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Trip Report: Peru and Bolivia

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Purpose of Trip: Data entry, assessment and analysis of Household Survey; Field site visit of on-going activities; Meetings with stakeholders; Integration of research in Ancoraimes and Umala; Review of research progress in Peru; Meetings with USAID in Lima and La Paz.

Sites Visited: La Paz, Ancoraimes, and Umala, Bolivia and Lima, Peru

Description of activities:

Cecilia Turin, Silvana Vargas and I coordinated the research activities carried out in Puno. These activities are on-going in Santa María and a second community has been selected. All the communities and sites with on-going experiments on soil amendments, pest dynamics, and biodiversity of potatoes, quinoa and oca were visited. I met with ten students working on their research with the project in each region, and two working across sites. Students are living and working in the rural communities.

Teams have been organized around the research themes across sites. Their objectives are to share skills, to develop comparable approaches, and to integrate the research across institutions. The research themes being pursued are:

Soil amendments – Roberto Miranda (UMSA) will lead with Javier Aguilera and Peter Motavalli. Professor Freddy Navia (UMSA) will lead the GIS effort.

Biodiversity – Enrique Carrasco from PROINPA will be in biodiversity with Karen Garrett, and Jorge Cusicanqui.

Pests and diseases – Miguel Angel Gonzales will lead pests and IPM with Karen Garrett.

Participatory methods – Vivian Polar, Cornelia Flora, Jan Flora, Silvana Vargas, Cecilia Turin, Elizabeth Jimenez, Olga Yana, Edwin Yucra, Corinne Valdivia and Jere Gilles.

Networks and climate - Jere Gilles, Magalí Garcia, and Anji Seth.

Markets and Livelihood Strategies – Elizabeth Jimenez, C. Valdivia, and Porfidia Ajata.

Climate – Anji Seth, Magali Garcia, Roberto Quiroz.



Dr. Jimenez and her team at Universidad de la Cordillera organized the first seminar and discussion of the household survey data with the enumerators and researchers from the different disciplines in which I participated. The data base will be available to the team, and information will be prepared and shared with the communities, along with the maps that were produced from the participatory community assessments.

USAID in La Paz and Lima were briefed on our on going activities. With Jorge Cusicanqui, co-investigator and professor from UMSA, and I met with Ruben Salas, UNDP Small Donations Program. We assisted in developing a proposal to support implementation of adaptation strategies in Ancoraimas. The proposal was funded and will be implemented by UMSA with the four partner communities, as one of the activities under the SANREM CRSP project. This will allow for more farmers to implement farm practices in which they are interested.

Dr. Jimenez and I met with Maria de los Angeles Carvajal from CIPCA to plan the participatory assessments in Apolobamba, planned for January 2007. Dr. Jimenez, members of the National Program of Climate Change in Bolivia, and I met to share research experiences, and they look forward to organizing a conference in which we can participate, as well as develop a network so our research influences their policy formulation.

The design for integrating data from the various research activities being conducted, especially related to participatory assessments has been initiated. We will form a skill's team on participatory methods. Olga Yana and Edwin Yucra were identified for field activities. Vivian Polar from PROINPA will advice them, and be part of the participatory methods skill's team along with Cornelia Flora, Jere Gilles, Elizabeth Jimenez, and Peruvian co-investigators.

Discussed household surveys with Save the Children and about our interest in researching and documenting their approach to market integration in the Altiplano. I also visited with Papa Andina members in Peru and Bolivia about the Participatory market Chain Approach being implemented in Bolivia and Peru. Training opportunities for co-investigators in Bolivia were discussed and I met with all the students conducting their field research in Ancoraimas and Umala.

Suggestions and Recommendations:

1. Continue the effort to integrate by skills and themes with bi-weekly meetings.
2. Develop a plan for participatory research and its integration with the information from the household surveys in the regions.
3. Discuss integration of the data from the multiple research activities through GIS.
4. Implement monthly meetings with stakeholders to share information and identify opportunities for synergies in collaboration.
5. Plan for annual meeting that includes stakeholders. Potentially develop an International Conference right after the SANREM CRSP meetings in Cochabamba.

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