

**Follow-up to the Management Response on the Evaluation of:
GCP/IND/176/NET: Andhra Pradesh Water Management (APWAM) Project**

Current Status

1. The project has been extended and ANGRAU is actively pursuing opportunities of the nature described in Recommendation one. Of the seven opportunities identified during the last PSC meeting, ANGRAU has submitted six proposals to the various funding agencies. Preparation of a proposal related to integrated tank rehabilitation is continuing. At the same time, ANGRAU is finalizing the analysis of all the pilot area research results and the staff have started to write articles for international peer-reviewed journals to disseminate the APWAM results.
2. Recommendations two through seven, which deal with various aspects of the APWAM programme, have all been implemented. Although, it remains too early to be able to confirm that the intended results of the recommendations have been realized.
3. Recommendations eight through ten , which dealt with the contract with Alterra have been dealt with as considered to appropriate. The working relationship with Alterra continues to be sound and there are no concerns regarding funding from either Alterra or FAO.
4. The table included in the Management Response has been edited to include the actions taken and is presented on the following pages.

Response by Recommendation

Recommendations	Further donor funding req. (Yes or No)	Acceptance by Management			Comment on the recommendations	Action to be taken			Action Taken	Issues Emerging
		Accept	Partially Accept	Reject		Action	Timing	Unit Responsible		
<p>Recommendation 1</p> <p>FAO should approve a two year extension of the project, until 31 October 2010. The main thrusts of the project should be for</p> <p>ANGRAU to position itself for the post-project period, i.e. development of an exit strategy.</p> <p>This may include:</p> <p>i. defining terms and methods for involvement in other on-going and potential initiatives</p> <p>ii. expansion of less resource-intensive aspects of the project work.</p> <p>iii. continuing to build capacity of male and female farmers to manage irrigation in their command areas</p> <p>iv. further promotion of technically and economically feasible water-saving techniques for large-scale adoption and specific</p> <p>identification of those that have been tried but found not appropriate for scaling-up, along with reasons</p> <p>v. updating socio-economic information gathered from the pilot areas</p> <p>vi. documenting work undertaken for further dissemination of lessons learned, including guidelines for conducting participatory</p> <p>research on issues related to drainage and efficient irrigation water use, and guidelines for IWRM in Andhra Pradesh</p>	NO	√			No comment	Follow-up with ANGRAU for work plan, process approve & amend agreement	Immediate	FAOIN	Done.	
			√			This will emerge differently with each initiative	As and when it is required	FAOIN & ANGRAU	ANGRAU pursuing with Govt of AP for participation in various projects.	
		√			No comment					
		√			No comment					
	NO	√			No comment	Ensure i to vi are included in the work plan	Immediate	ANGRAU		
		√			No comment					
		√			No comment					

<p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>As part of the extension phase, assuming funds are available, the project should organize a national workshop to present its results and to compare experience with other projects that may have been working in similar areas. The project should also seek opportunities to present its results at suitable venues</p>	Partially YES	√			No comment	In consultation with GoAP & GoI facilitate the workshop	Early 2010	FAOIN & ANGRAU	Done. National workshop organised in March 2010	
<p>Recommendation 3</p> <p>The project should advocate strongly the critical importance of male and female farmers' participation in all phases of irrigation rehabilitation and maintenance, including a financial contribution to cover part of the costs</p>	NO	√			No comment	Be pro-active in meetings with GoAP /GoI	n.a.	FAO and ANGRAU	Done.	
<p>Recommendation 4</p> <p>As the budget- neutral proposal for project extension foresees reduced staff at all centres, ANGRAU should seek to ensure that trained staff are not transferred at least until the end of the expansion phase in October 2010.</p>	NO	√			This may be beyond the control of project authorities as ANGRAU has an established transfer policy in place.	We will raise in PSC meetings	n.a.	ANGRAU	ANGRAU has considered the recommendation and is acting on it wherever possible.	
<p>Recommendation 5</p> <p>In order to more effectively participate in initiatives such as those described in Recommendation 1. ii. above more frequent meetings and collaboration should take place with the appropriate State authorities of the Departments of Irrigation and Agriculture in Hyderabad. In this respect, the extension period will likely see critical decisions being made that will require heavy present of the Project Manager to participate in the deliberations and appropriate arrangements should be made to facilitate this.</p>	NO	√			No comment	Discuss in PSC when need arises	n.a.	ANGRAU	Several meetings held by project with Govt of AP Department. However with little progress.	
<p>Recommendation 6</p> <p>The project should establish links with FAO's work on MASSCOTE (Mapping Systems and Services for Canal Operation Techniques). MASSCOTE is a comprehensive methodology for analyzing the modernization of canal operation. The aim is to enable experts to work together with users in determining improved processes for cost-effective service-oriented management. As this is relevant to the work that has been carried out within APWAM, there may be possibilities for mutually beneficial information exchange and learning.</p>	YES	√			Opportunities are being explored with DoI, GoAP and NRLW	Discuss with GoAP and organise a MASSCOTE workshop	As and when GoAP is ready and NRLW staff are available	FAOIN, ANGRAU and DoI	FAO and ANGRAU discussing with Govt. of AP to implement MASSCOTE.	

<p>Recommendation 7</p> <p>FAO should follow-up on the recommendations of the January 2007 mission of the Drainage and Salinity Management Officer with respect to incorporating the results of the project in its normative activities and contributing to the preparation of recommendations to the Andhra Pradesh Government for up-scaling the project.</p>	NO	√			No comment				Done with assistance of Alterra.	
<p>Recommendation 8</p> <p>FAO should pay to Alterra-ILRI the amount in Euros due but not yet paid under the existing contract (€ 84,389). As ANGRAU was not responsible for the shortfall in payment, FAO should charge the amount to GCP/IND/177/NET.</p>	NO			√	This was discussed extensively with ALTERRA and ALTERRA agreed that there is no short-fall in payments to them from FAO.	Action already taken	n.a.	n.a.	Not applicable.	
<p>Recommendation 9</p> <p>ANGRAU should continue its cooperation with Alterra-ILRI during the extension phase, utilizing the unspent balance from the contract of € 148,000 plus additional funds that may be required. FAO India should be involved in the examination of requirement and contract negotiations, as it would have to authorize any additional allocation to the project.</p>	YES		√		Continuation of ALTERRA's involvement has been agreed, but only to the extent of funds available in their contract. FAO cannot be involved in contract affairs between ANGRAU and ALTERRA as ANGRAU has independent and well certified procedures.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Done.	
<p>Recommendation 10</p> <p>Contracts should be stipulated in the currency of payment only; if for some reason an indication of an equivalent in another currency is given, the leading currency, i.e. the currency <i>in which the obligation is incurred and the payment made</i>, must be clearly specified in the contract.</p>	NO			√	This contravenes existing rules. The contract clauses were cleared by AFFC and LEGN. Only USD prevails in all contracts.	No action is required.	n.a.	n.a.	-	