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ACIAR allocates project funding to both bilateral and multilateral projects. The bilateral program comprises all projects involving Australian and developing-country research institutions, where an Australian organisation is commissioned to lead the project. Multilateral projects are led by International Agricultural Research Centres (IARCs). Both bilateral and multilateral projects usually involve only one developing-country partner but, in a limited number of cases, several developing countries participate.

The bilateral program operates by region and country within the ACIAR-mandated regions of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands, South-East Asia, North Asia, South Asia, and Southern Africa. This document is presented along these regional and country lines. Priorities for research and development cooperation are included for each country, and project proposals need to meet the priorities indicated for each country. ACIAR's priorities for its program with partner countries are developed through processes of formal and informal consultations.

