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U.S.-Pakistan Center For Advanced Studies in Agriculture & Food Security (USPCAS-AFS)

USAID funded U.S.-Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Agriculture and Food Security (USPCAS-AFS) is improving governance, revamping pedagogy and enhancing research capacity to address key challenges of Agriculture and Food Security. The Center is providing interdisciplinary research and training programs in Agriculture and Food Security. In addition, the Center is building cohesive scientific community capable of doing applied research and transferring relevant knowledge and technology to society at large in partnership with University of California, Davis (UC DAVIS) and Washington State University (WSU), Pulman.

2015-2016 at a GLANCE

GOVERNANCE

This includes developing effective governance structures with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for all functions and specifying the alignment of USPCAS-AFS within the existing UAF governance structure for institutionalization and sustainability.

- » Governing Committees Formed
- » Policies & Manuals Developed
- » Results Based Management

CURRICULUM REFORMS

Relating courses and subject matter to actual public and private sector needs rather than adhering to conventional theory-based content, this involves review of existing degree programs and courses while identifying new areas corresponding to public and private sector needs.

- » 2 New Degree Programs (Climate Change) (Seed Science & Technology)
- » 17 New Courses

APPLIED RESEARCH

Shifting researchers away from excessively theoretical concepts to innovation and sustainability, this ranges from resolving discrete problems affecting households or businesses, to broader capacity issues pertaining to service delivery and growth.

- » 36 Applied Research Projects
- » 12 New Laboratories
- » 1 New Library

TRAINING & SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE

Focusing effective teaching techniques and applied learning opportunities, this component emphasizes extensive short-term as well as long-term training, study and exchange programs for administration, faculty and students in addition to scholarships and internship opportunities.

- » 200 Scholarships Awarded (45% Females)
- » 33 International Exchange Visits
- » 597 Education Officials Trained

ALLIANCES & SUSTAINABILITY

The ability to raise funds and generate revenues through alliances with farming sector, business community, agricultural industry and government is another essential aspect of the project for sustainable and continued support to update curricula and develop responsive research.

- » 3 Agreements Signed With Private Sector Entities

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