Serere Agricultural Research and Development Centre

Technology Support Fund

What is the TSF?

The TSF is a competitive fund set up by the COARD Project at SAARI Outreach and Partnership Initiative to increase the "Farmers Voice" in promoting and disseminating knowledge of improved agricultural technologies in Eastern Savannah Agro-ecological Zone (Katakwi, Kaberamaido, Kumi, Pallisa, Soroti and Tororo.

What will TSF support?

The TSF will support projects designed to test/disseminate improved varieties, breeds, farming methods and practices by farmer groups and their partners. The TSF specifically supports on-farm participatory technology development and dissemination projects that are in line with regional/zonal priorities as approved by the Zonal Steering Committee, and should be compliant with the Plan for Modernization of Agriculture. Projects that focus mainly on income generation and self-help activities e.g. provision of oxen to groups, credit funds, capital equipment, etc cannot be funded.

Who can apply for funds?

Applicants must be registered farmer groups coming from the zone or institutions registered to carry out agricultural development in Uganda and must team up with scientists/extensionists from government organizations or NGOs. All applicants must be routed through the relevant institution affiliated to the applicant.

Other Requirements

Activities must be conducted in the Eastern Savannah Agro-ecological zone (Kaberamaido, Katakwi, Soroti, Kumi Pallisa and Tororo districts).

Projects should not exceed twelve months in duration.

Projects should not exceed 12 million shillings -low cost projects will be favored and are more likely to be funded.

Applicants must be made on the correct form and following the guidelines given in the Technology Support Fund information Pack for Applicants—February 2003.

Version 3 of the Technology Support Fund Information Pack is available from District Production Co-ordinators, District Farmers Organizations, District NGO fora offices, DATICS, Zonal Steering Committee members for Serere ARDC, NARO institutes, Makerere University(Faculties of Agriculture, Forestry & Vet. Medicine). Alternatively you may obtain the pack from the Centre Manager, Serere ARDC

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Next Call:

The first call for proposals is already over. The next call is scheduled for September 2003