

LETTER OF AGREEMENT
between
International Rice Research Institute
and
AVA Development Society (AVADS)

Project description

Project Title:	Stress Tolerant Rice for Africa and South Asia (STRASA)
PLA ID:	C-2017-142
Agreement ID:	A-2013-97 (DRPC2013-104)
Name and address of partner institution:	AVA Development Society (AVADS) Gopalpur Village Lalpur, Nattore, Bangladesh
Name of IRRI Scientist/Project Leader and contact details:	Dr. Abdelbagi M. Ismail Principal Scientist and STRASA Over-all Project Leader International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) DAPO Box 7777 Metro Manila, Philippines Tel : +63 (2) 580 5600 Extn 2843 Fax: +63 (2) 580 5699 Email: a.ismail@irri.org Dr. Ranjitha Puskur Senior Scientist, Gender Research International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) DAPO Box 7777 Metro Manila, Philippines Tel : +63 (2) 580 5600 Fax: +63 (2) 580 5699 Email: r.puskur@irri.org
Collaborating NARES scientists/position title/contact details:	Md. Moklasur Rahman Executive Director AVA Development Society (AVADS) Tel: +880-1714258876 Email: mesbahulh@gmail.com, avango2008@gmail.com
Changes/Updates (on activities and budget):	The project, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, builds on the achievements of STRASA phase 1&2 and will develop and disseminate rice varieties tolerant of drought, submergence, salinity, iron toxicity, and cold for use in south Asia and sub-Saharan Africa; build capacity of researchers and seed producers; and promote the exchange of elite germplasm, donor varieties, and knowledge. As per attached workplan, AVADS will be involved in conducting STRVs Gender Study covering 1500 households in Southern Bangladesh

Commencement date:	01 September 2017
End date:	30 December 2017
Total budget:	US\$ 28,911

Reporting Schedule:

	Due Date	Report Type	Title of Report
1	31 December 2017	Technical	Narrative Report with cleaned survey data in hard and soft copies
2	31 December 2017	Financial	Liquidation report of first installment of fund released

Payment Schedule:

	Currency	Amount	Due Date
1	US Dollar	23,129	80%-immediately upon receipt of the signed agreement
2	US Dollar	5,782	20%-upon receipt of satisfactory narrative and financial/liquidation report of previous tranche
	US Dollar	28,911	TOTAL

Funds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of implementing the project activity. Within thirty (30) days after completion of the activity, AVADS shall return to IRRI any unutilized funds, which must be reflected in the financial statements. Financial report must be stated in US Dollars, following the template as in the attached Annex 1. All Financial reports must be submitted via email to the following email addresses: t.dhoundiyal@irri.org, drpc-irri@irri.org, fpr-reporting@irri.org

First payment shall be processed upon receipt of the signed LOA, subject to availability of funds. Subsequent releases, if any, will be subject to availability of funds from the BMGF, liquidation of at least 75% of the released funds, satisfactory delivery of agreed outputs/milestones, and satisfactory narrative and financial reports.

1. General conditions

- a) Results of the collaborative research will be jointly published in the public interest as mutually agreed upon, and subject to IRRI's Intellectual Property ("IP") guidelines.
- b) The recipient shall keep all the documents and records related to this grant for the period of four years after termination of the grant. IRRI or its duly authorized representative shall, within the project and aforesaid periods, have access to any of recipient's records related to this agreement to monitor and conduct evaluation of operations which may include: a visit by personnel or designee to observe recipient's structure and a review of financial and other records for the purpose of conducting audits.

2. Intellectual Property Conditions

- i. All research materials used in the collaboration will be transferred using Material Transfer Agreements (MTA) that would carefully describe the Material. Further, the transfer of biological materials, including breeding materials and germplasm, will be subject to pertinent biosafety and bioprospecting laws, rules, and regulations. For incoming materials, IRRI may use such materials for non-commercial research and/or education purposes, and in this case, will give full credit to the source of the materials.

- ii. Ownership of any Intellectual Property (hereinafter "IP") developed through this collaborative research will be determined in accordance with applicable law and the IP policy of IRRI. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties have jointly decided that the management of such IP will be in accordance with the CGIAR Principles on the Management of Intellectual Assets; see: <https://library.cgiar.org/bitstream/handle/10947/4486/CGIAR%20IA%20Principles.pdf?sequence=1>
- iii. It is understood and agreed that Intellectual Property developed by each Party prior to this collaboration ("Background IP") will remain the Party's sole Intellectual Property. This LOA does not confer any right on the use of IRRI's Background IP.
- iv. IRRI may provide permission to AVADS, upon written request, for the use of the results of the collaborative research for the following purposes:
 - a. for non-commercial research conducted by IRRI ("Research Exemption"); and
 - b. for use in the event of a national or regional food security emergency limited to the duration of the emergency ("Emergency Exemption").
- v. It is understood and agreed that research materials and/or IP developed through this LOA shall not be used by the AVADS for commercial activity, unless IRRI gives its prior written approval.

3. Confidentiality

- a. A receiving Party (hereinafter "Recipient") shall not disclose Material marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary" to any third party nor use such Confidential Information for any purpose other than that given without written permission from the other Party.
- b. The Recipient shall use the same degree of care to protect Confidential Information received under this Agreement as it uses to protect its own information of a similar nature, but in any event not less than reasonable care under the circumstances.
- c. The Confidential Information shall be excluded from confidentiality if the Recipient can demonstrate that (a) it had possession of the information prior to disclosure; or (b) the information generally is available to the public at the time of disclosure, or becomes generally available, after disclosure, through no fault of Recipient; or (c) Recipient receives the information from a third party having the right to the information and who does not impose confidentiality.

4. Termination

Either Party may terminate this agreement unilaterally by giving notice of its intention to terminate at least thirty (30) days in advance of the intended effective date of termination. The GRANTEE will refund to IRRI the grant funds if GRANTEE terminates this agreement before it expires.

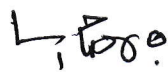
The parties have hereunto affixed their signatures on the dates indicated below to signify their conformity to the conditions set forth in this Letter of Agreement.

For the
International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

For the
AVA Development Society (AVADS)


Mr. Alvin Poncin
Head, Donor Relations & Projects Coordination

Date: 7 Sept 18


Md. Moklasur Rahman
Executive Director

Date: 7 Sep 18

Bank Information:

Name of the Account:	AVA DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
Bank Account Number:	09712100020081
Bank Name :	EXIM BANK LIMITED
Bank Branch Address:	LALPUR BRANCH, NATORE
Branch Code	097
SWIFT Code	EXBK BDDH

Table 1. Institution, Collaborating Scientists, Budget, and Reporting Schedule for the year 2017-18

Amount (US\$)	Funding Source (grant)	PLA ID	Duration	Collaborating scientists at IRRI	Collaborating scientists at AVADS	Reporting Schedule	
						Technical	Financial
Activity : Conduct STRVs Gender Study covering 1500 households in Southern Bangladesh							
28,911	STRASA A-2013-97 (DRPC2013-104)	C-2017-142	1 st September 2017 to 31 st December 2017	Dr. Ranjitha Puskur	Md. Moklasur Rahman	31 st December 2017	31 st December 2017
28,911	TOTAL						

Work plan

- AVADS enumerators will be trained by IRRI Bangladesh staff.
- After training AVADS enumerators will conduct Household survey of 1500n randomly selected farmers (provided by IRRI).
- AVADS will complete the survey and data digitization and cleaning on or before 31st December 2017 and submit the json files with cleaned data and a brief report on the process to IRRI.