



**IICA OFFICE IN SURINAME**

***FOUR MONTHLY REPORT***  
***MAY – AUGUST, 2000***

*Paramaribo, August 2000*

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***Report by the IICA Representative  
in Suriname, Mr. Ernani Fiori  
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**2.1.1 General**

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- The limitation of funds are being worked out with the extreme care in the managing of the funds and also being helped thanks to the good spread of the exchange rate that until this moment had granted to the office one difference of 50 to 70% increase for our resources available in dollars if changed into the national currency.

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**1. IDENTIFICATION**

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|---------------------|---|--------------|
| 1.1. Unit           | : | Suriname     |
| 1.2. Period         | : | May - August |
| 1.3. Year           | : | 2000         |
| 1.4. Date of report | : | 22 of August |

**2. RESULTS**

**2.1 Management**

**2.1.1 General**

- During this period the budget of the IICA in Suriname was revised to be replenished with the remaining resources retained by our HQ at the beginning of the year. The TCA presented to CaRC its needs and received US\$ 7.995,00 to increase the TCA budget for 2000. It is less than required and previously reduced, but at least it is something out of nothing.
- The limitation of funds are being sorted out with the extreme care in the managing of the funds and also being helped thanks to the good spread of the exchange rate that until this moment had granted to the office one differential of 50 to 70% increase for our resources available in dollars if changed into the national currency.



- Efforts in the searching for funds from different agencies and sources had been made with good success, but part still needs to wait for decisions from these same sources as Belgian Fund, Canadian Fund, PL 480, European Union, European Funds put into the CARTF and CDI programs, Suralco Foundation, ALCOA Foundation, among others. About some of these funds, it is possible to read in more detail further on in this report and in the Projects Reports.
- Since the first day of May the new Administrator, Miss Yvonne Sital, was contracted for the Office, who already got the first one week training from the Administrator from Guyana. This training is being completed by the same Representative and will continue in September with the presence in Suriname of the Regional Administrator, Miss Susana Dancourt. With this incorporation it is already possible to keep the accounts and administrative controls of the IICA in Suriname in a much better state.
- With this incorporation the positions of the personal were changed in the way to use their best skills at the appropriated positions. New contracts and job descriptions were designed and already in place for the implementation of these jobs. The previous administrator was passed to the position of Technical Secretary and the one that was in this position before passed as Representative Secretary. This new structure is paying well for the Office needs at this moment.
- There were also changes in the physical distribution of the people at the secretarial level and administrative (IICA and CFF) to guarantee a better support and attention to all the work to be done in the same Office and within the CFF Program.
- Together with the CFF Project Coordinator, Aldo Malavasi, the working hours of the CFF personal were also revised to convey more with the general needs of the whole office and be able to profit better of some economies of scale that we could get from it.



- The building repair of the IICA Office in Suriname was completed after 50 days of hard and tedious work. This repair implicated an important movement of the IICA people inside the Office to be able to give space for the complete repair with substitution of parts and major works and painting, which were necessary according to what was already informed in the previous report of IICA/SR. With a very restrict amount of budget from the Quota funds and with the counterpart of the CFF Program it was possible to complete a very good repair that will be sustainable for the next two to four years.

In this same way different parts of the premises and units of the surrounding area of the Office that are being used by IICA were also repaired. It is important to recall that this building and its premises belong to the Ministry of Agriculture and is given to IICA free of rental costs, that must keep it standing.

- A proposal for the salary increase of the national personal of IICA/SR was prepared in July and sent to the HQ to provide an increase for 58,7% according to the cost of living in Suriname, since the last increase that happened in March 1999. The proposal is well addressed and well supported by figures and available resources for it. The cost of living in Suriname has been very volatile and may require a permanent attention of the IICA to avoid to loose competitiveness in the market.
- During the same period one fast assessment of the salary market in Paramaribo was completed to evaluate how IICA/SR was and is in the market. The conclusion is that the dollar base scale is good, but the national currency salary level have to be adjusted according to the cost of living that run close to the movement of the exchange rate variation. The study is being sent to HQ and CaRC to be incorporated to the Regional Survey that the Regional Office is planing to complete for the Caribbean Region. It will be important to convey this study with that survey to make Suriname full incorporated in the general view and policies for the IICA Caribbean Region.



- Program for training the personal of IICA/SR (include the IICA/CFF personal) had been designed for the computer operation and networking and began its implementation with a first training in networking and basics in computer operation. The training will continue in other areas of computer operation as the resources and priorities permit. It is also planned to implement training in "Time Management" and "Communications and Working Together" as a manner to improve our efficiency and complementarily. In all the participation of the technician in these training activities is being considered according to their levels and needs.
- Important efforts and progress had been done for a very careful implementation of the complete norms for the administration and financial operation of the IICA in Suriname. With the new administrator and the one assistant of CFF the office is making very good progress now, in this matter.
- The IICA/SR had been pursuing by all the ways and means to recover the committed Suriname Quotas, 1999 and 2000, to IICA. The political scenario due to the electoral process until the 12<sup>th</sup> of August had been an important set back for some of these actions. Despite all this, an important advance was done by the contacts within the Ministry of Finance to follow up this commitments. There is hopes that in the course of the month of September IICA will be able to receive the amount for the 1999 Quota and perhaps in the course of the rest of the year the correspondent part for 2000.
- The Representation of IICA/SR had been in very deep coordination with the CFF Program for the major financial and administrative efforts to guarantee the compliance of the norms of IICA and the ones required by the donor agencies. The third trench was deposited in the period facilitating the needs and commitments of the CFF.



### 2.1.2 Technical

- On the technical part the results of the Projects based in Suriname are broadly reported together to this presentation (ANNEXES 1,2 and 3).
- The syntactical version with the major achievements within the different thematic areas for the period under revision are described as follows.

#### PROGRAM II: Science and Technology

- **The Fruit Project:**  
A new National Fruit Committee, chaired by the Private sector, was installed (June) by the Minister of Agriculture (LVV) for a two year period. IICA had participated in the design of the new NFC and is participating as advisory body for the same. Decisions are expected to be made within the new Government and new trends may be brought into consideration for the action.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Planning one proposal for strategic plans assessment for the Fruit and Vegetable sub- sectors was drafted. The proposal considers the involvement of the different stack holders related to the two sectors. With the capacity of IICA in Strategic Planning in the Region the collaboration will be granted in the proper time and according to the schedule that will be determined by the new government.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV), Regional Office at Lelydorp, technical assistance was provided to the establishment of 3.5 ha commercial production plot in Passion Fruit.

- Based on a request from the entrepreneurial Foundation and the LVV, the CA contacted EMBRAPA in Brazil for cashew germplasm. The contact was established and there is expectation that in the close future material will be exchanged.

- Through the intermediary of IICA/SR, a donation of 218 kg of a wide variety of vegetable and flower seeds was received by the Ministry of Agriculture, provided and promoted by the Agrifuture Foundation. This promotion is being pursued with the collaboration of the IICA/SR through one project designed in conjunction by LVV and IICA and other participant organizations as the Ministry of Education and different NGOs. This project was already placed for the approval and funding of Belgian Funds.

There is important work to be done prior the launching of the project, regarding the selection of the material sent to Suriname and to test it to verify potential for germination and also for recognition of some of the materials sent that are not known in Suriname.

- Special expectation is being placed again around the possibilities to have some of the PL-480 funds disbursed in favor of the Project. First amount was granted already. It is one small portion remnant from last year and a very small portion in comparison to the owed until now from the PL480 to the project, but it is an opening and a change in the trend until now.
- In the course of the period of this report the IICA/SR received the request from one group of private investors interested in the support of IICA for the analyzing of opportunities and in feasibility study for a Dairy Industry to be established in Suriname.



In accordance with this investors contacts were initiated with different countries, through our TCAs, to search for similar industries, experiences and expertise to offer for this investors as a first approach for their better understanding of the challenges for this type of investment. Further conversation might take place to settle the possible type of relations between IICA and the group. Good chance to use IICA capacities to do an important contribution.

### PROGRAM III: Agricultural Health and Food Safety

- During the period of this report the CARPHIN, WTO/SPS Compliance and Emergency Committee had been in Suriname to implement the follow up of the Regional Project for the country on the matters of the operation of the three Committees on the same area. During one week in this period the Regional Specialist, Miss. Maxine Parris Aaron, based in Guyana, gave her support and dedicated consideration to the different demands and trends on the subject.

Reports were send in the respective time, but it is important to recall that together with the Representative, the Regional Specialist, discussed deeply the interest of the Ministry of Agriculture for further support and specially revised the three project proposals prepared together with LVV in 1999 and to be placed for funding sourcing. Also on the same occasion a visit was paid to the PAHO/OMS Representative in Suriname to explore and to confirm the interest of the Project to keep coordinating with the different international organizations in areas of common interest, as in the case of PAHO, the Food Safety. Conversations might be pursued and implemented with concrete actions.

- Following up to this visit the discussions of the three mentioned projects had been continued within the Ministry of Agriculture. The Representative in Suriname had been involved following up this matter and the others for the Project during and after that visit.



- Inside of this Program area the main project in Suriname had been the CFF, that keeps doing an important contribution for Suriname as well for the rest of its Regional scope.
- During the period there was once again the presence of the Regional Coordinator in Suriname, from 17 of July to the 9 of August.
- Guyana and Amapá remain free of CFF. No captures in Guyana since April 98 and only 8 males in the city of Oiapoque from January up to end of July. In 1999 48 flies were captured.
- The CFF population in Saint Georges remains very low. A residual population is still being captured – around 5-12 individuals per 2-weeks. The team will be reduced in Saint Georges and their components transferred for the operations in Régina.
- The first release of *D. longicaudata* in French Guiana was carried out in June 5-8 in Saint Georges. An estimate number of 900,000 wasps were released in the village by a French-Brazilian team.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tranche of Dutch Funds was successfully received in June, 2000.
- Parasitoids released in Oiapoque area of Brazil in June, 2000.
- One truck and one computer donated to the quarantine office of the Ministry of Agriculture in Suriname in June, 2000 to strengthen their capacity of operation.
- Second Public information campaign started from the beginning until the end of August with radio & television broadcasting in Paramaribo.
- Improvement of National CFF/LVV office in Suriname by starting construction of a storage building for block and chemical supplies in August, 2000.

#### PROGRAM IV: Rural Development

- The IRD Project had been doing important progresses in the period, especially due to the major time available from the specialist and coordinator of the Project to dedicate to it, as already was mentioned in the previous report.
- Different projects had been prepared by the Project coordinator together with the respective counterparts to be placed in different external funds that have conditions to support the same with resources for different purposes.
- Agro-Forestry Demonstration and Training Unit (ADTU) established with different ongoing activities as: training, validating of improved farming practices, cropping systems and technology transfer, agro forestry cropping, system of production and rotation, soil improvement, organic farming practices among others. At least eight (8) farmers in process of adopting agro-system.
- Planting material distributed to farmers in five (5) villages: citrus (100); coconut (150); cashew (40).
- Increased quantity of peanuts supplied to marketing service during current period from about fifteen (15) participating village-communities.
- Group of farmers (15) trained by IRD project to serve as extension field assistants, but establishment of extension service deferred. Project team continuing with programmed extension work.
- In collaboration with the CCD for the Moravian Church the following were provided to five (5) villages: chain saws (4), brush cutters (4) and irrigation pumps (2).



- Construction of two (2) nurseries well advanced, but already supplying vegetables and vegetable planting material. In collaboration with LVV nursery planting material supplied to coconut-farmers (150), citrus (100) and cashew (40).
- Community trained extension field assistants. Personnel trained fifteen (15), but initiation / formalization of service postponed.
- Marketing Service strengthened and expanded. Marketing service in six (6) villages strengthened through the provision of weighing scales, wheel barrows and other marketing service inputs.
- Agro-Processing Pilot Plant established. Construction of building well advanced. Sub-project prepared and submitted to CARTF in collaboration with CARIRI, for development and commercialization of products from cassava / peanuts and selected fruits.
- Four (4) Cassava mills previously provided and two (2) peanut Sheller purchased for marketing service.
- Organization and Management of small farm and non-farm groups strengthened to support community actions. Women's marketing groups in twelve (12) villages in support of produce marketing service receive practical training in marketing practices.
- Alliances with sub-regional, national and international organizations and agencies strengthened. Continuing collaboration with Abenaston Foundation for Development (ASO), Center for Community Development (CCD), Farmers and Workers Federation (FAL), National Women Movement (NVM) and Ministries of Agriculture & Regional Development.
- Project Proposals prepared and submitted for external financing: establishment of a Farmers Training Center for the Upper Suriname River Basin and Development and Commercialization of Products Based on Cassava, Peanut and Selected fruits.



- Reactivation of Training and Information Dissemination Activities. Programmed activities for the completion of: one (1) or two (2) documentaries (20 - 25 min) of project activities and the community; two (2) short public relations / publicity documentaries (10 - 12 min), a number of video training modules and newsletter "KOBOGO" for interior community.

#### AREA: Information and Communication

- Within this Program, the IICA/SR had been working with the Ministry of Agriculture and the University of Suriname to establish one network to operate the integration to SIDALC. Four meetings were held in the period of this report and both organizations agreed to conduct an inter-institutional effort in which the University will take the coordination and the training role. Both institutions are preparing the project proposal to be financed part by IICA and the other part by some external funds to be pursued.

The IICA/SR already did the search for the equipment in US to bring into Suriname, as soon as both organizations agree on the project and roles of each one. There is a good enthusiasm for this development and it is seen as of great help for the same coordination and more fluid relations between both national organizations and to link Suriname with the different other countries in the hemisphere.

For this project it is also being considered to bring and use the computers available in the United States.

- The IICA/SR requested to the IICA/Barbados their good material for distance education to promote in Suriname the possibilities of this method through the University, LVV and other organizations such the Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Industry or Agriculture Associations. IICA/SR will contact the University and some of the other potential users to see how they can benefit from this good instrument and method of distance education.

- The project of seeds, already mentioned before (PROGRAM II), is also being forged to promote information among students and their parents to do well and be able to increase their diet. Through this specific project is also in consideration the distribution of the Computers that the Agrifuture Foundation had offered as available with low cost to be brought to Suriname. All these processes are pending to the initiation of the Seed Project after the LVV receives the funds from the possible donor: Belgian Fund.



### 3. EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE UNIT

Name of event	Subject Area	No. of participants	
		IICA	Others
AGROFAIR 2000 (finalization) (From 26 April) until 1 of May, 2000	IICA Promotion	8	20.000
Youth Painting Contest (finalization) (From 20 April) until 1 of May, 2000	IICA Promotion	Coordination	110
Visit of Venezuelan and Colombian team for training for implementation of a regional fruit fly detection program in the Andes region. May 7-13, 2000	Agricultural Health	2	5
Presence of the Regional Coordinator Aldo Malavasi to follow up on CFF actions in Suriname and French Guiana July 17 - August 9, 2000	Agricultural Health	2	3
4 <sup>th</sup> Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting held in Iguassu Falls August 26-28, 2000	International cooperation	5	8
Visit of the Specialist in Agriculture Health Maxine Parris. Paramaribo, SR. May 22-26, 2000.	Agricultural Health	2	18
Suriname Caraphin Committee Meeting, to follow up advances and provide recommendations for operation. May 22, 2000	Agriculture Health and Food Safety	2	8



<p>LVV Committee on AH&amp;FS Meeting to analyze Three Project Proposals prepared by LVV and IICA. May 23 and 24, 2000</p> <p>Suriname WTO/SPS Committee Meeting to analyze advances and provide recommendations for operation. May 24, 2000</p> <p>University of Suriname (Faculty of Technology), LVV and IICA meetings to convey the strategy and plan for SIDALC in Suriname. Project in design. Four (4) meetings. May to July, 2000</p> <p>Seed Project design and revision with LVV to receive and distribute Seeds For Hope, requested by IICA/SR from Agrifuture Foundation. Project designed and presented to external funds. 2 meetings June and July, 2000</p> <p>Strategic Planning methodology and implementation alternatives meeting with LVV and Ministry of Planning. June 22, 2000</p>	<p>AH&amp;FS</p> <p>AH&amp;FS</p> <p>Information and Documentation</p> <p>Program II and Information and Communication</p> <p>Program II</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>3</p> <p>5</p>
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<p>Training of the IICA/SR personal in operation of Networking system. Two groups of personal, 6h/group May and June, 2000</p> <p>Training in Computer Basics One group, 4h, May, 2000</p> <p>Training of the New IICA/SR Administrator by the IICA/GUY Administrator in SR and other personal of GG.SS. May , 2000</p>	<p>Improvement efficiency of IICA and CFF Personal</p> <p>Improvement efficiency of IICA and CFF Personal</p> <p>Improvement efficiency of IICA and CFF Personal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
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#### 4. ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED

During the period of this report the IICA/SR had progressed, in a very favorable and very fast way of responding, very well to the different needs and challenges presented externally and internally to the different levels of personal and responsibilities in the Office.

In the external front it is important to refer to the important advances and progress done by the IRD Project given the major time dedication of the Coordinator and articulation with different other institutional capacities. Despite the restriction of funds the Project had done good progress in the accomplishment of goals and in the search for funds and for new sources of funds together with the Representation. It is so for the Canada Funds, CARTF Fund, European Community fund for Mini Projects, ALCOA Foundation, SURALCO Foundation, among others.

In the area of Fruit Crop, despite the lack of funds, nationals and quotas, until the end of the period, it was possible to do good improvement in the establishment of new relations with levels of the Government that can be more effective in helping decisions to be taken for a better and more sustainable basis. In this regard and during the period of this report the efforts around the area of the Project went more toward the preoccupation with process for strategic decisions and policy making that are required to orientate the different agriculture sub-sectors with special reference to Fruit and Vegetables. External resources assessment was also an important concern for this area of action as mentioned before.

In the Area of AH&FS the CFF had continued doing important advances and operating in complete synphony with all the administrative requirements of IICA and well coordinated with IICA Office in SR.

In this same area of AH&FS reference have to be done to the first presence in the year of the Regional Specialist based in Guyana. Her presence gave new boost to the different Committees surrounding the areas of AH&FS.

The scarce resources available are expected to increase and be more favorable for a more time presence of that specialist in Suriname to guarantee a more profitable response for the good capacity IICA has in the Region in this area.



New areas were brought into the scenario and into the interest of Suriname with two new types of projects. One in the area of Information and Communication done under the scope of SIDALC. It is an apparent small project in resources, but that can pay back very well for the needs of coordination and information among the University of Suriname and the Ministry of Agriculture together with IICA, as three starter organizations.

The second type of Project or action that might produce a very good pay back is in the area of Seeds for Hope, as mentioned in chapter before.

Different contacts continue to pay back for the image of IICA and the better information about our actions in the Country as one of the good outcomes from the AGRO 2000 mentioned largely in the previous Report (January-April 2000). But also the different Projects are considering and reconsidering programs of promotion and diffusion of their achievements together with the Representation.

Internally the progresses of IICA/SR are very concrete in different areas as the administration with a new Administrator since the beginning of the period under information (May). The modifications on the structure of the personal brought a complete new life and trend to the operation of the services of the office. The physical infrastructure was profoundly revised and improved bringing a much better space for work.

There is a fluent relation of all the levels of the IICA in Suriname with the different counterparts and organizations, national, internationals, NGOs and similar.

The impact of the actions are being perceived by the different actors and counterparts. To the point that IICA is being called to respond to the needs in the areas in which the expertise are present.

Among others there are also the recognition from the private sector calling upon IICA to help in the development of their interests.



The articulation with other International Organizations have been well persuaded by the Representation in Suriname. Special relations and expectations for joint efforts are opened with PAHO/WHO and UUNN/UNIFEM. With the OAS the relation is permanent and of mutual support and profitable.

Although the important changes and advances done in this short period, can not be forgotten that changes always are traumatic and affect people and operations. Specially when the changes were and are done from the very top of the hierarchy of the administration until the different level of general services of the Office to the same physical infrastructure. The complete pay back and adjustment of trends and styles need time to settle in a very effective mode as has been, and is, the intention and the scope of all this adjustments, as mentioned in the document prepared by the New Representative in his Plan of Action for the IICA Representation in Suriname (prepared in February/March 2000 for the years 2000/2001) and sent together with the previous Four Month Report from IICA/SR.

## **5. PERFORMANCE**

To be prepared by the Regional Office.

## **6. CHANGES IN THE CONTEXT THAT AFFECT IICA'S ACTIONS**

The major trend in the period under report was the election of the new 51 members of the National Assembly (Parliament) on the 25 of the May and from the NA the election of the New President of Suriname that was empowered as such on the 12 of August of 2000.

At the same time a complete change of the Cabinet of the Government happened since the 14 of August.

This new Government with a different approach from the previous one may grant new trends and commitments for IICA.

The Representative met with the new Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Geetapersad Gangaran Panday, presenting to him the salutations of IICA and the disposition to continue the cooperation with LVV.

Specifically in the Ministry of Agriculture is still there as Permanent Secretary the same person who had been before and who knows IICA very well. There is no time guarantee for his permanence.

Other contacts were done in more informal bases with the Ministry of Planning and his possible Permanent Secretary. Very good interest and disposition to work together with IICA in relation with LVV and the private sector.

The general political ambience is good but the new trend of the New Government is not clear yet. Many hopes in many people and specially in the population.

The trend keeps the same and in so the IICA/SR continues working as well and as much as before.

## **7. PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS AND LIMITATIONS ENCOUNTERED**

The principal limitation keeps being the financial restrictions specially the resources committed by the government from three years ago now that it have been delayed since 1999. Some hopes were opened at the end of the previous Government but it is to be seen with the new Government what the chances are to recover what is due until now.

Due to the lack of funds the national components of the Regional Projects, Program II and Program III, could not operate properly in the period. The Fruit Project presented the budget proposal at the end of the period and is being assessed by the IICA/SR specialist to conform the final budget proposal for the national component.



The AH&FS Project could not present yet the final version for immediate implementation for 2000. One version of the proposed project was received to be financed by UE but no funds were made available until the end of this period.

#### 8. **CORRECTIVE MEASURES AND MATTERS PENDING RESOLUTION**

More than issues to be corrected or modified are mentioned here issues that are already receiving all the considerations and attention from the IICA/Suriname but are of extreme importance to keep in mind.

In this regard will continue the efforts to amplify external resources and keep the high quality type of work in all the levels of the organization endeavors with efficiency and dedication as is being done.

Will continue the efforts to train the personal in IICA/SR and to organize well the different processes and operations to pursue efficiency and impact.

Impact is the other issue that have been<sup>0</sup> and will continue to be of special preoccupation in all the efforts of IICA/SR, to guarantee the good reputation and respect, amplifying, in this way, the chances to be more and better known and supported.



May - August 2000

**Integrated Rural Development Project (IRD),  
George Buckmire, Rural Development Specialist  
MAY - AUGUST, 2000**

1.6	ENGINEERING DATE	July 1, 1997 - Ending Date: June 30 Jan. July 01, 1998 Ending Date: June 2001
1.7	SOURCES OF FINANCING	Grant US\$ 11, 000 Government - 25, 400, 000 US\$ 2, 000
1.8	DATE OF REPORT	August 16, 2000
1.9	APPROVED BY	George F. Buckmire Rural Development Specialist

**Paramaribo, August 2000**



# INTEGRATED RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## FOUR (4) MONTHLY REPORT

(May thru August 2000)

1. IDENTIFICATION
  - 1.1 TITLE : Integrated Rural Community Development Project – Upper Suriname River Basin
  - 1.2 TYPE OF INSTRUMENT : Project 1.3. Code: A2002SID03100  
E9002SID03100
  - 1.4 STRATEGIC TOPIC : Rural Development
  - 1.5 GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE : National
  - 1.6 BEGINNING DATE : July 01,1997 Ending Date: June 30  
Rev. July 01,1998 Ending Date: June, 2001
  - 1.7 SOURCES OF FUNDING : Quota : US\$ 11, 000  
External – PL-480/LVV : US\$12,000
  - 1.8 DATE OF REPORT : August 16, 2000
  - 1.9 RESPONSIBLE : George E. Buckmire  
Rural Development Specialist

11 RESULTS ACHIEVED

PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement) For Period For Year	SITUATION (Comments)
(ER-1) Agro-Forestry Demonstration and Training Unit (ADTU) established for demonstration and training VPI.1 Agro-Forestry Demonstration and Training Unit established	VPI.1 ADTU established with the following ongoing activities: - validating of improved cropping systems - agro-forestry cropping system and rotation - soil improvement and management practices - improved system of compost making and application - practical field training of farmers - on-going maintenance work. - organic farming practices	75-80 75-80	Operations at the ADTU are ongoing involving improved farming practices and technology transfer - On time -



PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement For Period	SITUATION For Year (Comments)
(ER-2) Improved Farming Systems Promoted and adopted			
VP2.1 - agro-forestry crop production Systems	- At least eight (8) farmers in process of adopting agro-forestry system	40	- Ongoing process
VP2.2 - crop rotation production systems	- Farmers are progressively adopting improved practices, relevant to their immediate needs, within their farming system	60	- On-time -
VP2.3 - other farming system models	- Planting material distributed to farmers in five (5) villages, citrus (100); coconut(150); cashew (40). Supporting the crop diversification objective of the project.		
(ER-3) Improvements in Farming Systems and Practices by Participating Farmers	- By observation a significant increase in the acreage planted especially with peanuts and cassava.	75	First crop of peanut production in Based Area during the period- Estimated 12-15 ha. in total.
VP3.1 Significant increase in farm production.	- Increased quantity of peanuts supplied to marketing service during current period from about fifteen (15) participating village-communities.	30	By the end of July the marketing service had purchased over five (5) tons of peanut or about 66 percent of total production

PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement) For Period	For Year	SITUATION (Comments)
(ER-4) Farmers receive ongoing training in improved farming system, and practices				Classroom training suspended for period due to budgetary constraints but limited field training continuing
VP4.1 - Providing small group of community extension field assistants	- Group of farmers (15) trained by IRD project to serve as extension field assistants but establishment of extension service deferred. Project team continuing with programmed extension work.	50	50	Establishment of proposed service deferred due to budgetary constraints - On time - Project team continuing Field extension work
(ER-5) Support Provided to Farmers in form of Small Tools and Implements		30	30	
VP5.1 - Mechanism established to Facilitate access to tool and small implements	- In collaboration with the CCD for the Moravian Church the following were provided to five (5) villages: - chain saws (4) - brush cutters (4) - irrigation pumps (2)	100	50*	- On time -



PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement) For Period	For Year	SITUATION (Comments)
(ER-6) Farmers have easier Access to Planting Material				
VP6.1 - Small nursery established and providing/selling planting material to farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Construction of two (2) nurseries well advanced but already supplying vegetables and vegetable planting material</li> <li>- In collaboration with LVV nursery planting material supplied to farmers-coconuts (150) citrus (100), cashew (40)</li> </ul>	80	50	- On-time -
(ER-7) Farmers have easier access to primary agricultural services:				
VP7.1 - Small nursery supplying planting material	Two (2) small nurseries under construction	80	50	- On-time -
VP7.2 - Community trained extension field assistants	Personnel trained fifteen (15) but initiation/formalisation of service postponed	50	50	- Behind Schedule due to budgetary constraints

PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement) For Period	SITUATION (Comments)
VP7.3 - Marketing Service strengthened and expanded	Project receiving request for service from other villages. Significant increase in peanut purchases during current season. Marketing service in six (6) villages strengthened through the provision of weighting scales, wheel barrows and other marketing service input	100  50	- On-time - Due to budgetary constraints further expansion restricted. Service in participating villages strengthened through supply of inputs provided by the CCD.
VP7.4 - Revolving Credit Fund	On-going consultations with the Abenaston Foundation for Development (ASO)	25  50	- On-time -
VP7.5 - Technical and Advisory Support	Ongoing technical assistance and support provided by Project to marketing service incl. transportation and training	100  40	- On-time -
(ER-8) Primary Farm Production and Agro-Processing Linkages Improved and Strengthened			
VP8.1 - Agro-Processing Pilot Plant Established	Construction of building well advanced. Sub-project prepared and submitted to CARTF in collaboration with CARIRI, for development and commercialization of products from cassava/ peanuts and selected fruits	15  50	- On-time -



PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement) For Period	SITUATION For Year (Comments)
VP8.2 - Four (4) or five (5) villages provided with: a) cassava mill b) peanut mill	Four (4) (Cassava mills previously provided) Two (2) peanut shellers purchased for marketing service	(100)  50	- Behind Schedule - Due to budgetary constraints. Final field testing of shellers which are being built for the project. The mills will significantly improve and facilitate shelling of nuts which is both time consuming and costly.
ER-9) Organisation and Management of small farm and non-farm groups strengthened to support community actions:			
VP9.1- village-community groups better organised and managed	Women's marketing groups in twelve (12) villages in support of produce marketing service receive practical training in marketing practices	75	- On-time -
VP9.2 - Greater Participation and Support from Community Groups in Economic and Social Structures and Activities	Village "Gangasa" (village kitchen) Committee established in five (5) villages to construct and operate "gangasa" now in construction.  Provision or support to villages (5) with chain saws and other construction tools for construction of Gangasas.	80	- On-time - Support provided under the Canada Fund agreement and funding for construction of five (5) gangasas.

PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement) For Period For Year	SITUATION (Comments)
(ER-10) Transfer of Technology through Training			
VP10.1 - Improved Farming Systems and Practices (4x25)	On-farm training progressing Project received request from National Women's Movement to provide training of women	75	Due to budgetary constraints planned training courses have been re-scheduled
VP10.2 - Farm Extension Methodologies and Practices (3x10)	Rescheduled		Training activities however were intensified focussing on practical on-farm training by IRD Project team.
VP10.3 - Food Preparation and Family Nutrition (3x25)	Rescheduled		
VP10.4 - Small Business Organisation and Management (3x20)	Rescheduled		
VP10.5 - Small Group Organisation and Management (3x25)	Rescheduled		
VP10.6 - National Resources Management And Conservation (2x25)	Rescheduled		



PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement) For Period For Year	SITUATION (Comments)
VP10.7 - Handicraft Production and Marketing (2x25)	Collaborated with "CARABASI" in the purchasing of calabash items(value ---) for International Fair	100 60	- On-time -
(ER.11) Alliances with sub-regional national and international organizations and agencies strengthened			
VP11.1- Close collaboration with NGO's, Government Ministries, national and international agencies etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuing collaboration with : Abenaston Foundation for Development (ASO) Centre for Community Development (CCD) - Farmers and Workers Federation (FAL) - National Women Movement (NVM) - Ministries of Agriculture &amp; Regional Development</li> </ul>	100 60	- On-time -

PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES	RESULTS ACHIEVED	CURRENT STATES (% Physical Achievement) For Period	SITUATION (Comments)
(ER-12) Collaboration with responsible Government Ministries and Agencies to provide and improve supporting village-community social and physical infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of plans and site (provided by Abenaston) for Project building and accommodation</li> <li>- Construction of five (5) village kitchens (Gangasa)</li> <li>- Construction of Agro-Processing Pilot Plant</li> </ul>	100	- On-time -
<u>Unprogrammed Activities:</u> 1. Preparation of sub-projects	<p>Project Proposals prepared and submitted for external financing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) establishment of a Farmers Training Centre for the Upper Suriname River Basin</li> <li>ii) Development and commercialization of products based on cassava, peanut, and selected fruits.</li> </ul>	60	<p>Training centre for farmers in conjunction with and to complement the agro-forestry Demonstration and Training Unit.</p> <p>Project formulated in Collaboration with CARIRI to support commercial activities, income generation and employment.</p>
1. Reactivation of Training and Information Dissemination Activities	<p>Programmed activities for the completion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- one (1) or two(2) documentaries (20-25 min) of project activities and the community</li> <li>- two (2) short public relations/ publicity documentaries (10-12 min)</li> <li>- a number of video training modules</li> <li>- Newsletter "KOBOGO" for interior community</li> </ul>		<p>Exercise was already started but shelved due to budgetary constraints; completion will depend on availability of adequacy funding.</p>



### III ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE PROJECT

#### 3.1 Progress in Execution

##### Overall Percentage of Achievement

The IRD Project activities are planned for execution over the plan period of one year (2000) with a few activities scheduled for completion by March 2000 and others by mid-year. Information on activities or actions completed "on time" or "behind schedule" are shown as follows:

	Activities\Actions Scheduled for Completion by March 2000	Activities\Actions Scheduled for Completion by June 2000	Activities\Actions Scheduled for Completion by December 2000
Number	2	5	
	ER-4 (VP.5.1) ER-7 (VP.7.2)	ER-1 (VP.1.1) ER-5 (VP.5.1)  ER-8 (VP.8.1)	ER-2 (VP.2.1-2-3) ER-3 (VP.3.1) ER-6 (VP.6.1) ER-7 (VP.7.4) ER-10(VP.10.) ER-11(VP.11.1) ER-12(VP.12.1)
Status	Behind Schedule	-On time-	-On time-
Situation	Only partially executed; ER.7 rescheduled pending availability of funds		ER.10-rescheduled pending availability of funds

Based on the levels of progress indicated above, the project had an "overall percentage of achievement" of eighty (80) percent during the second period of year 2000 in (May - Aug).

#### Principal Factors Contributing To Level of Performance

A number of factors contributed to the satisfactory level of performance suggested by the above percentage of achievement.

- resumption by the Project Leader of his substantive position and positive management of the project;
- concerted effort to accelerate execution of the project following the slow rate of progress during the preceding two (2) years;
- following the 1999 review mission priority attention was given to two (2) components, farm production and marketing;
- Access to External Canada Fund and support CCD.

### Adequacy of Qualified Personnel

Due to the high and increasing cost of project execution in the interior and budgetary constraints, the project operated with a minimum core team of qualified personnel.

### Efficiency of Financial Execution

Preparation and submission for external funding two (2) sub- projects  
Establishing of Farmers Training Centre at Abenaston  
Development and Commercialization of Cassava and Peanut Based products.

These two sub-projects, if approved, will complement ongoing project activities, viz field training activities at the Agro- forestry Demonstration and Training Unit and the Pilot Agro- Processing Centre.

The project has also reactivated the activity to strengthen the training efforts through the production of training videos. Also it will continue the work in the preparation of two (2) documentaries, two (2) short publicity and public relations selected videos and a Newsletter for the interior people as the primary target group.

### 3.2 Usefulness of the Results Achieved

- acquiring skills and knowledge in improved farming systems including alternate cropping systems, use of organic manure etc.
- easier access to some farm production inputs and supplies such as improved seeds and other planting material.
- access to farm produce marketing service and income from sale of crops, for the period March - July, there was an injection into the community from sale of produce.
- better informed women on the nutritional value and improved ways of food preparation and processing.
- women are better informed on the organisation and management of small community groups and potential advantages of group action.
- village-community leadership better informed and sensitized to the responsibilities and on various aspects of community development.
- community better informed on the value and management of its natural resources
- a number of village-communities will directly benefit from the provision or improvement of social and economic structures including agro-processing pilot plant and gangasa.
- progressive improvements in community self-reliance and capacity building.

### 3.3 Objective Evidence of Progress in Achieving Final Products and the Specific Objective

The community has achieved positive benefits as a direct result of the project, contributing to the attainment of the final products.

- a) The adoption of improved farming practices
  - contributing to increasing family food production and nutritional food security



- advancing the process of achieving sustainable agriculture and rural development
- b) The provision of a produce marketing service
  - providing for the first time opportunities for farm families to earn cash income from the sale of produce.
- c) Improvements in agro-processing
  - contributing to the agro-processing of a few marketable commodities and generation of income.

These changes are contributing to the attainment of some important final products of the project viz. Improvements in family living conditions and community well being generally.

Results                      Contributing to the Specific Objective of the Project

The results of improved farming, agro-processing and marketing are reinforced by improvements in the level of village-community cooperation and participation in project's activities directly or through better organised and strengthened women's groups and village-community leadership.

Together the above factors will contribute to the social and economic viability of the community and sustainable development and the specific objective of the project.

**IV. PROBLEMS THAT HINDERED EXECUTION OR PROJECT**

The most serious and persisting problem affecting the execution of the project, is the continuing uncertainty and unavailability of approved external (PL-480) funds. As reported previously, following the initial disbursement at the start of the project in July 1997, only a partial disbursement of Sf10m (less than 10 percent of programmed funding) was made in 1999. No funds have as yet been released to the project for year 2000. This uncertainty and inadequacy of external funding has seriously affected the implementation of the project's activities. To compound this situation some uncertainty has arisen with respect to the availability of some unspent funds from the 1999 partial disbursement.

V. CORRECTIVE MEASURES REQUIRED

Description of Measures	Responsible Unit	Preferable Date	Complimentary Resources
Continuing discussions with relevant Govt. Ministries	Suriname CA	on going	Canada Fund
Exploring Alternative sources of funding	Suriname CA	on going highest priority	Canada Fund

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**ANNEX II**

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***Paramaribo, August 2000***

## FOUR MONTHLY PROJECT REPORT

### 1 IDENTIFICATION

- 1.1 Unit : Suriname
- 1.2 Title : Supporting the Development of Tropical Fruits  
in the Caribbean - National Component
- 1.3 Code :
- 1.4 Strategic Topic: II - Science, Technology and Natural Resources
- 1.5 Type : Multinational
- 1.6 Funding : Quota / External PL- 480
- 1.7 Period : May - August, 2000
- 1.8 Date of Report : August 10, 2000
- 1.9 Responsible person: Hesdy G. Ormskerk, Fruit & Vegetable Specialist



## 2. RESULTS

Programmed Activities / Actions	Results achieved for Reporting period	Current status/ % Physio-Cal achievement		Situation (comments)
		For period	For Year	
a. Supporting the NFC	A new National Fruit Committee, chaired by the Private sector, was installed (June) by the Minister of Agriculture (LVV) for a two year period	Finalized		Workprogramme under preparation
b. Draft document on Strategic Planning prepared	In collaboration with the representative a draft proposal for the assessment of strategic plans for the Fruit and Vegetable sub-sector formulated	Draft version for review		Awaiting comments of the collaborating ministries of Planning (PLOS) and Agriculture (LVV)
c. On-going activities in establishing a passion fruit pilot demonstration plot (1 ha) in the District of Coronie.	Trellising system almost in place			50 % planted
c. Technical assistance Provided	In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) Regional Office at Lelydorp technical assistance provided to two (2) beginning passion- fruit female farmers in establishing a 3.5 ha commercial production plot			Field activities (nursery and land preparation) started with assistance of LVV - Lelydorp.
e. Germplasm sourced	Based on a request from the entrepreneurial Foundation the CA contacted EMBRAPA in Brazil for cashew germplasm			Awaiting reply from EMBRAPA
f. Vegetable seeds donated	Through the Agrifuture Foundation IICA-SR intermediated in the donation of 218 kg of a wide variety of vegetable and flower seeds	Seeds received in July and in storage at LVV		Project document for validation of selected non- traditional varieties prepared by the Seed Technology Department of LVV
g. Coordination meeting on Strategic Planning attended.	Together with the Representative a coordination meeting was organized with the Ministry of Planning (PLOS) and Agriculture (LVV) for the initiation of strategic plans for the fruit and vegetable sub- sectors			Draft Plan of Action prepared and under review by both ministries

### 3 PROBLEMS THAT HUNDRED EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

- Limited or no funds (PL- 480) as a result of delayed disbursements by the Ministry of Finance
- No quota resources assigned for the multi-national project, pending approval of the new project document and the Plan of Operation for the national component.

### 4 CORRECTIVE MEASURES REQUIRED

Description of measures	Responsible Unit	Preferable Date
Intensify efforts to get approved funds disbursed	Suriname CA	ASAP
Attract alternative funding resources	Suriname CA/ CaRC	ASAP





**Regional Program for the Eradication of the  
Carambola Fruit Fly in South America (CFF),  
MAY – AUGUST, 2000**

*Paramaribo, August 2000*

REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE ERADICATION OF THE CARAMBOLA  
FRUIT FLY IN SOUTH AMERICA

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4-MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORT

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1. IDENTIFICATION:

UNIT: Suriname

Four-monthly period: May / August

Year: 2000

2. RESULTS

2.1 Strategic topics

- Financial support to CFF personnel in Guyana from May through August, 2000
- 3rd Tranche of Dutch Funds successfully received in June, 2000
- Parasitoides released in Oiapoque area of Brazil in June, 2000.
- One truck and one computer donated to the quarantine office of the Ministry of Agriculture in Suriname in June, 2000
- Visit to French Guiana and Oiapoque/Regina area by the Regional and Assistant Regional Coordinator to follow up on CFF actions in July, 2000
- Second Public information campaign started from beginning until the end of August with radio & television broadcasting in Paramaribo.
- Improvement of National CFF office in Suriname by starting construction of a storage building for block and chemical supplies in August, 2000



### 3 Events Organized by the Unit

Name of event	Subject Area	No. of participants		Duration (days)
		IICA	Others	
Visit of Venezuelan and Colombian team for training for implementation of a regional fruit fly detection program in the Andes region. May 7-13, 2000	Agricultural Health	2	5	6
4 <sup>th</sup> Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting to be held in Iguassu Falls August 26-28, 2000	International cooperation	5	8	3
Presence of the Regional Coordinator Aldo Malavasi to follow up on CFF actions in Suriname and French Guiana July 17 – August 9, 2000	Agricultural Health			

#### 4 ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED

1. The Saramacca district – west of Paramaribo is now under intensive control due to persistent focus in some areas. After an initial sharp drop in the second semester of 99, close to zero, the CFF population raised again in February. All efforts are being made to eradicate such hot spots.
2. Guyana and Amapá remains free of CFF. No captures in Guyana since April 98 and only 8 males in city of Oiapoque from Jan up to end of July. In 1999 were captured 48 flies.
3. The CFF population in Saint Georges remains very low. A residual population is still being captured – around 5-12 individuals per 2-weeks. The team will be reduced in Saint Georges and their components transferred for the operations in Régina.
4. The first release of *D. longicaudata* in French Guiana was carried out in June 5-8 in Saint Georges. An estimate number of 900,000 wasps were released in the village by a French-Brazilian team.
5. In June, the programme transferred to the Quarantine Service of the Ministry of Agriculture of Suriname, one 1996 4-wheel drive double-cabin truck and one Pentium computer in order to increase the infrastructure of the service.

#### 5 CHANGES IN CONTEXT THAT AFFECT IICA'S ACTION

##### 5.1. Principal Developments

None

##### 5.2 Implications for IICA

None



## 6 PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS AND LIMITATIONS ENCOUNTERED

### 6.1 Within the unit

1. Due to the rainy season, several planned aerial sprayings were canceled which slowed down the operations. This same rainy season reduced the effectiveness of the control and caused a reemergence of the fly in one area close to being under control.

### 6.2 Externally

1. CFF Programme in French Guiana not functioning proper due to extremely slow actions undertaken with an excess of bureaucracy. The present size of the staff is absolutely insufficient to reach the control: there are only 4 persons in the field carrying out control activities at a very high cost. There is a large lack of coordination among the organizations involved in the programme and CIRAD. There are no action plans established for the programme. If the present status remains the programme must fail causing extremely difficulties with the neighbour countries that have invested a lot of human and financial resources.

## 7. CORRECTIVE MEASURES AND MATTERS PENDING RESOLUTION

Description of measures	Responsible unit	Preferable date	Complementary Resources
<p><b><u>Within the Unit:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intensifying the aerial and ground sprayings in the dry season</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Externally:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the Government of France wants a real programme, it is absolutely necessary to review all of operations urgently and start improving the programme.</li> </ol>	<p>Regional CFF Office and National CFF office</p> <p>Regional CFF office, National CFF-office in French Guiana and Government of France.</p>	<p>As soon as possible</p>	

**Annex : Summary of Budgetary Execution**

<b>Budget for CFF Programme</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>In US\$</b>	<b>In %</b>
<b>Total budgeted</b>	<b>816,530.00</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total spent from January – August, 00</b>	<b>601,000.19</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>215,529.81</b>	<b>26</b>