PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Traditional Goat Cheese Production and Marketing

I. Introduction

This appendix describes the activities to be undertaken and the results to be achieved with the funds obligated under this Agreement. Nothing in Appendix A shall be construed as amending any of the definitions, conditions, or terms of the Agreement.

II. Background

The Associação para Desenvolvimento Integral de Rui Vaz (ADIRV) is a registered cooperative society, located in the community of Rui Vaz, Cape Verde. It has 170 members, including 90 women. The introduction of milk-producing goats from the Canary Islands to Cape Verde's Municipality of São Domingos (where Rui Vaz is located) has led to higher demand for goat cheese in Cape Verde than the current supply provides. ADIRV wishes to meet the new market demand by processing raw milk into goat cheese, but is constrained by a lack of working capital, poor management capacity, and weak technical production skills.

III. Funding

ADF Contribution A.

The financial plan for ADF's contribution is set forth in Appendix A-1 to this agreement. The Parties may make changes to the financial plan without formal amendment, if such changes are made in accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement and do not cause ADF's contribution to exceed the obligated amount specified in Article 4, section 4.1 of the Agreement.

ADIRV Contribution В.

ADIRV's contribution to the Project is valued at CVE 527,489 and consists of voluntary labor for new construction and infrastructure rehabilitation work.

C. European Union

The European Union's contribution to the Project is valued at CVE 9,213,140 and includes goats purchased from the Canary Islands, pasturage, animal feed, milk processing equipment, and farmer members' training in goat cheese processing techniques.

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IV. **Project Goal**

The goal of this project is to improve the standard of living of Rui Vaz residents.

V. **Project Purpose**

The purpose of this project is to increase the income of ADIRV and its individual farmer members. The following indicators will be used to track the achievement of this purpose.

- A. ADIRV's annual revenue will change from a baseline of CVE 9,743,914 in 2008 to:
 - 1. 14,385,357 CVE in Project Year 1;
 - 2. 16,440,710 CVE in Project Year 2;
 - 3. 17,161,129 CVE in Project Year 3;
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 - 5. 18,726,058 CVE in Project Year 5.
- В. Average annual incomes of ADIRV's farmer members will change from a baseline of 13,779 CVE in 2008 to:
 - 1. 30,130 CVE in Project Year 1;
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VI. **Project Outputs**

Production Capacity A.

The major output of the project is that ADIRV will have the capacity to produce and sell a higher quality and volume of goat cheese.

- 1. ADIRV's annual cheese production will change from a baseline of 2,945 kg to:
 - a. 4,954 kg in Project Year 1
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- 2. ADIRV's annual revenue from goat cheese sales will change from a baseline 2,356,200 CVE to:
 - a. 5,152,160 CVE in Project Year 1
 - b. 7,531,881 CVE in Project Year 2
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 - e. 9,122,758 CVE in Project Year 5
- B. ADIRV will strengthen its fiscal and social responsibility as demonstrated by its compliance with the Re-Investment Commitment Schedule as set forth in Appendix A-2 to this Agreement.

VII. Activities

- A. Production
 - 1. Working Capital

ADIRV will purchase necessary inputs, including cheese ingredients, packaging supplies, and building maintenance and insurance costs, by March 2009.

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- B. Management and Operations
 - 1. Marketing

ADIRV will hire a consultant to develop a market strategy by December 2008 and implement it by June 2009. To enhance sales of goat cheese, ADIRV will promote its product by placement of ADIRV goat cheese in identified selling points and direct consumption sites, (i.e. hotels, restaurants, bars, etc.) and actively promote sales through product branding, T.V. and radio advertising campaigns, and by setting competitive prices.

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VIII. Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties

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