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All Consortia Leaders of NAIP Sub-projects

Dear Sir,

Greetings from PIU-NAIP

National Agricultural Innovation Project is being implemented through 188 consortium leaders and 646 consortia partners spread in 364 organizations across the country. Phase-I of the project which involved identifying priority areas, inviting proposals, peer reviewing and approving was successfully completed on March 31, 2010. The project is now running in actual implementation phase. I thank every one of you for active support, cooperation and guidance to CPI/CCPI of sub-project. Though the project has now entered satisfactory implementation progress, it is not the case with procurement and financial management issues besides some consortia as non-satisfactory. I seek your cooperation and involvement as Chairman, Consortium Implementation Committee (CIC) to ensure following:

1. Organize at least quarterly meeting of CIC for each project to review technical, procurement and financial progress and proceedings sent to concerned National Coordinator.

2. The procurement deadline which was fixed as October 31, 2010 was extended to December 31, 2010. Kindly make use of extended date to complete procurement or at least place supply orders by that date. Further, if the World Bank agrees to our proposal the procurement date could be extended till February 28, 2011 but not beyond this in any case. Therefore, please expedite procurement, if remaining in any consortia (sub-project) in your organization.

3. It is critical for NAIP to complete procurement as much as possible by December 31, 2010 and SOEs sent within next 15 days. Kindly have a review for this activity at your level.

I am sure your cooperation, guidance, monitoring and review of each CPI/CCPI would greatly facilitate PIU-NAIP achieve improved performance for whole project.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year 2011.

(Bangali Baboo)
National Director

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