

Horticulture Collaborative Research Support Program

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Abstract

Funded by USAID in 2009, the UC Davis based Horticulture Collaborative Research Support Program (Horticulture CRSP) provides funds for US Universities and their international partners to conduct research and outreach to improve livelihoods and health of the rural poor through high value horticulture. Recognizing the 50 - 80% postharvest losses of horticultural products in the developing world, the Horticulture CRSP has a strong focus on projects addressing postharvest research, outreach, and capacity building. Funding strategies include the Immediate Impact Projects already under way, Pilot Proposals to be funded in 2011, and Exploratory Projects, whose application deadline is July 1, 2010. Horticulture CRSP Associate Awards may also be negotiated with USAID Missions in target countries.



Partner Institutions

Cornell University
University of Hawaii at Manoa
North Carolina State University



Key Horticulture CRSP Issues

Market Systems
Capacity Building
Enabling Environment
Nutrition and Human Health
Sustainable Production Systems
Postharvest Systems and Food Safety
Gender and Horticultural Development

Horticulture CRSP

Objectives

1. Build local scientific & technical capacity
2. Apply research findings and technical knowledge to increase small producers' participation in markets
3. Facilitate the development of policies that improve local horticultural trade and export capacity

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Horticulture CRSP Themes

1. Gender equity
2. Innovative technologies
3. Information accessibility

Immediate Impact Projects

In February, the Horticulture CRSP awarded nearly \$2 million to ten US universities conducting 15 projects in 20 developing countries.

