

## **Meeting notes of the virtual meeting with MS4CR-IP host institutions 2 August 2022**

### **1. Attendees**

- Francis Musoke - AIMS
- Charles Lebon Mberi Kimpolo -AIMS
- Peter Szyszlo - AIMS Canada
- Hubert Kanyamahanga - ICRISAT
- Pierre Honore Kamsu Tamo - ACMAD
- Jamiil Touré Ali - CEPEI

### **2. Discussion points**

The meeting focused on updates from host institutions and the quality of reports by the interns. The attendance was poor with only 3 host institutions present. Representatives of host institutions attested that the internship is progressing well but the following critical issues were raised:

- **Mr Jamiil Touré Ali** from CEPEI, cited poor internet connection and accessibility as one of the challenges faced by the intern.
- **Mr Hubert Kanyamahanga** from ICRISAT, facing challenges filling/populating the mid-point evaluation on the AIMS Experiential Learning platform, especially locating the list of interns.
- Poor quality reports by interns, resulting in postponement of stipend payment for the concerned interns.
- No communication of rejected internship reports and feed to the concerned institutions and supervisors by AIMS.
- Discussion of issues on the use of the reporting template.

### **3. Action items**

- Assess intern's Internet issues and engage AIMS on the possibilities of improving the internet connectivity where possible (particularly if it is related to data bundles).
- AIMS to provide additional assistance on the case-by-case basis on how to navigate the mid-point evaluation on the AIMS Experiential Learning platform and how to fill it appropriately.
- Supervisors to pay more attention on the quality of reports before their submission to AIMS.
- AIMS to provide feedback and rejected reports to host institutions on time.
- Host institutions to review the reporting template with the interns and make recommendations for any relevant changes where necessary.