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El Salvador Approves Funding for Vilma Calderon Project

CENTA food processing scientist, Vilma Ruth Calderon's project "Production, Processing and Consumption of Food Products with High Nutritional Value at Schools in Municipalities of Extreme Poverty in El Salvador" was approved by the Technical Secretary of the Presidency in El Salvador. She was allocated one hundred thousand dollars to pursue the project. This project includes work on processing and consumption of foods made from sorghum.

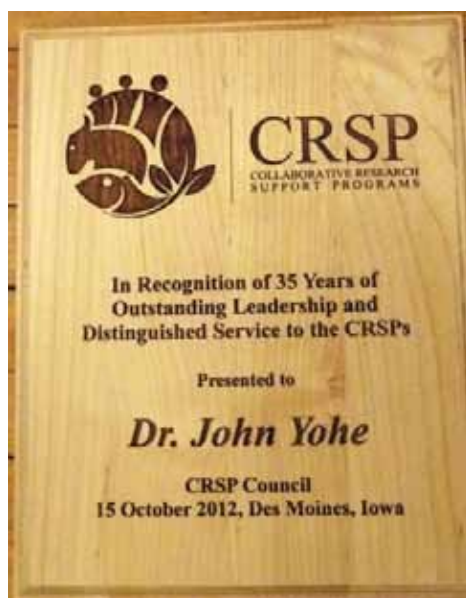
Additionally, the Ministry of Economy along with the bakers associations have asked Ms. Calderon to continue her training programs in the use of alternatives to wheat flour. The training programs will begin in October and the Ministry of Economy will finance the training.

Dr. John Yohe Receives Award from the CRSP Council

Dr. Yohe began working with USAID in 1977 as a Research Agronomist and in 1980 was appointed as Chief of the Agricultural Production Division. He joined the INTSORMIL CRSP in 1984 as Associate Program Director and became Director in 1987.

The CRSP Council wanted to express their appreciation for all of Dr. Yohe's efforts on behalf of the CRSPs. At their October meeting in Des Moines the CRSP Council presented Dr. John Yohe with an award to recognize him for 35 years of outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the CRSPs.

Award received by Dr. John Yohe
from the CRSP Council



Left to Right: Dr. Rob Bertram, Director of the USAID Bureau for Food Security's Office of Agricultural Research and Transformation; Dr. John Yohe, Program Director, INTSORMIL and Dr. Brady Deaton, BIFAD Chair and Chancellor, University of Missouri



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East and Central Africa Regional Sorghum Research/Development Workshop Adama, Ethiopia

September 3-5, 2012 a three-day workshop, sponsored by the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) and International Sorghum and Millet (INTSORMIL CRSP), was held at the Executive Hotel in Adama, Ethiopia. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Professor Charles Wortmann, INTSORMIL's newly appointed Eastern Africa Regional Coordinator, organized the workshop in efforts to develop sorghum research and technology transfer objectives going forward for the region and its collaborating countries.

After introductions and pleasantries were exchanged by the participants (from Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia, Rwanda and the United States), Professor Wortmann officially opened the workshop expressing a specific reminder of what the objectives of the next three days were:

1. Sorghum researchers better informed about activities in the region;
2. Sorghum research priorities and development opportunities identified;
3. Strategic and operational plans for regional collaboration developed with assignment of roles/responsibilities and identification of existing and potential resources, including funding.

With the objectives laid out, representatives from each region gave a brief presentation, in hopes of furthering the understanding of each country's present state of constraints, preferences, input supply, marketing utilization, technology transfer, achieving adoption, and human and institutional capacity for sorghum research and development.

Next, the workshop turned to small group inter-disciplinary discussions to prioritize potential opportunities. Through these small group discussions, the workshop identified the following priority areas: Production, Breeding/Genetics, Markets, Technology Transfer, and Processing & Utilization.

In the spirit of keeping an active and engaging workshop, during the second afternoon, the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) welcomed participants to Melkassa Agricultural Research Center, located on the outskirts of Adama. Here they were given a tour of the agricultural plots and research facilities, with hope of providing a better understanding of EIAR's leading role in influencing agriculture throughout Ethiopia.



Participants of the workshop touring experimental sorghum fields at Melkassa Agricultural Research Center

The following day consisted of participants meeting in small group inter-disciplinary discussions where they prioritized potential opportunities. The focus then shifted to logic models; mapping out situations, inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes of knowledge, behavior/practices and conditions for each of the specific logic models (sorghum breeding, germplasm enhancement, technology transfer, management and production, marketing and process utilization). Back and forth open discussion filtered a multitude of ideas down to concise logic models, with real world working ability within each priority area. For a copy of the logic models please contact Professor Charlie Wortmann at: cwortmann2@unl.edu

As the workshop came to a close, Professor Wortmann expressed his joy for the passionate display of collaboration the past three days. He found particular enthusiasm with the logic models that were created.

The logic models produced from this workshop will provide the direction for future sorghum research and development in Eastern and Central Africa. The organization of this workshop is affirmation of INTSORMIL's continued dedication of fighting world hunger and poverty through research, particularly in Feed the Future's deep dive countries.

For more information on the INTSORMIL CRSP and its collaborators please visit:
INTSORMIL: <http://intsormil.org/index.htm>; ASARECA: <http://www.asareca.org/>; EIAR: <http://www.eiar.gov.et/>



Participants of the workshop gather for a group photo at Melkassa in Adama, Ethiopia