

Identifying synergies with USAID Mission programs and implementing partners

The SANREM CRSP anticipates that successful Long-term Research Award (LTRA) proposals will demonstrate strong synergies and complementarities with USAID Mission programs. SANREM can provide a significant benefit to USAID Missions through research and analyses that inform their strategic direction and programs. USAID staff and implementing partners can provide equally important benefits to CRSP researchers. They have strong relationships with a range of governmental, non-governmental, private sector and civil society stakeholders that may be important partners in CRSP research. They also have ongoing programs that can extend knowledge, approaches, and tools developed by the CRSPs to large numbers of local resource users. We highly recommend that you consider including USAID Missions staff and implementing partners in the participatory process leading to the development of your LTRA proposal. The information below is designed to facilitate the identification of linkages among your research, USAID Mission staff, and implementing partners.

Before contacting USAID Missions we strongly recommend that you learn about the USAID Mission strategic objectives and programs, and identify *specific* linkages between your research and USAID activities. Mission Strategic Objectives (SOs) are extremely important, for they drive USAID activities in-country. Keep in mind that, because of the nature of SANREM themes, there may be Democracy and Governance, Economic Growth, Conflict Mitigation, and other SOs with high potential synergy for your research, even if they are not identified as Agriculture or natural resource management (NRM) SOs.

The USAID website can help you learn about USAID activities. Mission information can be found under the "locations" drop-down menu at: <http://www.usaid.gov/> with links to a USAID directory and Mission-specific websites. Mission websites will have strategic plans and some information on current projects.

Once you have identified linkages between your research and Mission Strategic Objectives and programs, Harry Rea, USAID agreement officer's technical representative for SANREM, is willing to initiate contact with Mission staff. If you would like his assistance, he will need the following:

A short description of your research topic that describes research objectives, specific linkages to Mission SOs and programs, current and potential research partners, and geographic location of the proposed research. Specify the regions of the country in which you plan to work if that is known. This should be concise -- no more than an e-mail screen on the computer -- and can be drawn from your abstract. However, please make sure that all four elements listed above are included. Curriculum vitae of two key researchers (maximum of two).

Permission to forward the technical section of your planning grant proposal to USAID staff in the Mission to provide greater detail about your proposed research. If you would like to send an edited version of the six- page technical section that incorporates feedback from the Evaluation Review Panel, you are welcome to do so. The proposal will be appended to an introductory e-mail that will include the summary information described above.

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