Uplands of India and Nepal	99 750	The International Development Research Centre proposes participatory action-research to identify long-term strategies, emerging economic opportunities and improved methods of providing greater local benefits for promoting the sustainable utilization of medicinal and



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PT	Participatory Design of Prolinnova (PRomoting Local INNOvation): Programme to Build Regional R&D Partnerships for Prolinnova	100 000	This programme is an NGO-led initiative to build up a learning network among different stakeholders in Ethiopia, Ghana and Uganda (including IFAD-financed development project staff) for identifying and promoting local innovation in ecologically oriented agriculture.
PT	Project to Further Promote Sustainable Cropping Technology for Small Farmers in Tropical Brazil and to Support Technical Exchanges with African Countries	90 000	The general objectives of the grant support for the Association for Zero Tillage in the Cerrados are to further refine and disseminate zero-tillage technology adapted to the specific needs of resource-poor small-scale farmers in tropical Brazil; and to enhance the flow of technical information on zero-tillage in Brazil to researchers, extensionists and farmers.
PT	Strengthening the GFAR (Global Forum on Agricultural Research) Secretariat's Facilitation Function in Research for Development	100 000	The objective of the grant is to strengthen the facilitation function played by the GFAR Secretariat by creating three Thematic Facilitating Units, mobilizing the scientific community to achieve in research and technological work for sustainable development.
PT	Testing of the CGAP Poverty Assessment Tools	95 000	The objectives of the grant are to introduce the idea of poverty targeting to grass-roots practitioners to show examples of effective, inexpensive targeting tools and generate the idea that poverty-targeting tools are beneficial in meeting that goal.
PT	Testing of the Microcredit Campaign's Poverty Targeting Tools	95 000	The purpose of the grant is to bring together microfinance practitioners and institutions from developing countries to participate in the Microcredit Summit.