



Quarterly Report January-March 2018

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Subject : Quarterly report (January-march 2018) for the Innovation project 'Minor fruits crops'

In November 2017 different employees at the ministry were instructed to take part in different IDB projects.

The following staff members were placed for the project "Minor Fruit Crops":

Soraya van Dijk-Abdulahak as projectleader,

Soesila Ramautar, Jane Jagernath and Suraksha Sital-Hirasingh as teammembers

During the period of November-December 2017 several documents regarding the above mentioned project were send to the group.

In January 2018 the group started with meetings twice a month in order to brainstorm about the project. During these sessions it became clear that the project proposal for "minor fruit crops" was not complete and detailed enough, especially the specifications of the nursery, different buildings, equipment and the budget linked to these items, to start execution right away.

Because of the heavy workload resulting from the incomplete project proposal, the group decided to meet every week.

During these meetings it was decided to start the project with one commodity, pineapple, and the focus was on activities for the first quarter of 2018:

- Acquisition of the MD2 and Montserrat pineapple varieties invitro
- Land clearing and preparation
- Construction of the nursery and gene bank
- Establishment of a composting facility to secure a good growing medium for plants
- Survey of production practices and problems, yields, etc.

Because specifications on above mentioned activities were not complete and detailed enough in the project proposal, the entire months have been used for updating the budget specifications.

For some activities (location of land), decision making could not be done by the group because the Minister has to decide.

Also acquisition of the new varieties is time consuming (email contact, waiting for price estimates, procedures for shipping and so on) and up till now information could not be updated.

Up till now the workload has been divided among the 4 group members and each has delivered as such.

The final version of the budget specification for pineapple over the first quarter of 2018 has finally been submitted to the sub technical coordinator of the project.

Hopefully a decision for the location will be made soon and acquisition of the new varieties will be finalized in a short period of time so that execution of the project can be a reality.