Embedding AuthorAID Research and Proposal writing in CSIR-Food Research Institute

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Introduction

- *The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Food Research Institute (CSIR-FRI) is one of the 13 Institutes of the Council.*

Its goal is to assist in poverty alleviation and contribute to food security.

Under the AuthorAID programme, two training workshops were organised.

The objectives of these training workshops were:

- *To improve the skills of researchers in research writing*

- *To equip researchers to write competitive and winnable grant proposals*

- *The trainings took the form of lectures, one-on-one with the facilitators, assignments, group discussions and presentations by the group members*

Research writing training workshop

Proposal writing training workshop

Training outcomes

- *Twenty five Research Scientists and Technologists trained in research and proposal writing*

- *Participants were able to turn technical reports into manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals*

Key lessons learnt

- *Training researchers and technologists in research and proposal writing is essential*
- *It equips individuals to communicate their research findings better and grants skills to write winnable proposals to attract funding for research*
- *Researchers and technologists should be trained in other areas such as experimental design, analysis of scientific data and budgeting*

Future plans

- *The Institute plans to organize Monitoring and Evaluation program for the workshops carried out.*

- *Make the training part of orientation course for newly employed Scientists and Technologists.*

- *Collaborate with other institutions such as research and academia to organize and train its core scientific staff in research and grant proposal writing.*

Further information

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