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PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (PAR)

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1. PROJECT NO.	2. PAR FOR PERIOD	3. COUNTRY	4. PAR SERIAL NO.
651-11-590-201	July 1, 1975 to Dec. 31, 1976	CAMEROON	77-04

5. PROJECT TITLE

RURAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT

6. PROJECT DURATION: Begins FY 76 Ends FY 80	7. DATE LATEST PROP	8. DATE LATEST PIP	9. DATE PRIOR PAR
	May, 1975	N/A	NONE

10. U.S. FUNDING	a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: $ 212,000	b. Current FY Estimated Budget: $ 146,000	c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: $ 323,000

11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Contractor, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)

a. NAME	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO.
Catholic Relief Service, USCC	OPG AID/AFR-G-1165
1011 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10222	

I. NEW ACTIONS PROPOSED AND REQUESTED AS A RESULT OF THIS EVALUATION

A. ACTION (X) USAID	AID/W	HQST	B. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
		X	Submission of outstanding quarterly reports for periods July 1, 1976 through September 30, 1976 and October 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976	April 30, 1977
		X	Revision of project outputs	April 30, 1977
		X	Improvement in the performance of CRS management	Immediately
		X	Utilization of project funds, as needed, for well repairs and construction. C.R.S. should notify AID/W accordingly.	April 30, 1977
X			RDO/Y conduct brief follow-up evaluation to ensure that actions recommended in report and PAR have been implemented	June or July, 1977

D. RE-PLANNING REQUIRED: REVISED OR NEW ☐ PROP ☐ OPG ☐ PIO/A ☐ PIO/T ☐ PIO/C ☐ PIO/P

E. DATE OF MISSION REVIEW: January 27, 1977

PROJECT MANAGER: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE	MISSION DIRECTOR: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE
Felix N. Awantang, PHS February 22, 1977	John W. Koehring, Regional Development Officer

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II. PERFORMANCE OF KEY INPUTS AND ACTION AGENTS

A. INPUT OR ACTION AGENT — CONTRACTOR, PARTICIPATING AGENCY OR VOLUNTARY AGENCY	B. PERFORMANCE AGAINST PLAN — UNSATISFACTORY 1	2	SATISFACTORY 3	4	5	OUTSTANDING 6	7	C. IMPORTANCE FOR ACHIEVING PROJECT PURPOSE (X) — LOW 1	2	MEDIUM 3	4	HIGH 5
1. Catholic Relief Service		X										X
2.												
3.												

Comment on key factors determining rating

Within the past twenty four months there have been four CRS field directors in Cameroon. Due to this high turnover of the directors, project administration has suffered. Moreover, the lack of French language proficiency by most of the directors has adversely affected their ability to communicate and function efficiently. One example of the CRS administrative problems is the current embarrassing financial crisis. RDO/Y had previously suggested that CRS/Cameroon prepare annual workplans as an aid to better project management. Apparently no action has been taken to date on this suggestion. Currently two quarterly reports appear to be overdue. The recent problems have resulted in a resignation threat from the field supervisor in Maroua.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
4. Local ~~XXXXXXXX~~ TRAINING	X											X

Comment on key factors determining rating

Quantitatively, the training did not meet or even approach the planned targets, as set forth in the OPG. Ostensibly, the planned targets were overly optimistic and unrealistic. Only about 30% of the planned targets for the first year has been achieved to date.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
5. COMMODITIES						X						X

Comment on key factors determining rating

CRS has adequately provided drugs for the dispensaries involved in the project.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
6. COOPERATING COUNTRY	a. PERSONNEL (GURC)				X				X				
	b. OTHER: Expatriate Catholic Sisters						X						X

Comment on key factors determining rating

GURC health personnel not directly involved in the project. However, they are aware of the project and encourage it.

The Catholic Sisters are the principal implementers of the project activities and have performed well.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	A	B	C	D	E
7. OTHER DONORS Dioceses of Maroua and Yagoua		X										X

(See Next Page for Comments on Other Donors)

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M. 7. Contracts: Comment on key factors determining setting of Other Dates

OPG indicated that dioceses of Maroua and Yagoua would assume the salaries and support costs of the personnel trained under the project. Assumption was based on information received from the National Catholic Development Office. This information is apparently inaccurate; the dioceses have never committed themselves to such a plan.

III. KEY OUTPUT INDICATORS AND TARGETS

A. QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS		TARGETS (Percentage/Rate/Amount)					
		CUMULATIVE PRIOR FY	CURRENT FY 77 TO DATE	CURRENT FY 77 TO END	FY 78	FY 79	END OF PROJECT
Training of Health Workers	PLANNED	357		357	357	358	1,786
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	19	34				
	REPLANNED						
Establishment of outreach stations	PLANNED	72		72	72	72	360
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE						
	REPLANNED						
Establishment of village health committees	PLANNED	24		24	24		120
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE						
	REPLANNED						
Establishment of centralized system of data collection	PLANNED	X		X	X	X	X
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	partial	partial				
	REPLANNED			no longer applicable			

B. QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MINOR OUTPUTS	COMMENTS
1. Health workers well trained	Health workers have been trained in such areas as personal health education, village sanitation, maternal and child care.
2. Outreach stations functioning well in serving community needs	Outreach stations widely established and providing MCH services to mothers and children. Such services include: Counseling and distribution of nivaquine.
3. Training proceeding very slowly.	Difficulties encountered in enlisting support of rural population in village health matters.

x) Replanned figures will be submitted in accordance with recommendations section one by C.R.S.

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IV. PROJECT PURPOSE

A. 1. Statement of purpose as currently envisaged.

2. Same as in ~~PRP~~ OPG ☐ YES ☐ NO

To strengthen the missions' capability to train sufficient cadres of low and middle level health workers to result in a systematized network of health education among the rural population presently being provided by Catholic Relief Service (C.R.S.).

B. 1. Conditions which will exist when above purpose is achieved.	2. Evidence to date of progress toward these conditions.
30 outreach stations established and functioning by each dispensary	PMI centers are functioning in most villages. Agent itinerants visit the centers once a week.
30 village health committees formed and actively working to improve the village health environment.	Progress has been slow. Only a few have active village health committees.
12 dispensaries functioning with centralized data collection	It appears that this condition existed prior to onset of project activities. All dispensaries are and have been reporting via the GURC MOH official reporting forms.

V. PROGRAMMING GOAL

A. Statement of Programming Goal

The improvement of the rural health delivery systems in Cameroon.

B. Will the achievement of the project purpose make a significant contribution to the programming goal, given the magnitude of the national problem? Cite evidence.

The achievement of project purpose as stated in the OPG, would make a contribution to the programming goal. However, problems encountered in project implementation during first year of project make it unlikely that project purpose will be completely achieved by the end of the project. The limited achievements of the first year include increased health education activities in the villages, newly trained health extension agents working in the villages and an increased number of people receiving health care. These achievements on a greater scale would make a significant positive impact on the general health status of the people in North Cameroon.