

4.3 Agreements with funders summary

Agreements have been reached with financial contributors, and with organisations offering in-kind contributions. Contract copies are stored securely.

We first announced the detail of the agreements and financial arrangements online on 22 May 2015 as follows:

The GODAN Secretariat has an estimated five year budget of \$6.5 million, with equivalent of around five staff full time employees. Primary donors supporting the Secretariat with both in-kind and financial resources are:

1. The United States Government may offer a financial contribution to the Secretariat of \$250,000 US dollars per annum pursuant to receipt and approval of budget. These funds may be utilized to procure the direct needs of the Secretariat and/or support for Secretariat activities. The US may also provide staff support, as requested, in the planning for major GODAN events. The US Government will act as the lead donor and main relationship manager with the Secretariat host.
2. The Government of the United Kingdom, led by the Department of International Development ¹, offers a financial contribution of up to a maximum of £2.5m over five years.
3. The Government of the Netherlands² offers one expert not being the Director as a member of staff to the Secretariat. This expert will be recruited by the Government of the Netherlands, and will be part of the Secretariat from the start including the inception phase. Financial resources for the expert will be supplied by the Government of the Netherlands to the hosting organization. On top of this offer, the Secretariat can use the Dutch knowledge centres Wageningen UR, Netherlands Space Office, ITC as part of Twente University ³ and TNO ⁴ for the relevant expertise in capacity building, technology developments and agriculture.
4. The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)⁵ is committed to offer in-kind funding to GODAN. They pledge to provide a secondment of the equivalent of 50% of a senior professional officer in direct support of the delivery of the Strategic Partnerships and Research functions for two years.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>

² <http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/wageningen-university.htm>

³ <http://www.utwente.nl/en/>

⁴ <https://www.tno.nl/en>

⁵ <http://www.fao.org/home/en/>

5. Global Forum on Agricultural Research(GFAR)⁶ is committed to offer in-kind funding to GODAN. They pledge to provide a secondment of the equivalent of up to 50% of a full time staff time in direct support of the delivery of the Strategic Partnerships and Research functions for the inception phase.
6. CAB⁷ has offered a contribution of a maximum of £75,000 per annum, to host the GODAN Secretariat at its offices in either the UK or the Netherlands and/or some additional in-kind and cash contributions.
7. The CGIAR Consortium⁸ reserved US\$50,000 in 2015 to help in the organization of an annual GODAN meeting/event with the broader partner base. Other contributions and support are also likely, including providing a platform to access, share and visualize data.
8. CTA⁹ can support travel funds and organization of events in its member countries or on a larger scale, up to an in-kind support level of 50,000 euro (circa US\$67,000) per year.
9. The Open Data Institute¹⁰ (UK) offers a permanent “hotdesk” at their office in Central London for the duration of the programme, with two further commitments for 2015. Firstly, they will provide support with the development and dissemination of the case studies the Secretariat wishes to produce to the value of US\$20,000 of ODI’s research team’s time. Secondly, they will work with the GODAN Secretariat and partners on a specific workshop or project bringing together agricultural/nutritional specialists, government officials and Partnership for Open Data (POD)/ Open Data communities around a particular issue to a value up to US\$30,000 with the aim of creating one such GODAN led case study or publication.

The GODAN Secretariat has committed to publishing its accounts to IATI¹¹ standards.

An additional announcement was made on 15 July 2015: “As part of its commitment to open data, the US has committed \$4 million to deepen and expand the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) initiative, matching the commitment made by the United Kingdom. “

This meets our commitment to confirm pledged financial commitments including in-kind contributions.

⁶ <http://www.egfar.org/>

⁷ <http://www.cabi.org/>

⁸ <http://www.cgiar.org/cgiar-consortium/>

⁹ <http://www.cta.int/en/>

¹⁰ <http://opendatainstitute.org/>

¹¹ <http://www.aidtransparency.net/>