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# Progress of activities

Execution of the Project was further seriously affected by the coronavirus pandemic both in Europe and in the Middle East region. Nevertheless, the final draft of the STSA report was handed over by the End-user to INRA in the beginning of May 2020 and consequently made available to the Lot-1 for review.

A short clarification meeting was held in Prague on 18 June 2020 with a representative of Lot-1 in order to explain some unclear aspects of the STSA report regarding Chapters 2, 3, and 4. All questions were sufficiently clarified during the meeting. A use of graphical supporting materials prepared for the meeting helped to Lot-1 representative to better understand the rationale of some statements in the report and to formulate his comments more specifically.

Except the questions discussed during the meeting in Prague, no additional comments from INRA has been obtained till the end of July 2020.

Besides, first steps are undergone in order to prepare strategy for execution of Task 5 and 6 in current unfavourable conditions. Since no major objection to the most of recommendations from the INRA/Lot-1 side is expected, the Contractor attempts to utilise time before the comments arrival by analysing and ranking of particular recommendation with respect of implementation possibility considering the delicate situation with and after the pandemic, e.g. which action could be performed with off-line support.

# General assessment of the progress

The progress of the project is significantly delayed due to coronavirus traveling restrictions all over the world. Even if effort is undergone to continue in the Project as much as possible, fulfilment of goals of the Project requests extension of the Project behind planned end-date, especially in respect to the Tasks 5 and 6 .

# Completed milestones during reporting period

Handover of the SAST report to INRA.

# Milestones to be completed during next reporting period

Implementation of INRA comments as soon as they are available, issue of the final SAST report.

# Problems encountered during reporting period

Limitations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

# Foreseen deviations to the time schedule

The Project schedule is severely compromised by limitations caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Unfortunately, some restrictions on the End-user side do not allow use of electronical means to organise official on-line meetings with Iranian counterparts so far.

# Recommendations and requests

Continuation in the Project at least in the off-line mode is recommended. Organisation of the on-line video-meetings with INRA/Lot-1 should be used as much as applicable.

Preparation of Amendment to the UJV/EC contract to extend the Project deadline is necessary.

# Attachments - minutes or reports from official meetings

Minutes of the Clarification meeting.

