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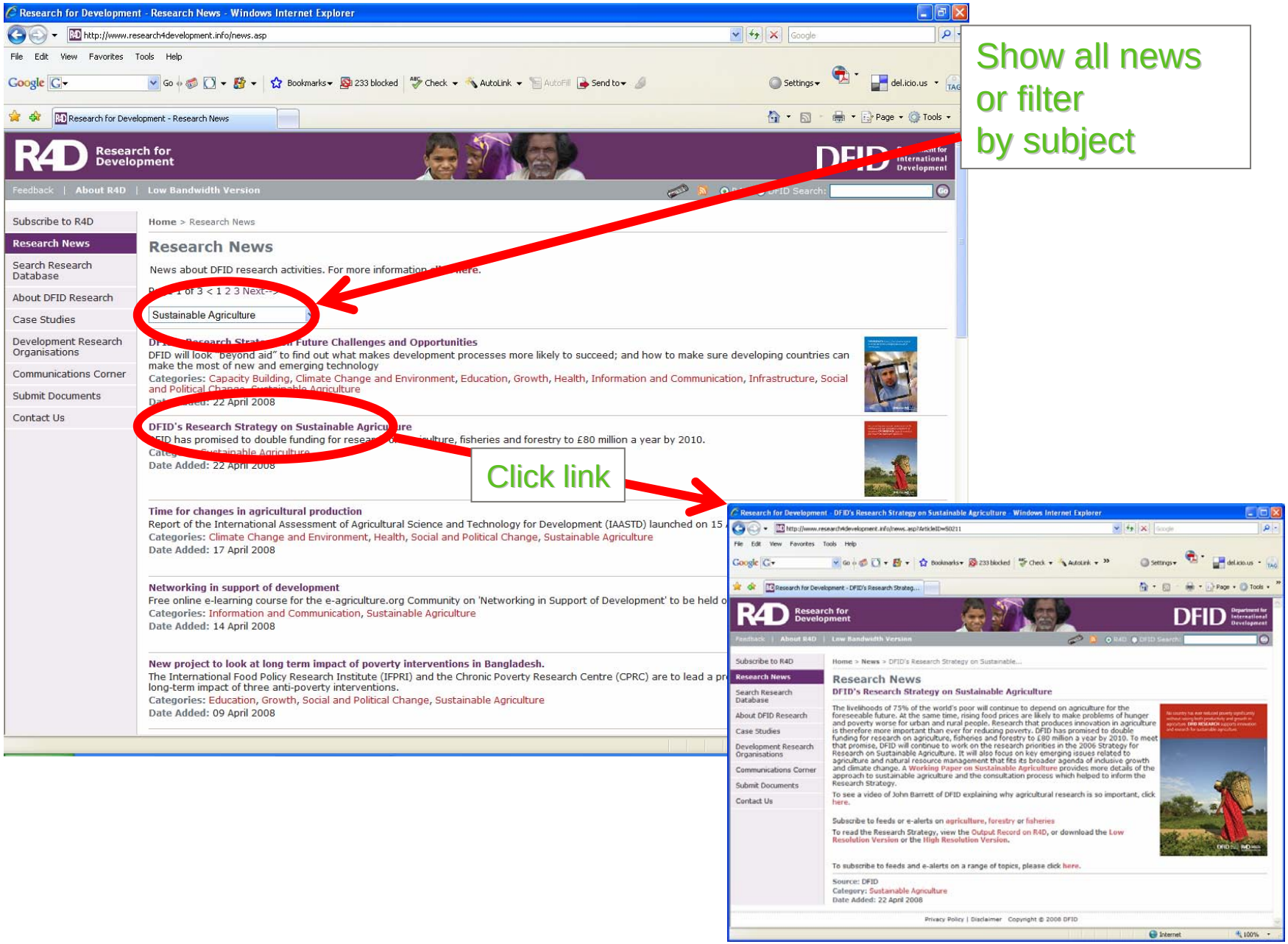
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DFID will look "beyond aid" to find out what makes development processes more likely to succeed; and how to make sure developing countries can make the most of new and emerging technology
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Time for changes in agricultural production
Report of the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) launched on 15
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Networking in support of development
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New project to look at long term impact of poverty interventions in Bangladesh.
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Key report confirms the critical role of champions inside government to ensure participation works.
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**Date Added:** 18 March 2008

**Citizenship DRC Participatory Video Project**
Encouraging early results from the Citizenship DRC Participatory Video Project suggest videos are providing new ways for research participants to articulate their views, and promote debate with stakeholders
**Categories:** Information and Communication, Social and Political Change
**Date Added:** 03 March 2008

**Rights of the Camp-dwelling 'Bihari' Community in Bangladesh**
In 2007 the government of Bangladesh decided to award citizenship rights to a disenfranchised ethnic group, the Bihari, following a campaign by the DFID-funded Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit
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**Informal local governance in rural South Asia.**
Can policy makers and citizens find ways of improving the accountability of local government in India and Pakistan?
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**Date Added:** 19 December 2007

**The Numbers Game: Global Migrant Origin Database**
Researchers at the DFID-funded Migration DRC tackled the key issue of lack of migration statistics by creating a unique picture of migration, providing bilateral data for the year 2000 for each of 226 countries in the world
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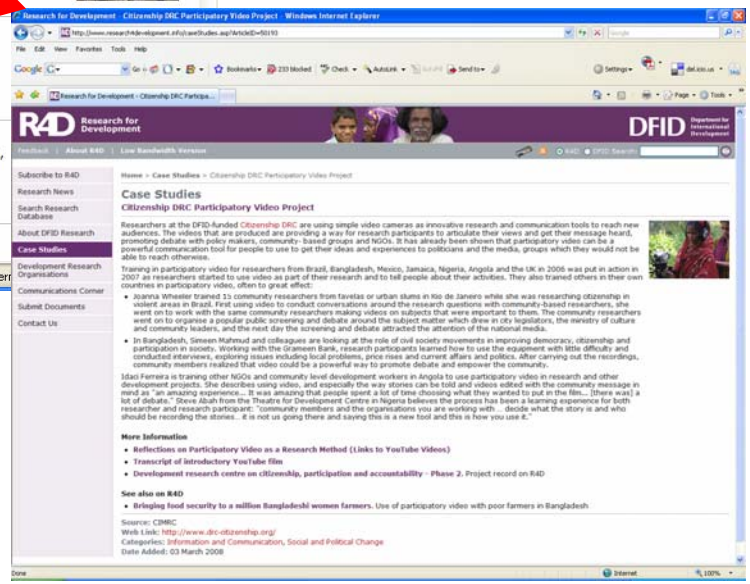
**Water management in drought-affected North East Brazil**
Enabling long-term sustainable use of land and water, through management by local communities



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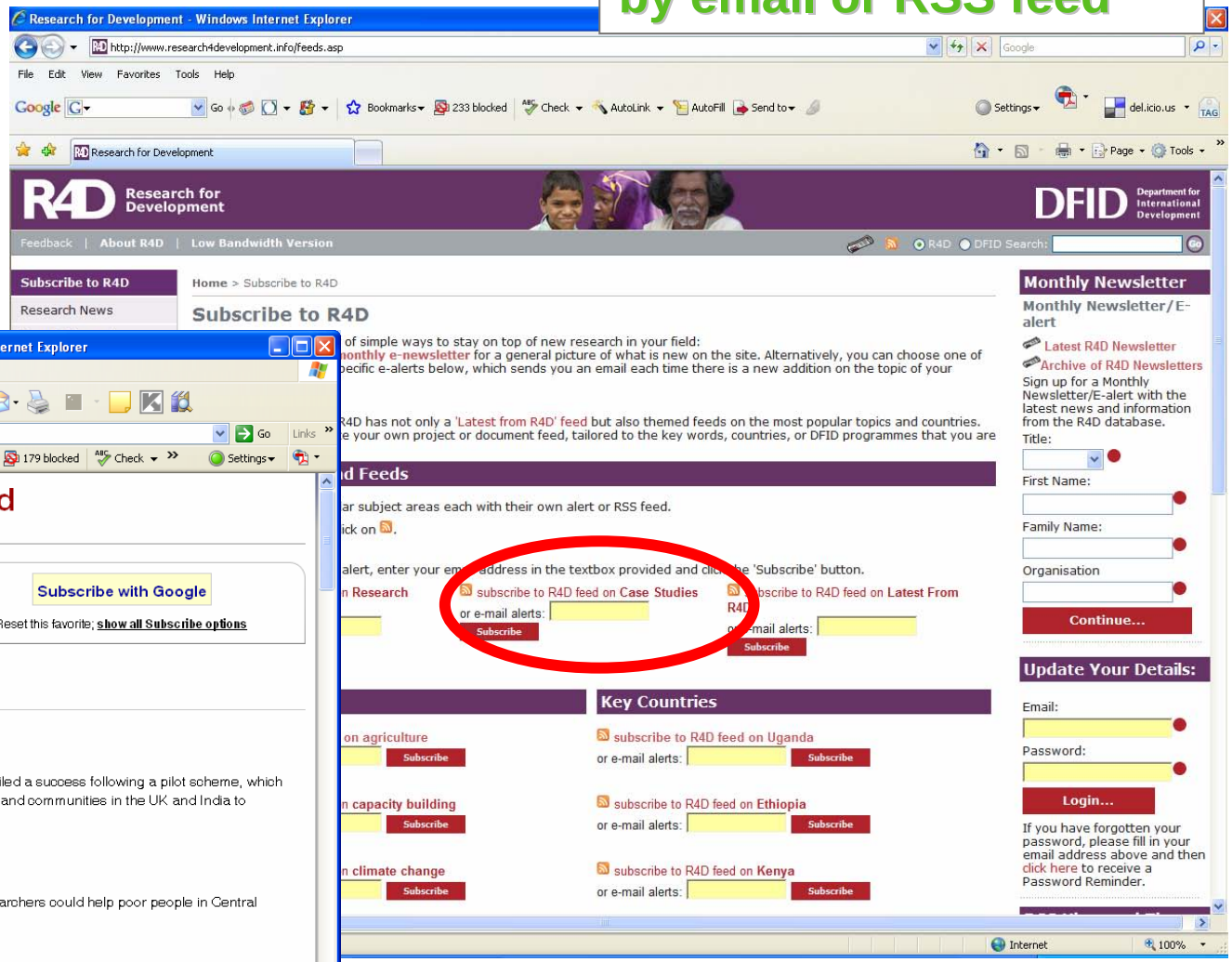

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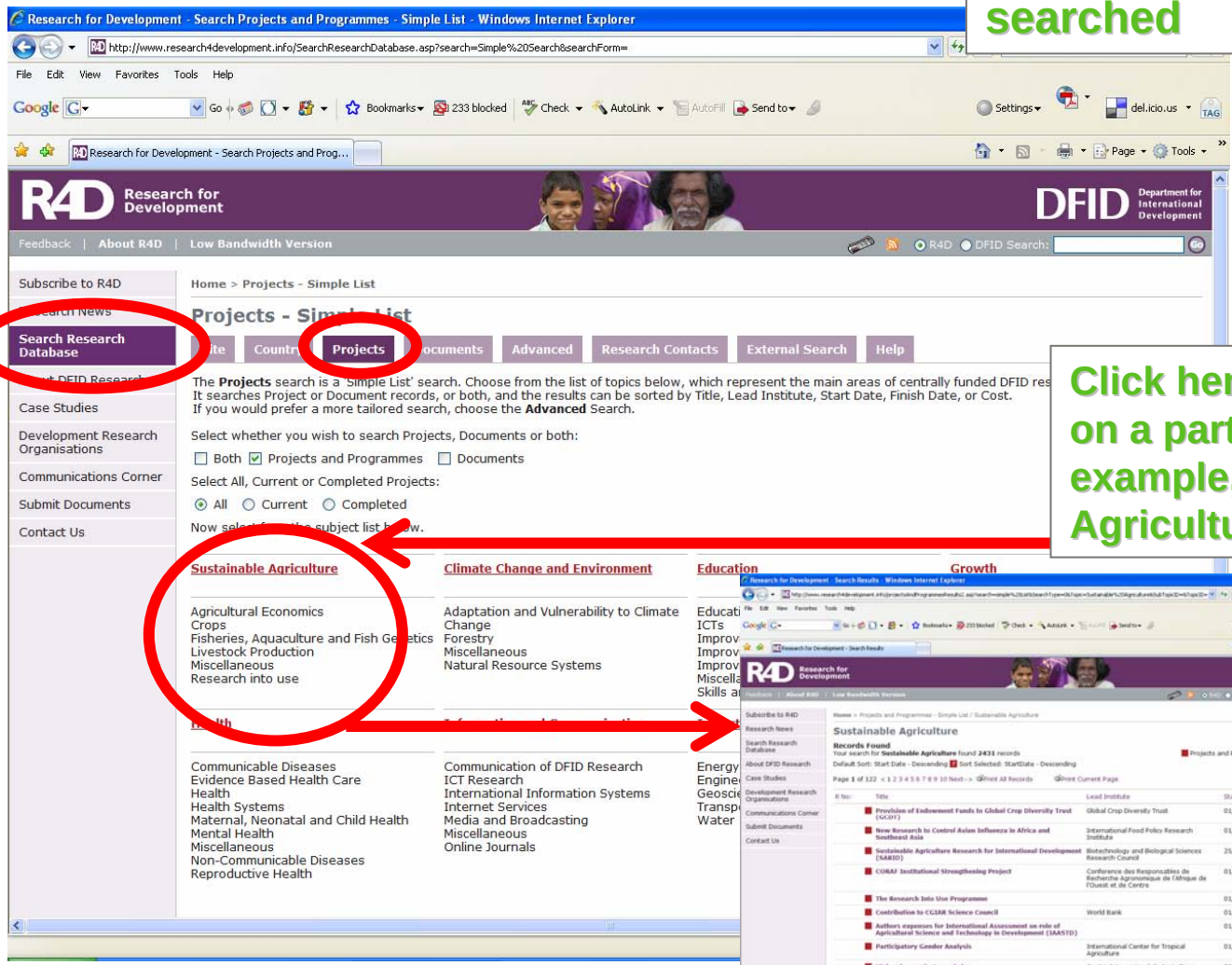


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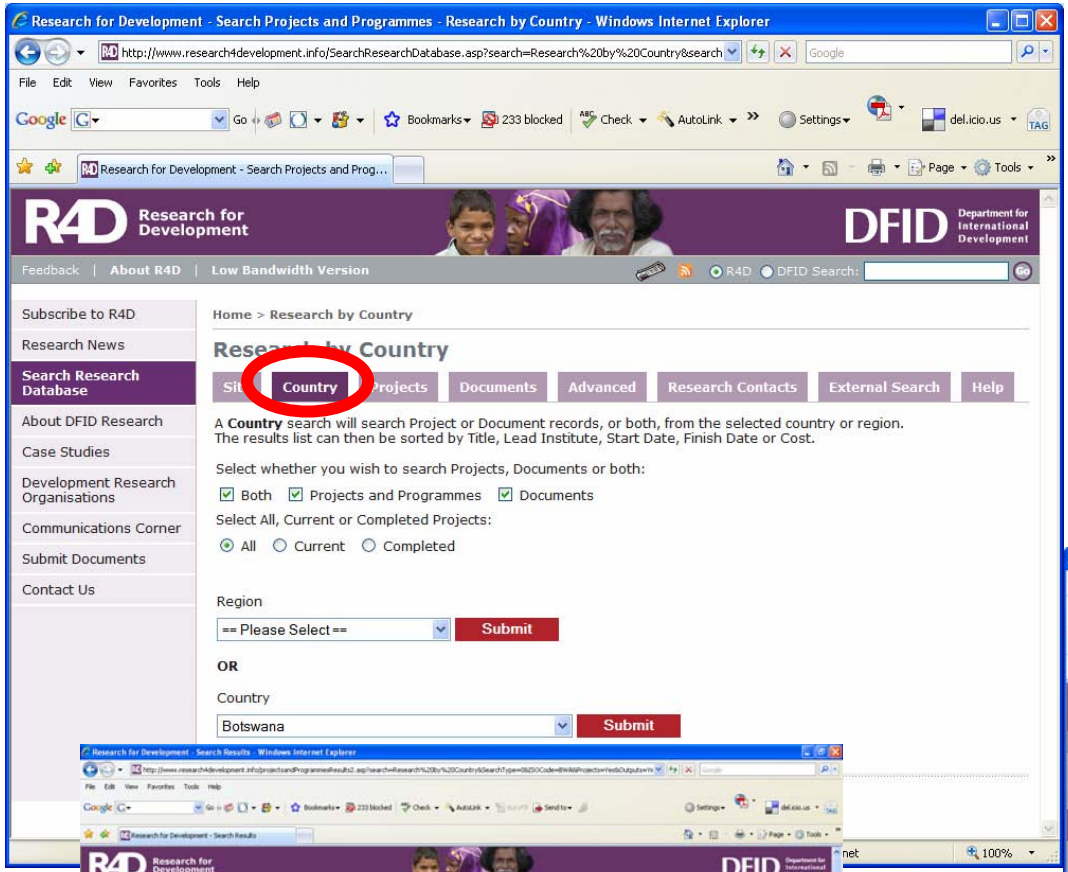


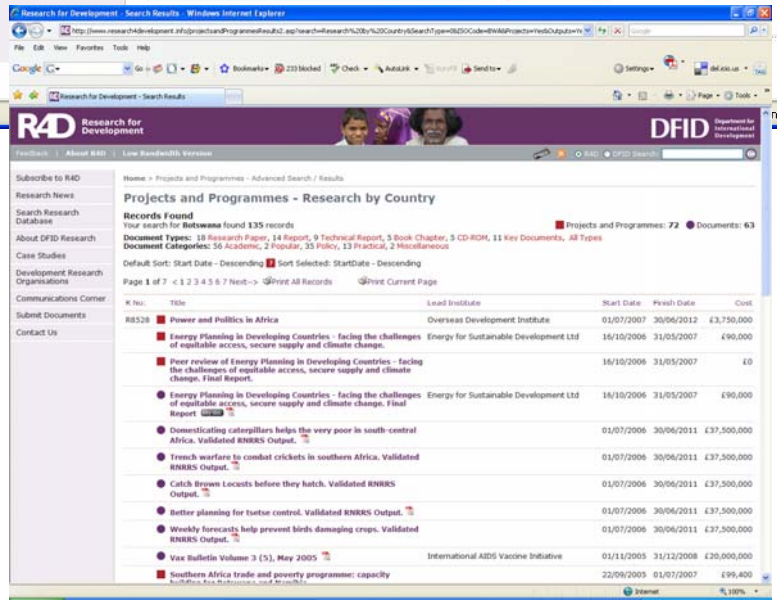


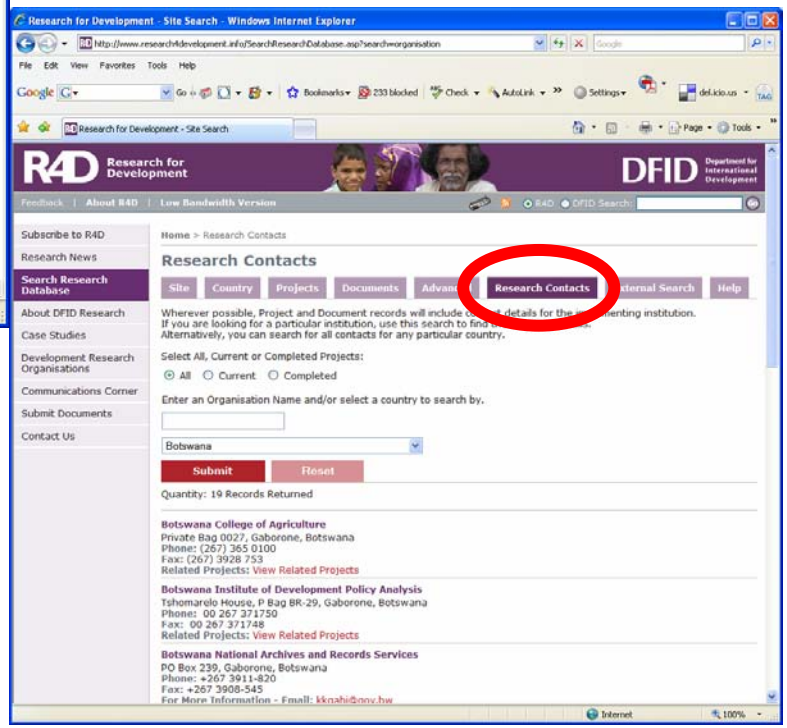

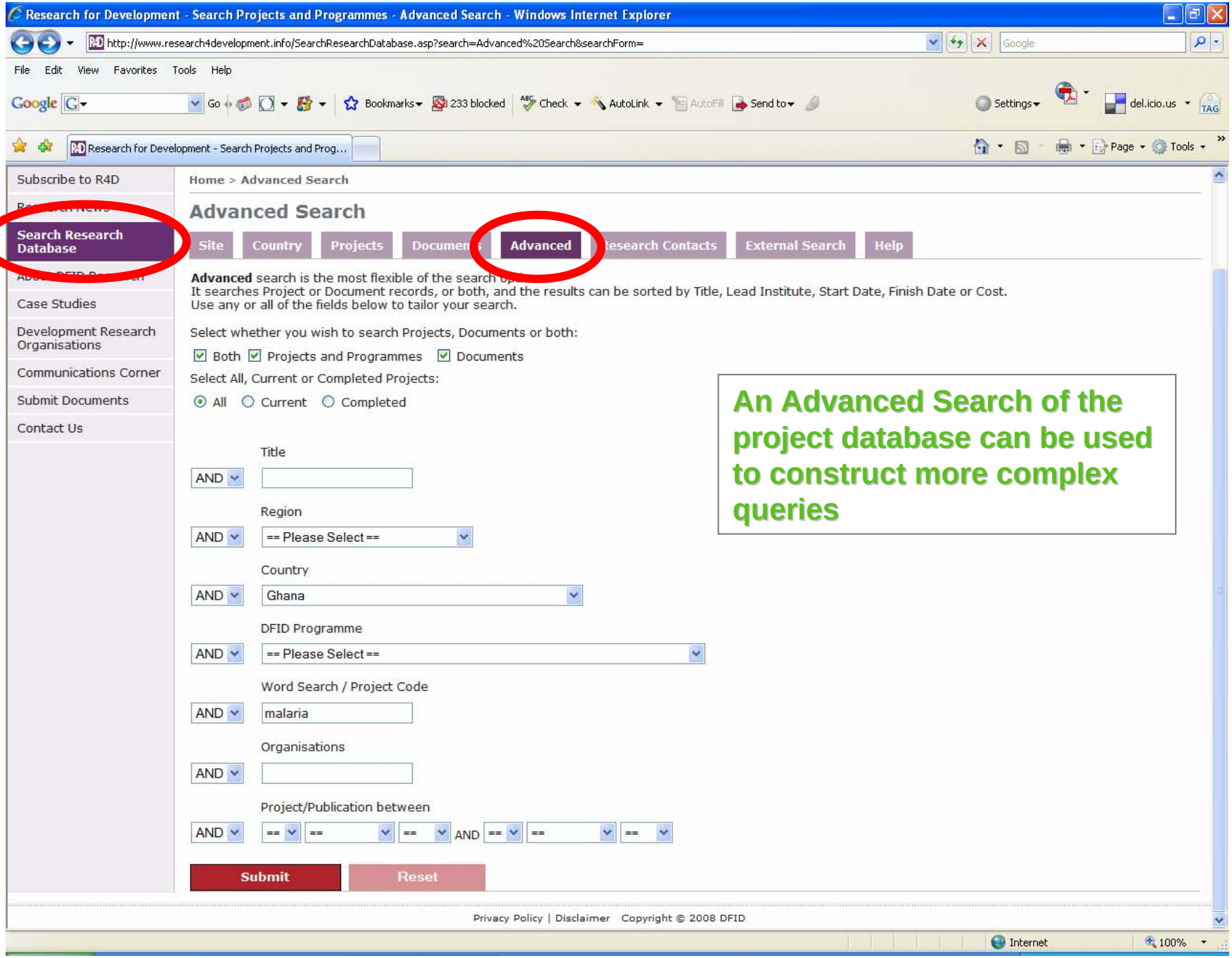
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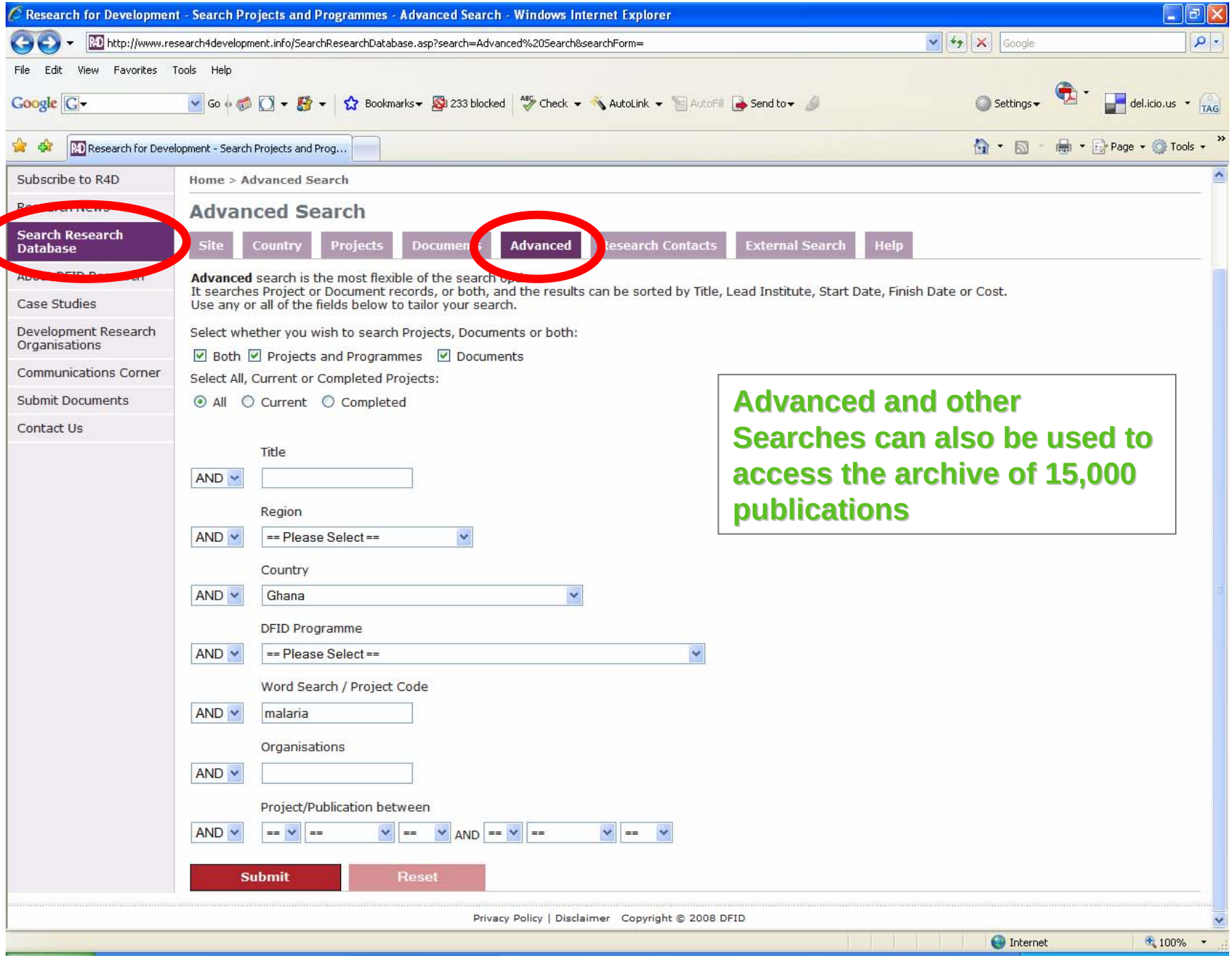
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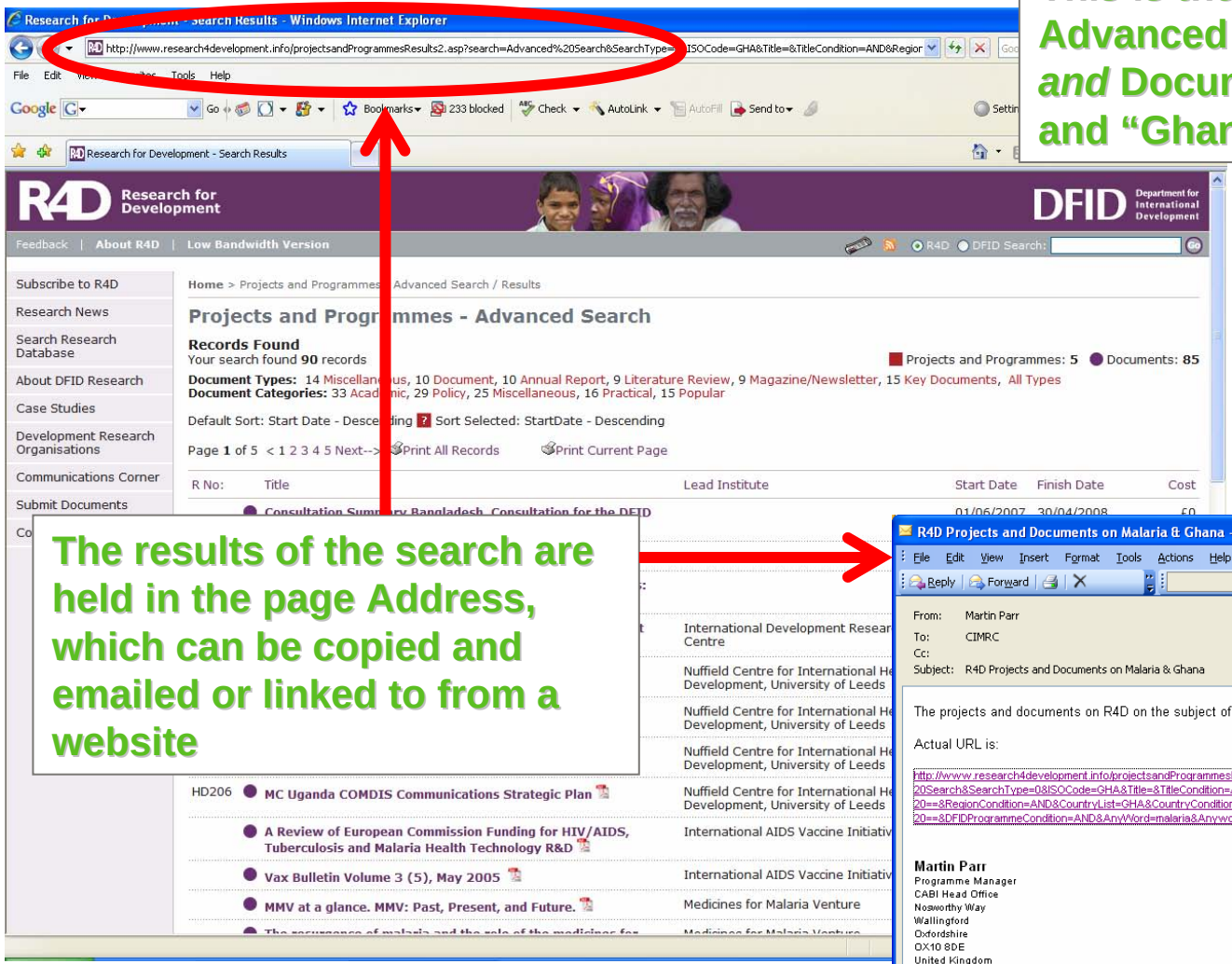


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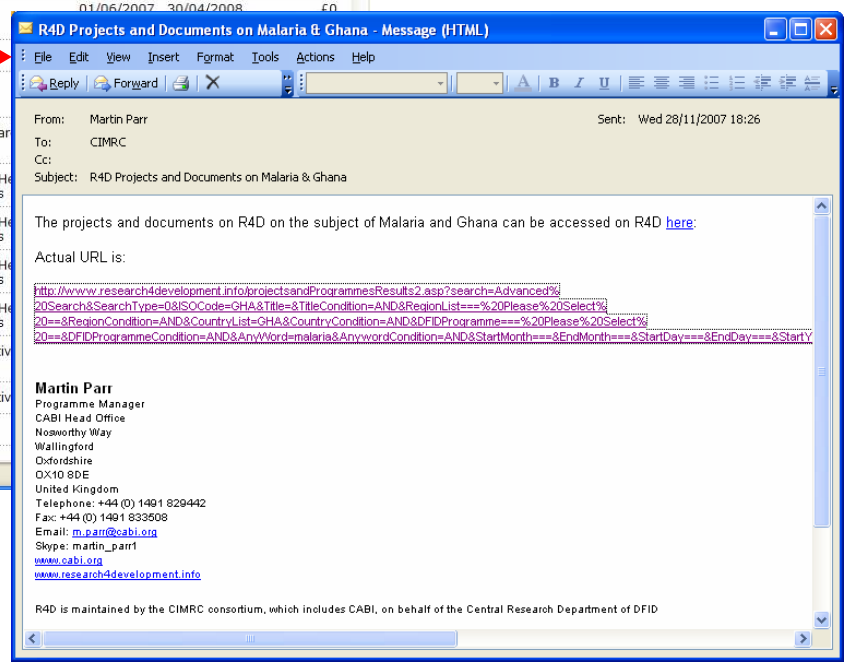

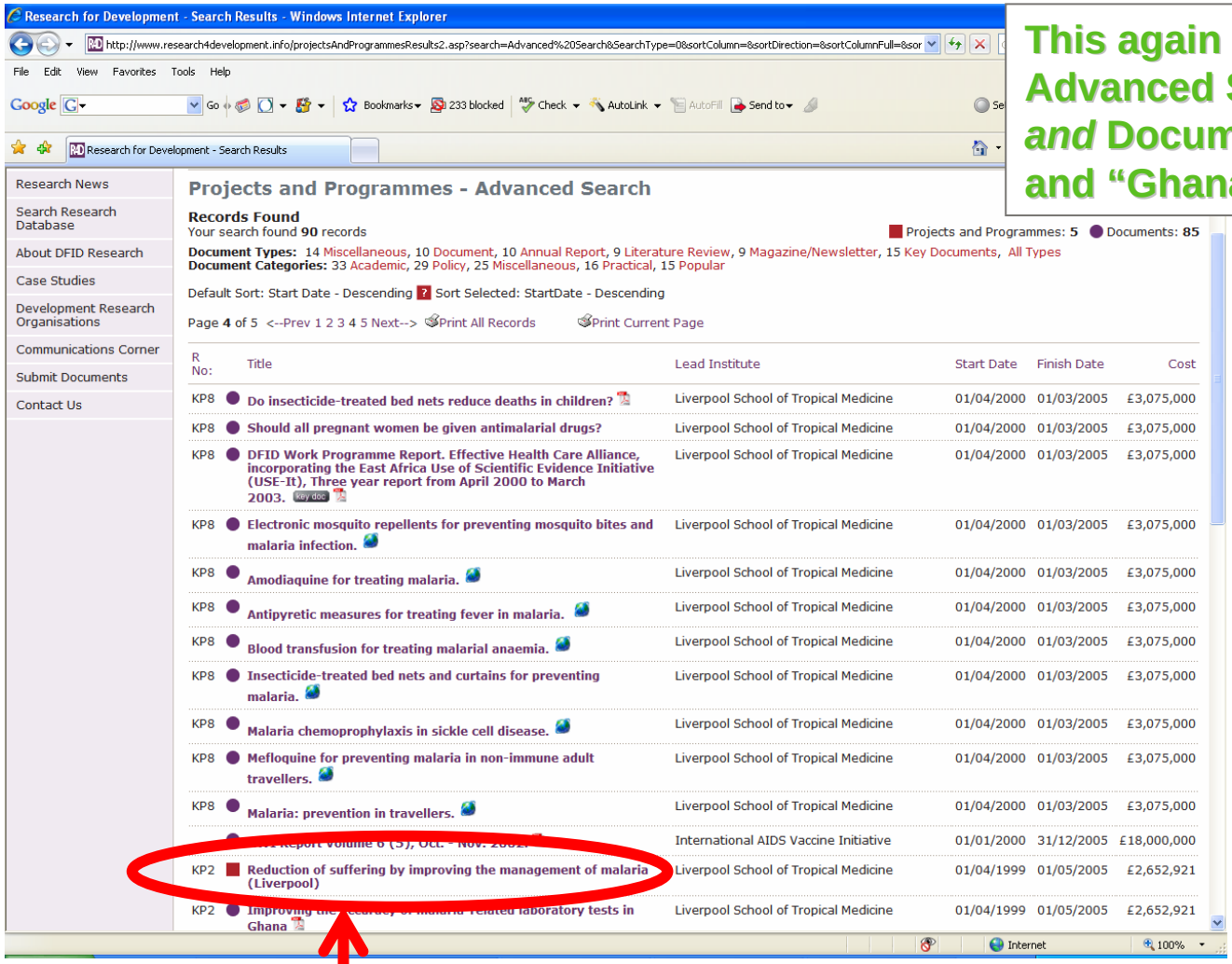


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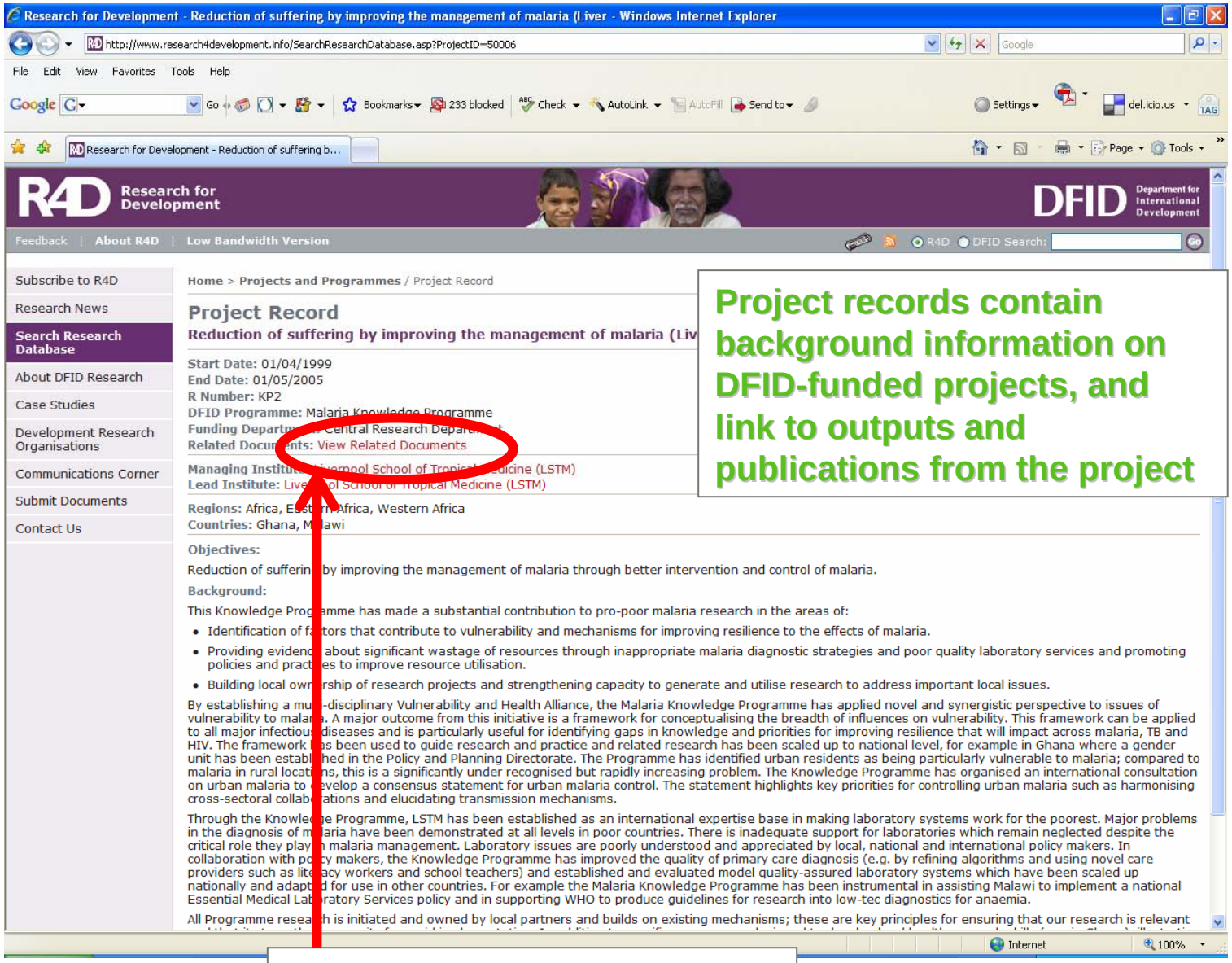
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DFID Programme: Malaria Knowledge Programme
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Lead Institute:
Regions: Africa, Western Africa
Countries: Ghana,
Objectives:
Reduction of suffering by improving the management of malaria through better intervention and control of malaria.
Background:
This Knowledge Programme has made a substantial contribution to pro-poor malaria research in the areas of:
Identification of factors that contribute to vulnerability and mechanisms for improving resilience to the effects of malaria.
Providing evidence about significant wastage of resources through inappropriate malaria diagnostic strategies and poor quality laboratory services and promoting policies and practices to improve resource utilisation.
Building local ownership of research projects and strengthening capacity to generate and utilise research to address important local issues.
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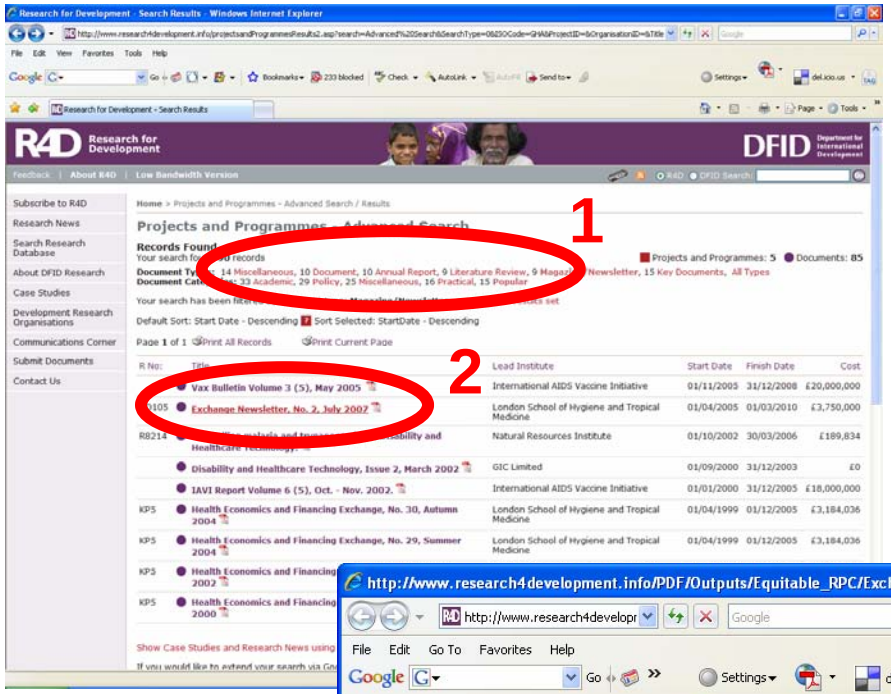


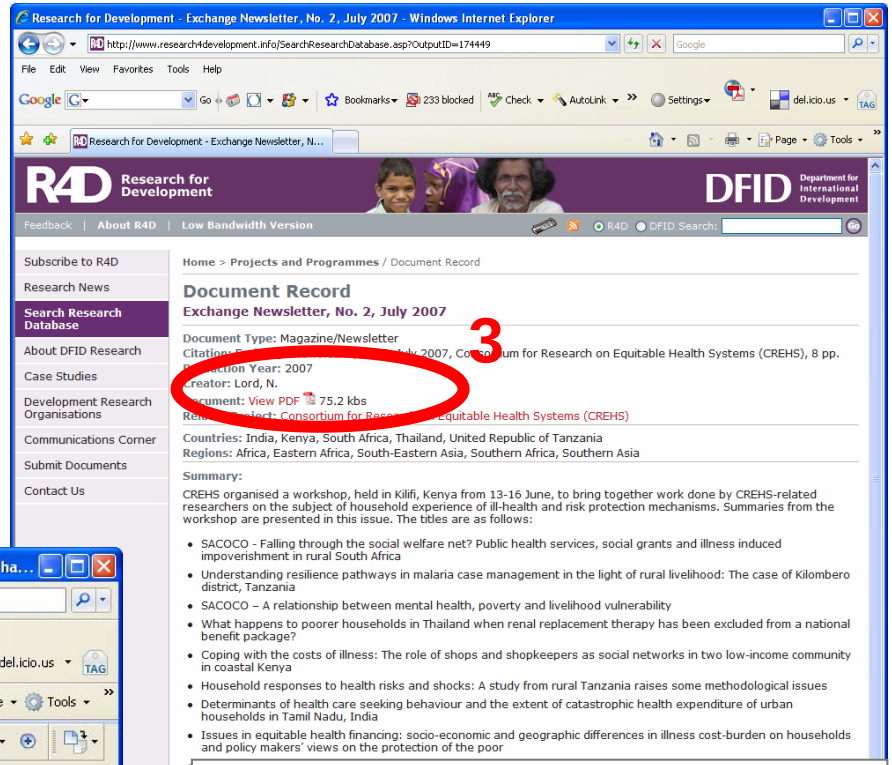


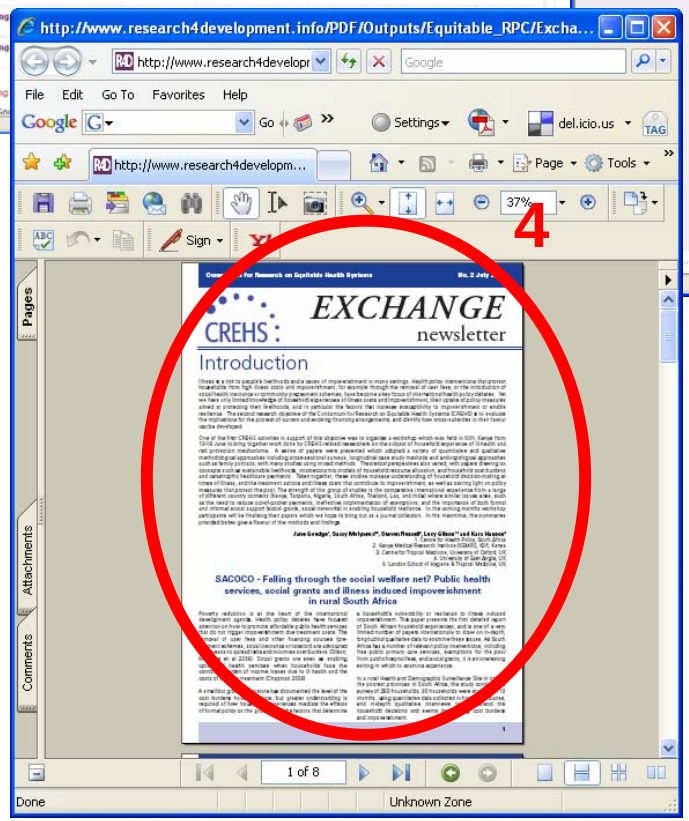


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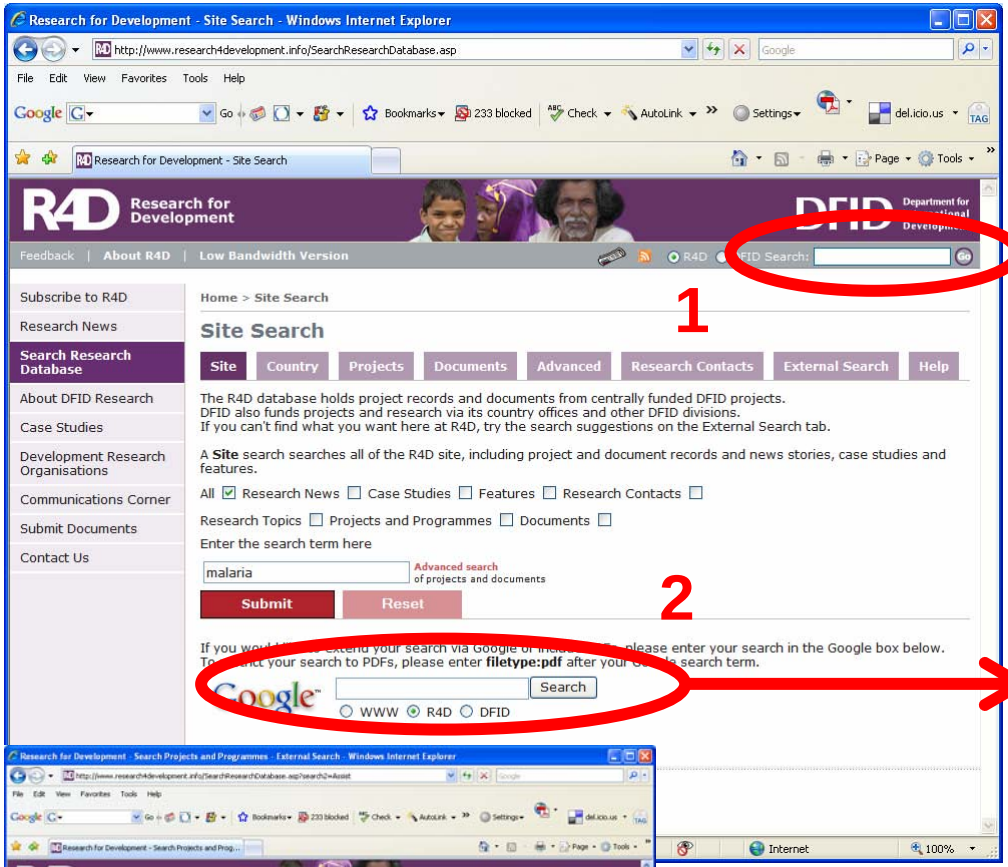


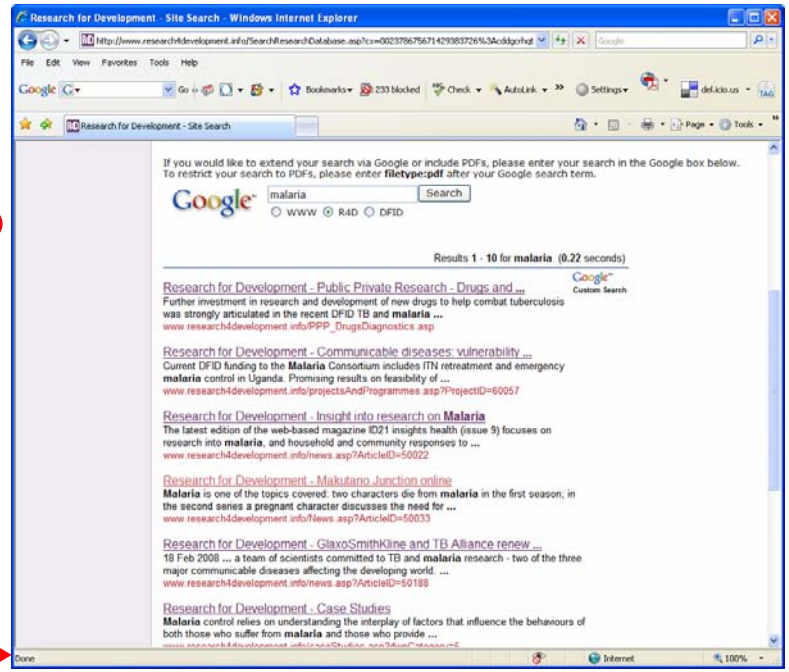


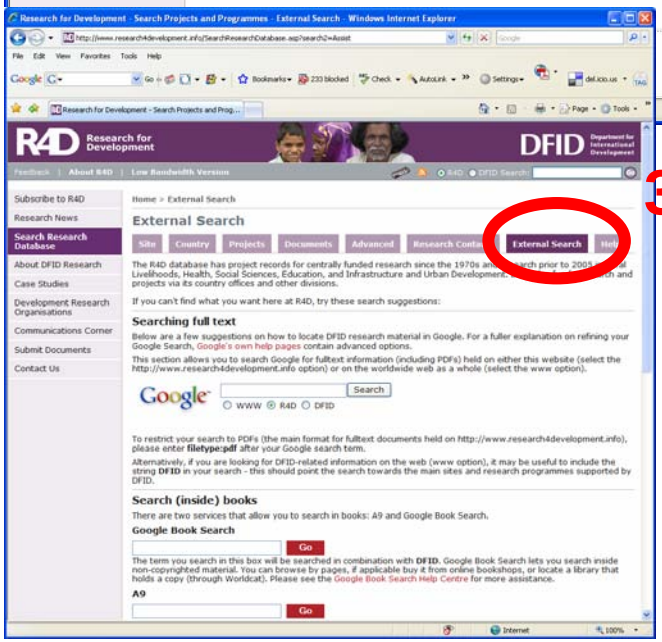


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***Browse or get email alerts on DFID funded research***

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Step 3
To carry out more specific searches you can search by programme/country from the left hand menu. This searches the database using keywords and titles rather than full text.

Step4
If you want to search for organizations choose the left hand menu.

Step5
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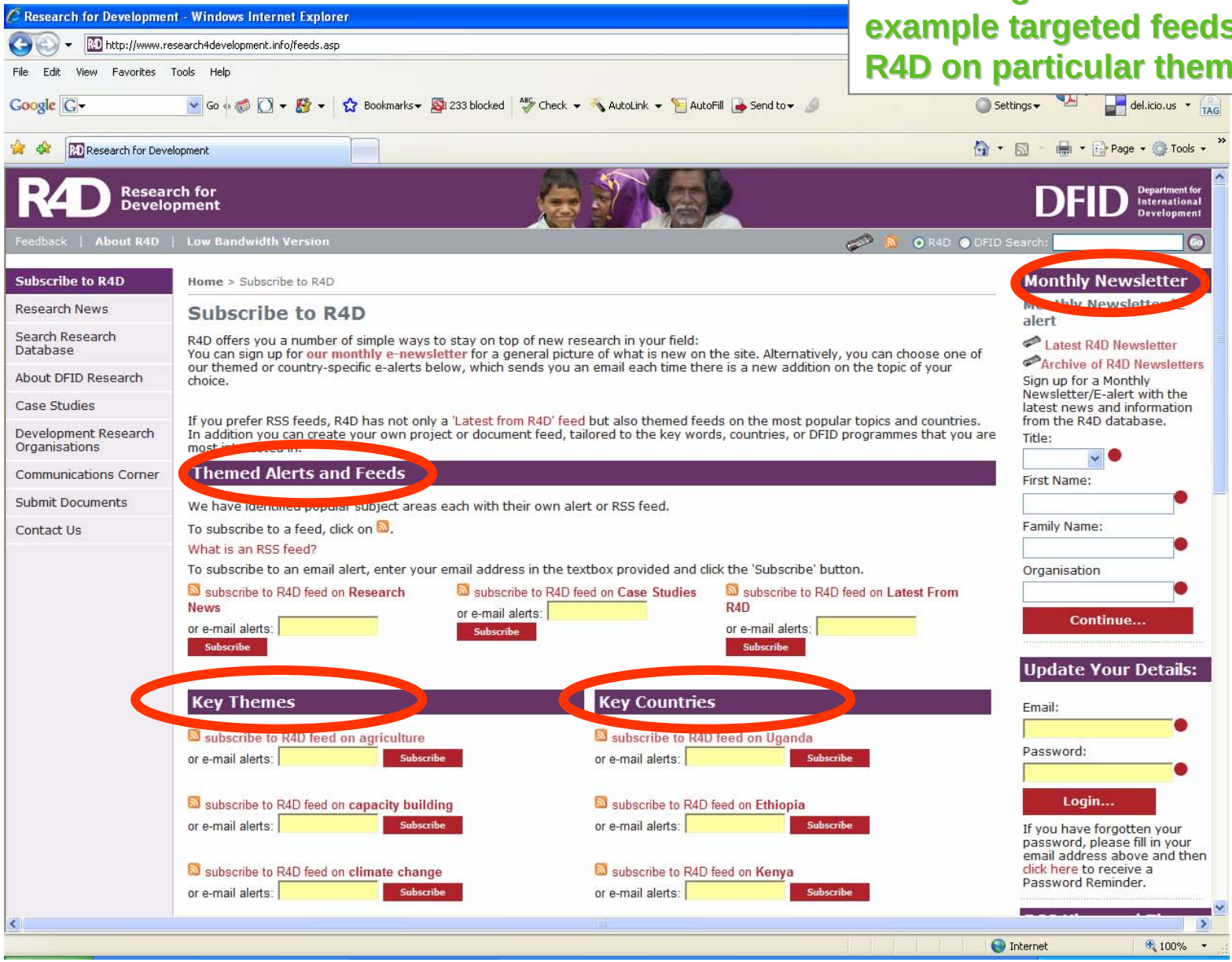

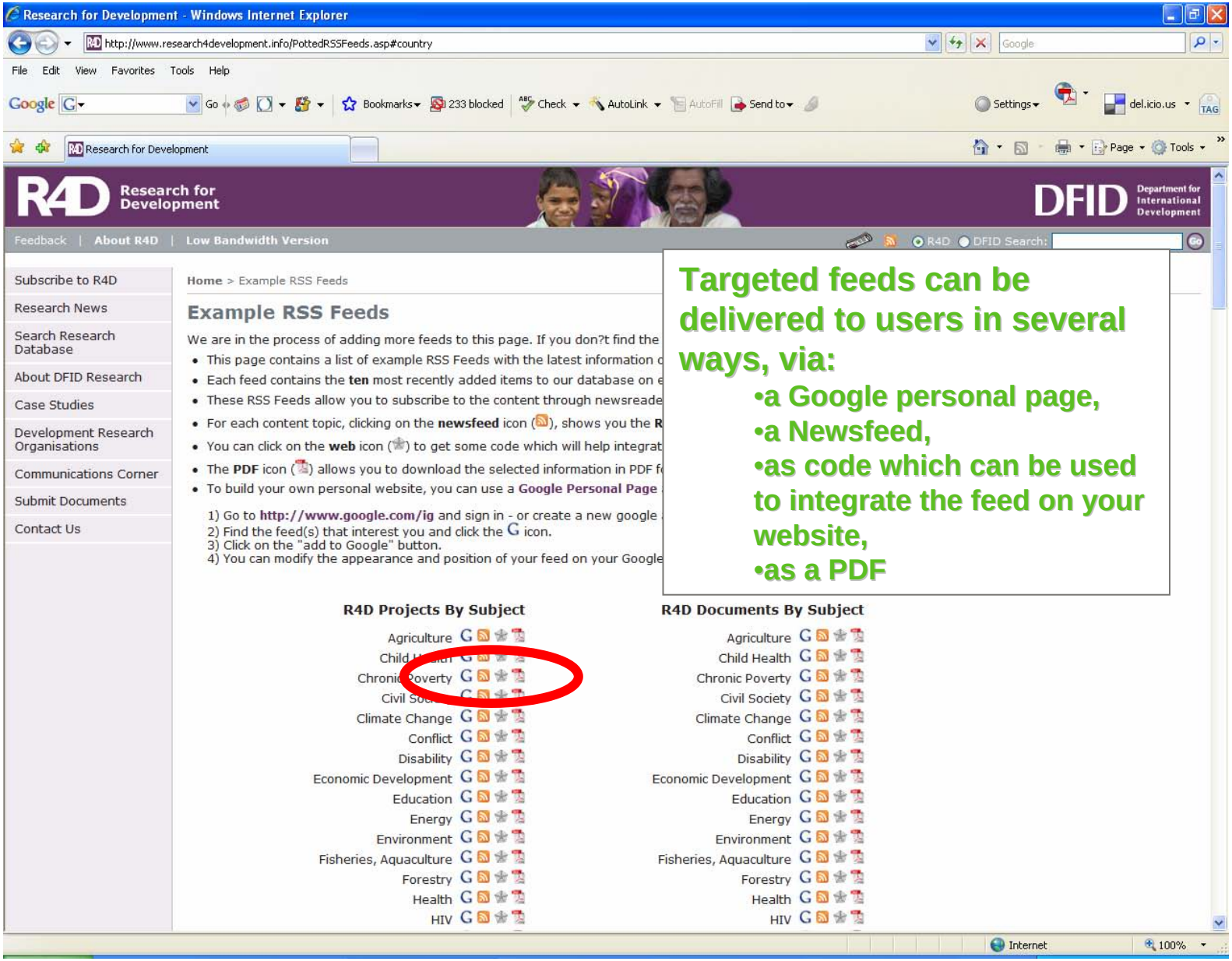
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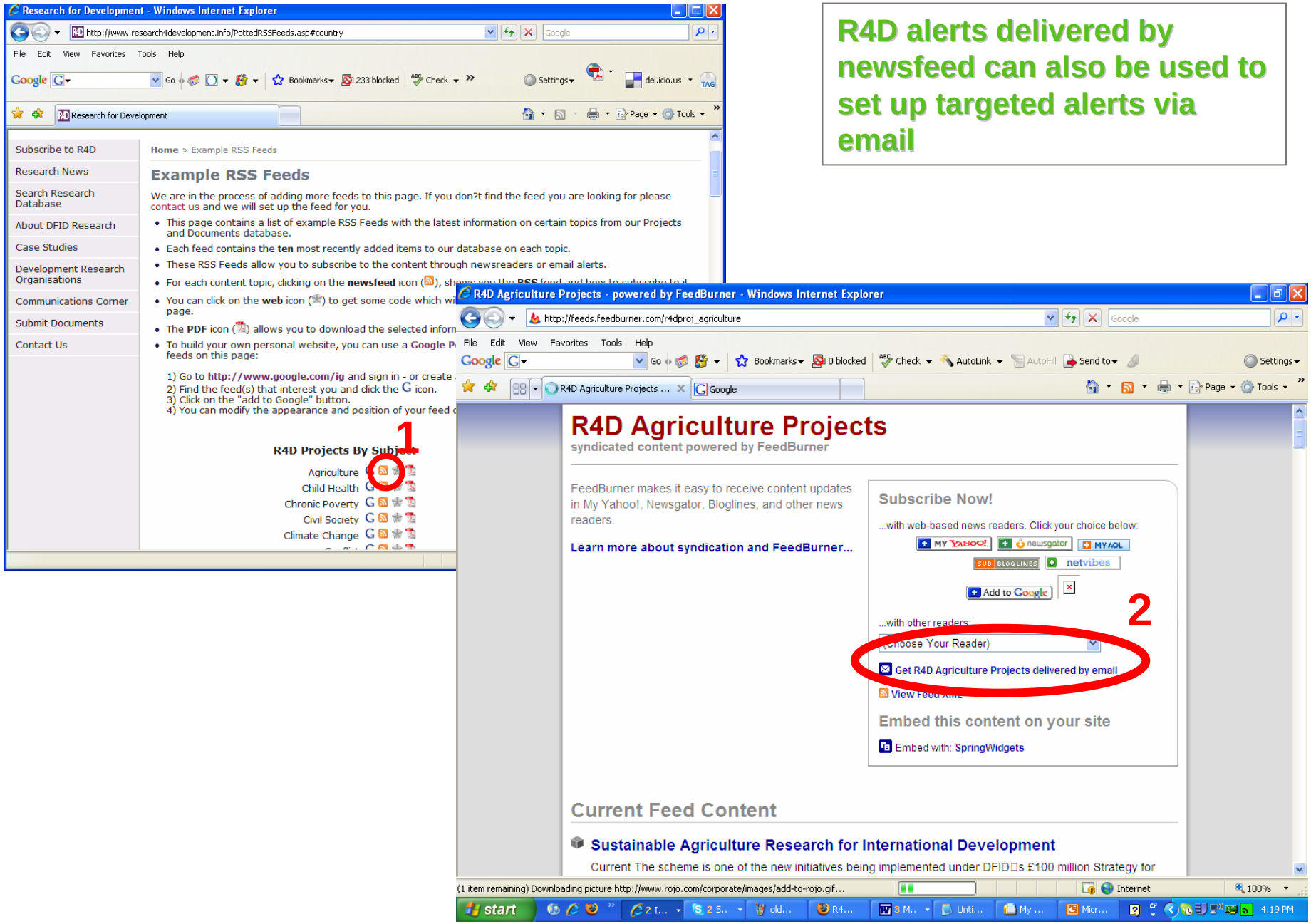
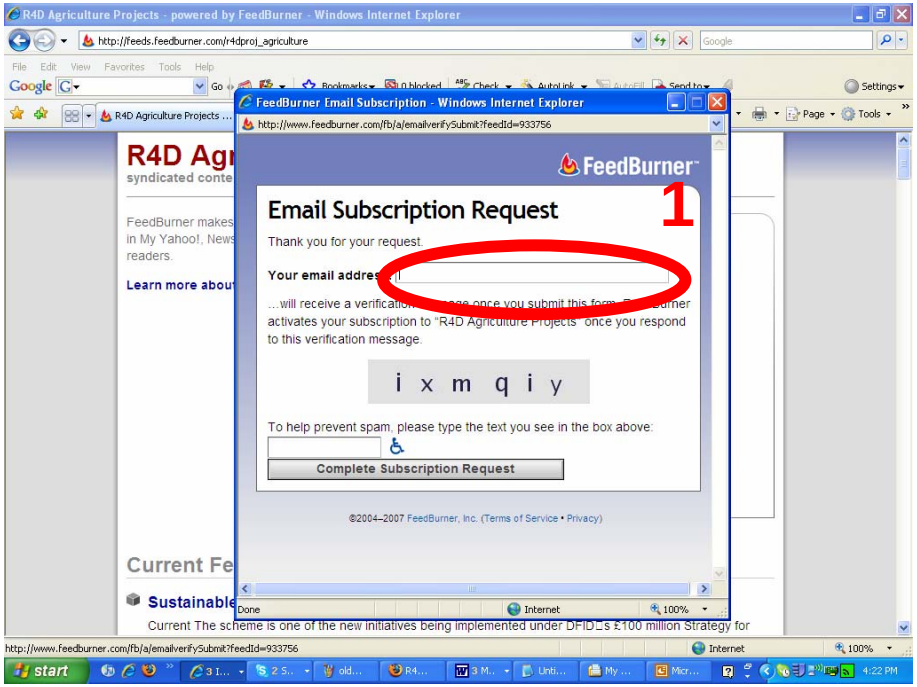
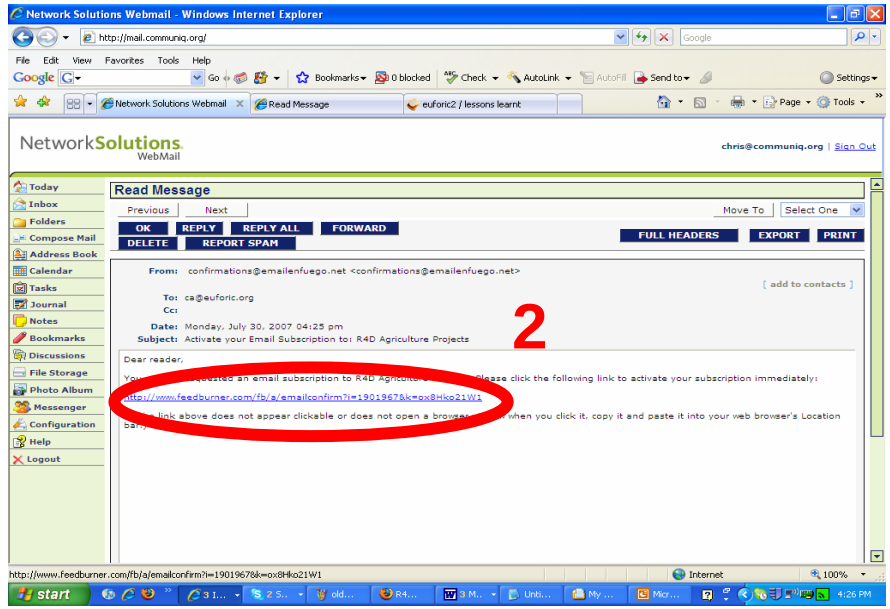
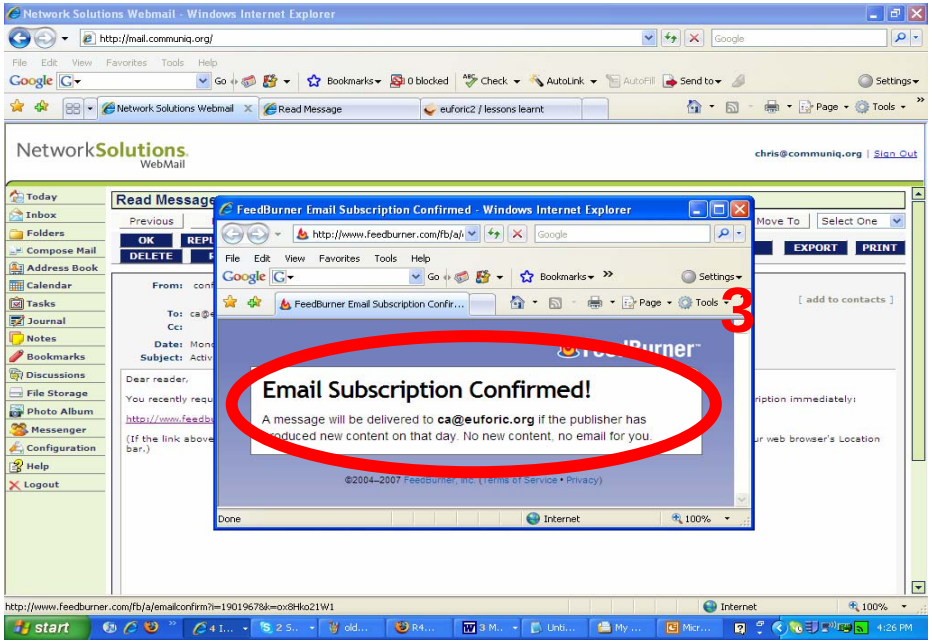
**R4D alerts delivered by newsfeed can also be used to set up targeted alerts via email**





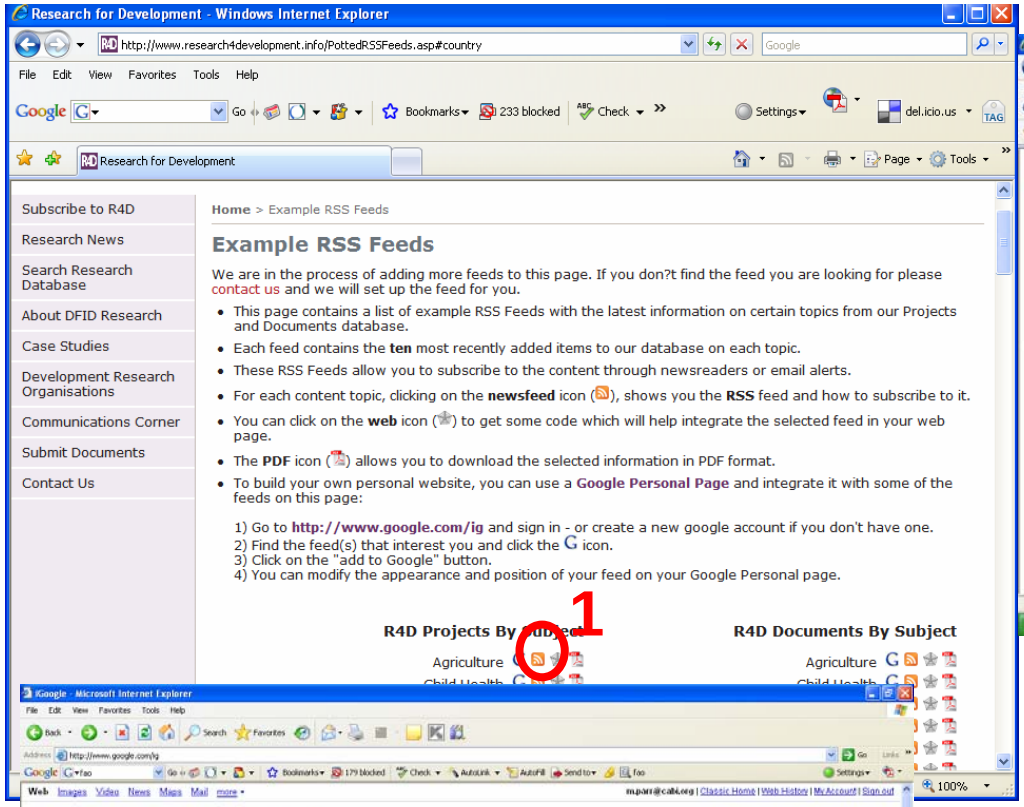



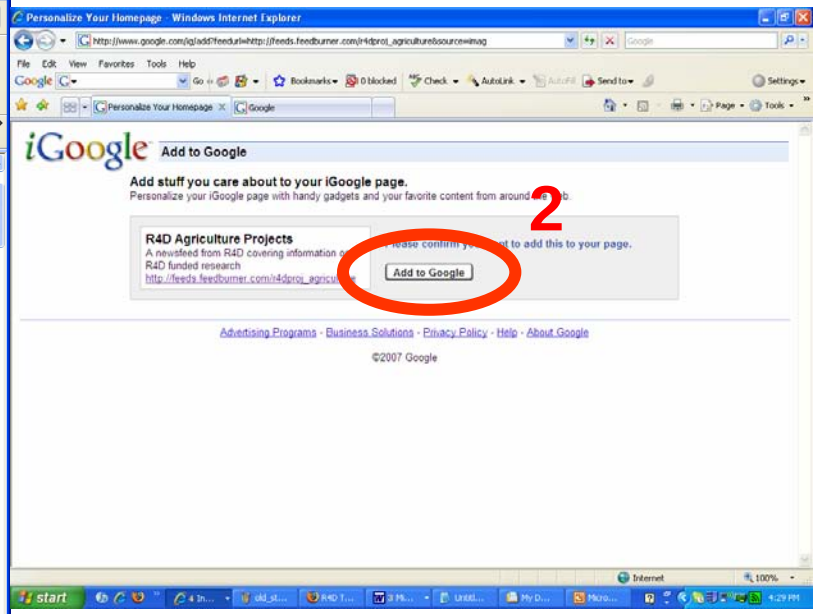



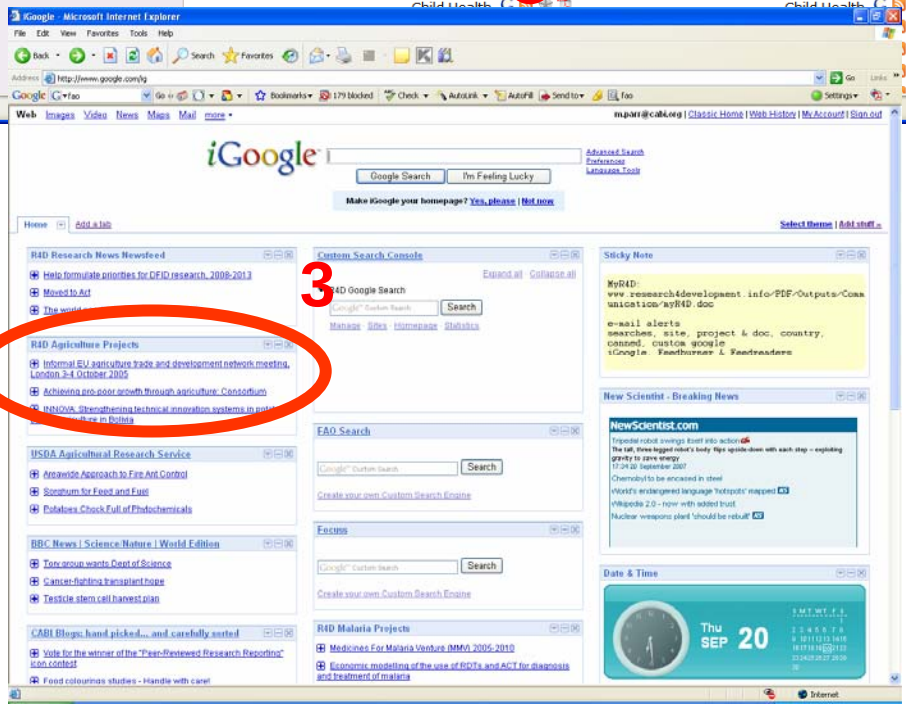

**1 Confirm you want to receive a targeted alert via email**

**2 When you receive a verification request, click the link**

**3 To receive confirmation of your email subscription**



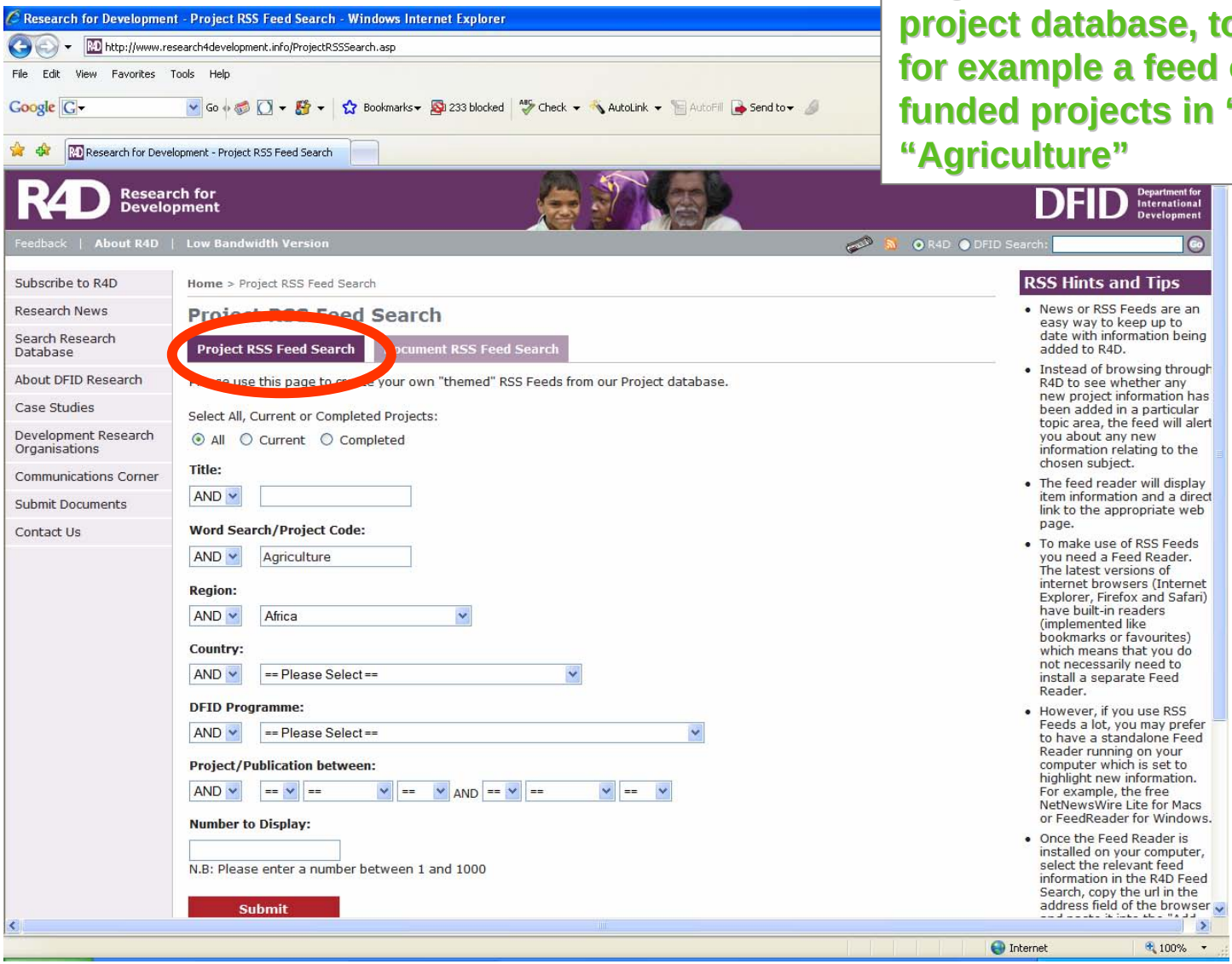

**To add a feed to a Google personal page**

**1 Select the Google icon on the feed list**

**2 When you receive a verification request, click Add to Google**

**3 The feed will be added to your Google personal page**

**You can create your own targeted feeds from our project database, to create for example a feed of DFID-funded projects in "Africa" on "Agriculture"**



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