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RE: Overhead rates

The CCAFS Steering Committee is concerned that there will be high and cascading overheads (due to multiple levels of sub-contracting), with limited funds left for research. They also have noted that the University of Copenhagen will not charge the Secretariat overhead rates.

The CCAFS Steering Committee has agreed that overhead charges by partners receiving contracts from CCAFS should be no higher than 20% for budget line items to be used by those partners (e.g. staff time, staff travel, in-house research costs), and no higher than 5% for pass-through funds (i.e. budget items for sub-contracts going to third parties). Overhead charges of third-parties can be no higher than 15%.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Campbell", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bruce Campbell

CCAFS Director