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PROJECT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID), AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND

THE JORDAN DEVELOPMENT BOARD (JDB)

AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN

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The above-named parties hereby mutually agree to carry out a project in accordance with the terms set forth herein and the terms set forth in any annexes attached hereto, as checked below:

[X] PROJECT DESCRIPTION ANNEX A
[ ] FOREIGN CURRENCY STANDARD PROVISIONS ANNEX
[X] STANDARD PROVISIONS ANNEX
[ ] SPECIAL LOAN PROVISIONS ANNEX

This Project Agreement is further subject to the terms of the following agreement between the two governments, as modified and supplemented:

[X] GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION — DATE Effective July 1, 1957
[ ] ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT — DATE
[X] (other) Administrative Agreement — DATE April 25, 1962

1. PROJECT/ACTIVITY NO. 278-11-140-104
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2. AGREEMENT NO. 134/70/11
3. [X] ORIGINAL OR REVISION NO.
4. PROJECT/ACTIVITY TITLE: AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND PLANNING
5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND EXPLANATION (See Annex A attached)
6. AID APPROPRIATION SYMBOL: 72-1101004
7. AID ALLOTMENT SYMBOL: 054-50-278-00-69-01

8. AID FINANCING [X] DOLLARS [ ] LOCAL CURRENCY	PREVIOUS TOTAL (A)	INCREASE (B)	DECREASE (C)	TOTAL TO DATE (D)
(a) Total		60,000		60,000
(b) Contract Services/PASA		60,000		60,000
(c) Commodities				
(d) Other Costs				
9. COOPERATING AGENCY FINANCING - DOLLAR EQUIVALENT $1.00= .3545				
(a) Total				
(b) Technical and other Services				
(c) Commodities				
(d) Other Costs				

10. SPECIAL PROVISIONS (Use Additional Continuation Sheets If Necessary)

USAID/J Clearance: AG (K.M.) EXO CONT PRG DIR

J.D.B. Clearance: PRFD PFD FD SG

Minister of National Economy/ Department of Statistics

Minister of Agriculture

11. DATE OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: January 28, 1970
12. DATE OF THIS REVISION:
13. ESTIMATED FINAL CONTRIBUTION DATE: June 30, 1971

14. FOR THE COOPERATING GOVERNMENT OR AGENCY
SIGNATURE: N. Stoney
TITLE: Vice-President, JDB
DATE: 1/28/70

15. FOR THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SIGNATURE:
TITLE: Director, USAID/J
DATE: 1/28/70

I. Project Description

There is inadequate economic data and analyses for the effective use of resources in agriculture. The information gaps are of four main kinds:

1. Lack of information to form a basis for sound policy making by government officials.

2. Lack of the economic information about farm organization and management needed for decision making at the farm level.

3. Lack of the economic information needed for effective decision making by the private sector that serves agriculture.

4. Lack of economic information needed for the development and use of adequate marketing institutions.

The utilization of existing sources of information requires the coordination of economic data collection among several agencies within GOJ. The economic analyses of these data have been incomplete and the data itself has not been adequate.

There now exists an urgent need to:

1. Increase the quantity and quality of economic information.

2. Centralize all economic research pertaining to the agricultural sector in one Ministry (The Ministry of Agriculture) provided that statistical data collection is the responsibility of the Department of Statistics of the Ministry of National Economy.

3. Improve the analysis of the data and relate this analysis to national goals.

The Government of Jordan, realizing the above problems, is desirous of strengthening its Directorate of Agricultural Economics, and has requested assistance from the U.S. government.

II. Activity Target

A. The activity targets of this project are all aimed at building an institution within the Ministry of Agriculture capable of conducting analyses of the following types of problems.

1. Studies basic to agricultural planning, resource development and agricultural policy formation.

2. Optimum economic use of production inputs and practices.

3. Most profitable farm organization, including livestock enterprises.

4. Economic adjustments of the smaller farmers.

5. Optimum farm adjustments of the larger farmers, to price, policy, and institutional changes.

6. Development of an efficient marketing system.

7. Interpretation and use of special agricultural statistics.

B. The implementation of this project will develop trained personnel in all aspects of agricultural economics which are essential to adequate planning for agricultural development, the setting of priorities for the allocation of relatively scarce national resources and manpower, and in making profitable farm management and marketing decisions. Information will also be gathered and developed which will allow the private sector to plan and develop supporting agro-businesses. Successful achievement of the target of this project will greatly assist other GOJ agencies such as the Agricultural Extension Directorate, the ACC, the JDB, and other USAID/J assisted projects such as Wheat Research and Production, Vegetable Research and Production and various on-farm irrigation projects.

III. Project Administration

A. The Economics Committee, a coordinating committee in cooperation with the Jordan Development Board (JDB) shall review the activities of the various GOJ agencies active in the collection, analysis or use of agricultural economics data and shall recommend to the GOJ a suitable division of responsibilities. The Committee shall also be responsible for the formulation and execution of all policy decisions relating to the project.

B. The Committee shall be composed of:

1. Vice President of the JDB, Chairman.
2. Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture.
3. Director of the ACC.
4. Director of the Department of Statistics, Ministry of National Economy.
5. Director of the Agricultural Marketing Department, Ministry of National Economy.
6. Project Supervisor.
7. Food and Agriculture Officer of USAID/J.
8. Project Advisor.
9. Others who may be co-opted by the Committee.

C. The Economics Committee shall meet quarterly or as called by the Chairman in consultation with the Project Supervisor. The Project Supervisor shall be the permanent secretary of the committee and shall be responsible for carrying out any directives of the committee.

D. The Project Supervisor will be the Director of the Agricultural Economics Directorate of the Ministry of Agriculture. He shall be responsible for (1) approval of lists of commodities needed for project implementation, (2) approval of participants to be trained, (3) coordination with other GOJ agencies, and (4) general implementation of the project.

IV. Responsibilities of the GOJ

The Ministry of Agriculture will:

A. Through the Agricultural Economics Directorate make use of the recommendations made by Drs. Faught and Daniel in their report of April 14, 1969.

B. Through the Project Supervisor, establish a participant training program in consultation with the USAID/J Agricultural Economics Advisor and JDB.

C. Take steps to secure adequate office space and facilities.

D. Establish research priorities according to policy decisions of the Economics Committee through the Project Supervisor. Reports will be submitted to the Committee for their use in policy determination.

E. Provide adequate funds for staff and operational expenses.

F. Seek to enlist the cooperation and assistance of other GOJ agencies as appropriate and to give publicity to project activities and accomplishments.

V. Contribution and Responsibilities of USAID/J

A. To the extent possible the USAID/J will provide the full-time services of a technician for a period of at least two years, who will be designated as the Project Advisor. He will be an Agricultural Economist in the field of Production Economics and Farm Management. He will advise and assist the heads of the four sections of the Agricultural Economics Directorate in the preparation and execution of work plans, preparation of job descriptions, and any other activities in which he has competence. In consultation with the Project Supervisor he will recommend to USAID/J the hiring of short-term consultants.

B. To the extent possible the USAID/J will provide the services of consultants when and as needed to include but not be limited to those listed below according to the request of Ministry of Agriculture. These consultants will work with the four section heads of the Directorate of Agricultural Economics and their staffs in the solution of specific problems facing them, as well as train this personnel in their various fields of expertise. Their work will be primarily training rather than operational.

1. Short term consultants ($30,000)

   a. Development Economist for 90 days
   b. Biometrician for 30 days
   c. Statistician for 60 days
   d. Economist, IBM Programmer for 30 days
   e. Economist, IBM Operator for 30 days

2. Agricultural Sector Study Team for 45 days may include but not be limited to the following types of consultants: ($30,000)

   a. Irrigationist
   b. General Agriculturist
   c. Broad-gauged Economists
   d. Soil and Water Conservationist
   e. Livestock Specialist
   f. Horticulturist including vegetables

Total Consultant Costs ($60,000)

C. Participants will be financed by USAID/J pursuant to a program to be developed by the Project Supervisor, Project Advisor and JDB.

When the training program has been developed, this Project Agreement will be amended accordingly.

D. Some commodities may be procured during the first and second year of the project from lists prepared by the Project Supervisor and Advisor, and subject to availability of funds.

VI. Special Provisions

A. Release, budgetary, fiscal control and accounting and reporting on the use of the funds contributed pursuant to this agreement shall be in accordance with the procedures established by the JDB Manual Order "Financing, Fiscal and Accounting System" under the terms of the Administrative Agreement dated April 25, 1962, including Supplement No. 1 thereto.

B. Procurement and contracting procedures, and property management will be carried out as outlined in Supplement No. 2 and attachments and amendments thereto, to the Administrative Agreement dated April 25, 1962.

C. The approved Project Implementation Plan (PIP) is a part of this Project Agreement. It may be revised by the Economics Committee.

For the Cooperating Government or Agency	For the Agency for International Development
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