Agricultural Innovation Program (AIP) for Pakistan

AIP Annual Conference | 2015

Strengthening National Agricultural Research System through

Competitive Grants System (CGS)

Pakistan Agricultural Research Council
Background

- Conceptualization of “Agricultural Innovation Program” (AIP) for Pakistan
- Consultative meetings organized for
  - Punjab Chapter - 30 January, 2012
  - Sindh Chapter - 21 February, 2012
  - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter - 23 February, 2012
  - Balochistan Chapter - 4 June, 2012
- AIP Inception Workshop – 27-28 May 2013
Background

Outcome of Consultative Meetings

- All NARS partners stressed for
  - strengthening of PARB and establishment of Provincial Agricultural Research Boards in
    - Balochistan
    - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and
    - Sindh
  - PARC may be entrusted the responsibility under CGS
PARC – AIP

- PARC was entrusted to
  - establish Provincial Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D) Boards in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh on the lines of PARB
  - manage province-inclusive competitive grants system
Provincial AR4D Boards

- to foster
  - an integrated approach for research planning;
  - efficient allocation of research resources;
  - generation of appropriate solutions of the issues faced by various stakeholders in provinces;
  - the expansion of provincial linkages to greater national, regional, and international communities through an overarching mechanism of coordination.
Provincial AR4D Boards

- Each Board will have a Governing Body –
  - the Board of Governors (BoG) with statuary functions and members.
  - an Executive Committee (EC) of each Board with mandated functions and members.
Provincial AR4D Boards

- Interaction with Provincial Stakeholders
  - **MAY-2013**: PARC Request Letter to Provincial Secretaries for holding meeting to move forward
  - **NOV-2013**: Gentle Reminder
  - **JUNE-2014**: Meeting held with Provincial DGs to discuss and devise strategies for establishment of Boards and Finalization of Priority Research Areas
  - **SEPT-2014**: Member Plant Sciences and CIMMYT Country Rep held meeting with DG (Research) Sindh and DG (Extension) Sindh
  - **OCT-2014**: Member Plant Sciences and CIMMYT Country Rep held meeting with Secretary, Agriculture and DG, Research, Govt of Balochistan in Quetta
Provincial AR4D Boards

- Interaction with Provincial Stakeholders
  - **JAN-2015**: Federal Secretary office organized meeting with Additional Chief Secretaries in Islamabad
  - **FEB-2015**: Federal Secretary letter to Provincial Chief Secretaries for Constitution of “Interim Provincial Competitive Grants System Management Committee”
  - **MAR-2015**: Govt of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa constituted “Interim Provincial Competitive Grants System Management Committee”
  - **MAR-2015**: Federal Minister, NFS&R and Chairman, PARC held meeting with Chief Secretary and Secretary Agriculture, Govt of Balochistan regarding Establishment of Board
Provincial AR4D Boards

- Interaction with Provincial Stakeholders
  - **Mar-2015**: Chairman, PARC letter to Chief Secretary, Govt of Balochistan for Reactivation of BARB under BARB Act-1998
  - **Apr-2015**: Chief Minister Secretariat, Govt of Balochistan letter to Additional Chief Secretary to expedite the case of Reactivation of BARB.
Provincial AR4D Boards

- Interaction with Provincial Stakeholders
  - **May-2015**: 1st Meeting of “Interim Provincial Competitive Grants System Management Committee” Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under the chairmanship of Secretary Agriculture
  - **May-2015**: 1st Draft of “Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural Research Board Act” circulated to Members of the Interim Provincial Competitive Grants System Management Committee for views
Competitive Grants

- In Punjab, PARB advertised the 1st Call for Proposals

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Invitation of Applications for Research to Support the Enhanced Agricultural Growth of Pakistan

Proposals due March 25, 2015

The Punjab Agricultural Research Board (PARB) in partnership with Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) under the Agricultural Innovation Program (AIP) is pleased to announce its ‘First Call of Applications for research to enhance the agricultural growth of Pakistan’ in the selected priority areas under the ambit of broad-based thematic areas of the Vision 2025 agenda.

AIP for Pakistan is implemented by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) in partnership with PARC, the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), University of California, Davis (UC Davis), The World Vegetable Center (AVRDC) and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and supported by United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The competitive grants system is a component of AIP led by PARC.

Pakistan Vision 2025 recognizes that sufficient, reliable, clean and cost-effective availability of energy, water and food – for now and the future – is indispensable to ensure sustainable economic growth and development. There is a need to fill the enormous gaps in these areas, while simultaneously making efforts to respond to the looming threat of climate change. There is a renewed national consensus to commit major new resources through public and private sector collaboration in these areas and ensure required production and storage capacities. At the same time, efforts will be made towards conservation, efficient distribution and usage of resources, and preventing contamination and environmental degradation. The detailed priority areas can be seen on PARB’s website: www.research.agripunjab.gov.pk

- Grants available for up to three years with budget not exceeding Pak Rs. 5.000 million.
- Applicants may include faculty members and staff of national and provincial universities and research institutes.
- Collaborative proposals involving private-public partnerships and support of research conducted by graduate students are encouraged.
- Selection panel includes senior Pakistani and international scientists of repute in the relevant disciplines.
- Short-listed proposals may be presented in April 2015 public workshop.
- Selection decisions and grant awards will be announced by April 2015.
- Guidelines and format of application are available at www.research.agripunjab.gov.pk and by request to webmaster PARB website.

Proposals are sought for crops, animal and social sciences identifying and exhibiting impact in shortest possible time frame and for larger communities that will support economic growth as envisioned in the Vision 2025 strategy of the Planning Commission (visit Planning Commission of Pakistan’s web page http://www.pc.gov.pk/?page_id=73).

Deputy Director (Admin.),
Punjab Agriculture Research Board,
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Competitive Grants

- For other Provinces, PARC advertised the 1st Call for Proposals

Agricultural Innovation Program (AIP) for Pakistan

Invitation of Applications for Research to Support the Enhanced Agricultural Growth of Pakistan (Balochistan/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Sindh)

Proposals due April 15, 2015

The Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) is pleased to announce its ‘First Call of Applications for research to enhance the agricultural growth of Pakistan’ in the selected priority areas under the ambit of broad-based thematic areas of the Vision 2025 agenda. Scientists/Researchers from Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces can apply for these competitive grants. For Punjab province, PARC has already advertised the call for proposals.

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Pakistan Agricultural Research Council
20 Ataturk Avenue, G-5/1, Islamabad
Competitive Grants

- Number of Preliminary Proposals received

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- PARB completed evaluation process and shared short-listed proposals for TAC
- TAC meeting to be organized ASAP
## Competitive Grants

### Budget Details

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Competitive Grants

- Being Govt Organization, PARC is following the Finance Division’s “Revised Accounting Procedure for Foreign Aid Grants”

- Current Scenario
  - **SEPT-2014**: Donor remitted funds to SBP
  - **MAR-2015**: PARC received the funds in AIP Assignment Account
  - **APR-2015**: Secretary, NFS&R requested the Finance to allow PARC for Funds Transfer to respective Provinces/Boards since there is no option for Transfer of Funds to Provincial Partners
  - **MAY-2015**: 1st Meeting held in Finance Division regarding Approval for Transfer of Funds to respective Boards
  - **JULY-2015**: 2nd Meeting held in Finance Division regarding Approval for Transfer of Funds to respective Boards
Competitive Grants

Current Scenario

- **Aug-2015**: Finance Division issued procedural directions regarding Transfer of Funds to respective Provinces/Boards
Government of Pakistan
Finance Division
(Budget Wing)
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Office Memorandum

No.F.2 (3)/BR-II-2009-410/15
Islamabad, the 5th August, 2015

Subject: Approval for Transfer of Funds to Respective Province/Board Under Agriculture Innovation Program (AIP) Assignment Account

In continuation of this Ministry’s O.M of even No. dated 27th July 2015 on the subject cited above, the undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 29.07.2015 for information and to take necessary action in accordance with the decision taken in the said meeting.

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Distribution

1. The Secretary, M/O National Food Security & Research, Islamabad.
2. Member Finance, Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Islamabad
3. FA, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad
4. Deputy Accountant General (A/Cs), AGPR, Islamabad is further requested to draft the improvement in the Revised Accounting Procedure for Assignment Account (in general) as requested vide the Budget Wing letter No. 2(2)-BR-II-2008-277/15 dated 23.06.2015 and furnish the same to Finance Division at the earliest, for seeking views/inputs of rest of the stakeholders.
Subject: Minutes of the Meeting for Transfer of Funds to Respective Province/Board Under Agriculture Innovation Program (AIP) Assignment Account Held on 29-7-2015

A meeting under the Chairmanship of Additional Finance Secretary (Budget) was held on 29th July 2015 to discuss the matter of transfer of funds under the Agriculture Innovation Program (AIP) to the respective Province/Board. List of participants of the meeting is attached. After thorough deliberation, it was decided that:

i. Since in the province of Punjab the legally constituted Punjab Agriculture Board (PARB) exists, the share of Punjab from the Agriculture Innovation Program may be shifted to that Board for further utilization by the Board in that Province.

ii. Rest of the provinces may constitute such Board in the respective province on the lines of PARB.
Competitive Grants

- Current Scenario
  - **15 July-2015**: PARC request for utilization of the Balance Amount as on 30-06-2015 to Finance Division through MNFS&R
  - PARC can’t Transfer Funds even to PARB till Approval of utilization of Balance Amount from Finance Division
Thank you