

## Status of RTP Projects – May 2008

Project	Grant Amount €	Progress on Activities
1. FREE STATE UNIVERSITY	Total 454,088 1 <sup>st</sup> Disbursement 20,855    2 <sup>nd</sup> Disbursement 171,208 ( <i>requested Dec 07; received March 08</i> )	Courses started on February 3 There are 12 students (5 females) from 7 countries (Bots, Les, Mal, Moz, Nam, Tanz & Zambia). Students are almost finalizing their research proposals
2. SOKOINE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE	Total    350,680.51 1 <sup>st</sup> Disbursement 31,376.3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Disbursement 171,208 ( <i>requested Dec 07; received March 08</i> )	The project is behind schedule. The late availability of funds prompted the university to postpone the start of the course to September 2008. SADC Secretariat & all scholarship recipients have been notified of the postponement 15 candidates (3 females) were accepted for the MSc course.
3. UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA	Total 285,607 1 <sup>st</sup> Disbursement 19,824    2 <sup>nd</sup> Disbursement 104,331 ( <i>requested Dec 07; received 25 Feb 08</i> )	12 candidates (4 females) were accepted for the MSc course in Plant Breeding and Seed Systems at the University of Zambia. They are from Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia & Zimbabwe. The course started in April.
4. UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE	Total 343,121.61 1 <sup>st</sup> Disbursement 32,593 2 <sup>nd</sup> Disbursement ( <i>not yet requested</i> )	Although the paying agent transferred the funds for the first year on 30 August 2007, the project only managed to track the funds in the University account in April 2008 (3 months before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year commences), and this delayed implementation of project activities. A regional team for curriculum development has been identified (Eduardo Mondlane University & Bunda College). The project will hold regional & national workshops in June to finalize the curriculum.