

KGF Annual Plan and Implementation Schedule 2014 (Tentative)

Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF) initiated its program implementation in 2009 under NATP funding. Major activities included establishment of KGF office, recruitment of experts and implementation of short term Competitive Grants Program (CGP) research project undertaken by different research institutions, universities, NGOs, etc. As many as 54 CGP projects under first call were completed in 2011. Following that under second call 35 CGP projects and 4 technology upscaling pilot projects are on-going activities under NATP. These activities are expected to continue up to October/November 2014.

Apart from NATP fund, KGF BKGET fund was received in the later part of 2012. Program of activities under KGF BKGET fund were formulated and upon approval and guidance of KGF Board, limited activities were initiated in 2013. Apart from short term (3 yrs) CGP research projects, the major thrust area under the trust fund (BKGET) has been long term Commissioned Research Programs (CRP) addressing regional problems, and capacity building programs (HRD & institutional facilities).

Based on past experience of program implementation and institutional priority needs of NARS, an annual plan 2014 containing major program activities of KGF has been prepared. The following plan and activity schedule (tentative) has been approved by the Board:

Competitive Grants Program (CGP)

Competitive Grants Program (CGP) has been a powerful tool to promote competitive environment in the agricultural research systems. With the World Bank support, KGF through CGP attracted attention of scientists across the nation. KGF funded and implemented 92 CGP projects engaging scientists of NARS institutions, universities and NGOs. Currently there are 35 NATP funded CGP projects those are being implemented. Apart from NATP, KGF also awarded 12 CGP projects with KGF BKGET funding beginning May 2013.

KGF plans to invite projects on BARC selected issues/thematic areas in the current fiscal year. Experience suggests that calling proposal once in a year can be handled effectively. 10-20 projects per call can be offered depending on the quality of the proposals.

Tentatively, KGF will float announcement for calling proposals in December 2013 so that implementation may begin in May 2014.

Commissioned Research Programs (CRP)

To address problems/researchable issues demanding engagement of multidisciplinary and multi-organizational scientists focusing on developing technologies for production constraints of large stress areas, KGF initiated Commissioned Research Program (CRP). KGF Board had approved Concept Notes on four projects – (i) Hill agriculture, (ii) Coastal agriculture, (iii) Agriculture in drought-prone areas, and (iv) Agricultural production in haor areas. With the approval and funding from KGF, a multidisciplinary team of scientists representing Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU), Cotton Development Board (CDB), and Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU) is currently implementing a Commissioned Research Project on Hill Agriculture. A group of scientists from BARI, BRRI, SAU, SRDI and several NGOs are currently engaged in developing CRP on Coastal Agriculture.

Receiving specialized training on climate change and modeling on climate change impact on agriculture, a group of scientists (about 50) of BARI, BRRI, BINA, BSMRAU, SRDI, CDB and several other organizations have drafted a research proposal on 'Modeling impact of climate change of Bangladesh agriculture for developing adaptation strategy'. The proposal will be placed to the TAC, and if accepted, will be funded for implementation. Formulation process of 2 projects (drought-prone agriculture and haor) has also been completed. KGF plans to fund implementation of those four projects.

Area and production of some important pulses and oilseed crops has declined with the expansion of rice mono crop over the years. There are compelling reasons for promoting pulse and oilseed crops through developing improved varieties and production technologies. Concept Notes on strengthening pulse and oilseed research (mission-mode programs) are being prepared.

Capacity Building

KGF targets/plans to develop human capacity through specialized training, organizing workshop etc and improve physical facilities of the national agricultural research and education systems. And in doing so, KGF has been organizing training of scientists in batches on Research Proposal Writing, Climate and Agriculture, Crop Physiology, GIS & Remote Sensing for Crop Production and Natural Resource Management. So far, 180 scientists of 15 institutions have been trained. KGF plans to continue organizing workshops and training-workshops on such priority areas in several batches in 2014-15 fiscal year. KGF also plans to organize seminar and Conferences on issues of national and regional importance and international linkage programs.

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Sl. #	List of activities to be performed	Performance Schedule of each activity (tentative)											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
A. Competitive Grant Program under KGF NATP & KGF BKGET Funding													
1	Selection of priority researchable issues by TAC/BoDs by Nov. 2013. Invitation of proposal by KGF (giving 3 weeks) to be completed by Feb. 2014	■	■										
2	Listing of the proposals received by Sub-sector and Thematic areas, screening by KGF professionals, review by expert reviewer and overview by TAC members for short listing for presentation and making recommendation for KGF Board consideration.		■	■									
3	Board approval, MOU signing and awarding grant.				■	■							
4	Conducting concurrent M&E of KGF NATP and KGF BKGET funded on going projects.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
5	Organizing half yearly, Annual progress review and planning workshops/meetings.	■			■	■					■	■	
B. Commissioned Research Program under Funding KGF BKGET.													
1.	Harnessing the potentials of Hill Agriculture: Enhancing Crop Production through Sustainable Management of Natural Resources -Its coordination, implementation, management & concurrent M&E.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
2.	Organizing Project Inception workshop	■											
3.	Organizing half yearly and Annual progress review and planning workshops/meetings. etc.					■	■					■	■
4.	Project formulation and implementation on Modeling Climate Change Impact on Agriculture	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
5.	Project formulation and implementation on Coastal Agriculture, Drought Prone Environment and Haor Agriculture	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
6.	Project formulation and implementation (Mission Mode) on oil seed, pulse R&D and others crops					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
C. Capacity Enhancement													
1.	Trainings/workshops on Research Project Proposal Preparation/Report Writing/ GIS & Remote sensing / and Climate Change Impact on Agriculture.	■	■		■	■		■	■		■	■	
2.	Holding need based seminar, workshops, etc.				■			■			■		
3.	Providing assistance to develop/improve physical facilities of NARS institute based on Need Assessment study.							■	■	■	■	■	■
4.	Developing International linkage with reputed universities and R&D organizations.					■	■					■	■
D. Other Activities													
1.	Piloting /Up-scaling of identified technologies. Impact assessment studies		■	■		■	■				■	■	
2.	Holding Board/General Body and other meetings, Project Management meetings/workshops.		■			■			■		■		■
3.	Identification of transferable technologies from the completed CGP Projects and development of strategies for their upscaling										■	■	■
4.	Preparation and Printing of Annual Report/project briefs/other reports, compilation of technical and scientific booklets/publications etc.	■	■					■	■			■	
5.	Preparation of action plan/implementation plan / activity plan for the year 2015											■	■
6.	Misc. activities not identified	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■