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PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (PAR)

1. PROJECT NO. 931-11 560-023
 2. PAR FOR PERIOD: June 1975 to May 1976
 3. COUNTRY Worldwide
 4. PAR SERIAL NO.

5. PROJECT TITLE

VOLAG Nutrition Capabilities

6. PROJECT DURATION: Began FY 74 Ends FY 76
 7. DATE LATEST PROP June 1975
 8. DATE LATEST PIP N. A.
 9. DATE PRIOR PAR June 1975

10. U.S. FUNDING
 a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: \$ 1049
 b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$ 1500
 c. Estimated Budget to completion Requested After Current FY: \$ 3 million

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

a. NAME	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO.
PVOs CARE - AID/ta-G-1233 and AID/ta-G-1119, CRS-AID/ta-G-1118, Community Development Foundation-AID/ta-G-1169, American Federation Overseas Blind (AFOB)-AID/ta-G-1232, L.I.F.E. Institute of Food Technology (IFT) AID/ta-G- , American Institute of Chemical Engineers-AID/ta-G- , American School Food Service Association AID/ta-G-1265, Human Lactation Center-AID/ta-G-1292, Foundation for Peoples of South Pacific-AID/ta-G-	

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

A. ACTION (X)			B. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
USAID	AID/W	HOST		
	X		1. PROP extension for two years at increased funding level for the development of Volag programs from wider sample of PVOs.	May, 1976
	X		2. Comprehensive evaluation in June 1977 (after first year of project extension) to evaluate in-depth ongoing PVO subprojects and review interim results newly funded FY 76, T.Q. and FY 77 projects.	June, 1977
	X		3. Proceed with TA/N separate evaluation of all nutrition workshops which will include comprehensive evaluation CARE and CRS workshops funded under this project.	December, 1976

D. REPLANNING REQUIRES
 EXTENSION OR NEW: PROP P.I.P. PRO AG PIO/T PIO/C PIO/P

E. DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: 4/19/76

PROJECT MANAGER: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE
 Carol Adelman *Carol Adelman* 4/19/76

MISSION DIRECTOR: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE
 Martin J. Forman *Martin J. Forman* 4/23/76

TA/N Director, TA/N

PERFORMANCE OF KEY INPUTS AND ACTION

A. INPUT OR ACTION AGENT CONTRACTOR, PARTICIPATING AGENCY OR VOLUNTARY AGENCY	B. PERFORMANCE AGAINST PLAN							C. IMPORTANCE FOR ACHIEVING PROJECT PURPOSE (X)					
	UNSATISFACTORY		SATISFACTORY			OUTSTANDING		LOW		MEDIUM		HIGH	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	
1. See Block 11					X								X
2.													
3.													

Comment on key factors determining rating

It is too early to sufficiently evaluate subproject implementation by the Volags since only approximately half of the Volag projects are underway with the majority of these having just been obligated in June 1975. The response from Volags to the project resources has been good. - More requests have been received than funds available indicating Volag interest and need for nutrition programming assistance. The quality of different Volag proposals has varied but all have been satisfactory. On all approved subprojects Volag performance in implementing their grants has been good with excellent progress towards achieving project purpose.

4. PARTICIPANT TRAINING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
						X					X	

Comment on key factors determining rating Participant training applies only to the CARE and CRS subprojects which involved nutrition planning workshops. These reports have been received and all workshops were satisfactorily carried out. It is too early to judge longer range effects of these workshops on the quality of Volag projects being submitted to their own headquarters. These subprojects will be evaluated under a separate general evaluation of all TA/N nutrition planning workshops.

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

Comment on key factors determining rating

N. A.

6. COOPERATING COUNTRY	a. PERSONNEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
	b. OTHER						X						X

Comment on key factors determining rating

Cooperating Country inputs are managed by grantees and there have been no problems reported.

7. OTHER DONORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
N. A.												

(See Next Page for Comments on Other Donors)

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II. 7. Continued: Comment on key factors determining rating of Other Donors

III. KEY OUTPUT INDICATORS AND TARGETS

A. QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS		TARGETS (Percentage/Rate/Amount)					
		CUMU- LATIVE PRIOR FY	CURRENT FY 76		FY 77	FY 78	END OF PROJECT
			TO DATE	TO END			
Number of training workshops completed (CARE and CRS workshops)	PLANNED	6	1	1			7
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	6	1				
	REPLANNED						
Number of alternative approaches tried, evaluated and in operation (SCF/CDF, CARE, AFOB, FPSP subprojects underway - premature for evaluation)	PLANNED	1	0	0	9	1	11
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	1	0	0			
	REPLANNED						
Evaluation systems operating and number of evaluations conducted. (CARE, AFOB, I.F.T., AICHe, AACC evaluations just starting)	PLANNED	1	0	0	6	1	8
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	1	0				
	REPLANNED						
Extent to which qualified consultants used in project development. (Project development as result of workshop training just beginning)	PLANNED	5	4	2	6	6	23
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	5	4	2			
	REPLANNED						
B. QUALITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS		COMMENT: Majority of subprojects just getting underway. It is too early to sufficiently evaluate this aspect - a separate TA/N evaluation will review longer term results from CARE and CRS workshops in FY 77.					
1. Integrated planning and project implementation among VOs and with other donors or host governments.							
2. Increased awareness among VOs to importance of systematic, integrated approach to nutrition planning.		COMMENT: Approximately half of proposals received over 2 years of project implementation have reflected increased sensitivity to integrated approach. Considerable amount of TA/N guidance, technical resources and funding required to complete project objectives and reach larger number of PVOs.					
3. PVOs making programming use of expertise in the professional nutrition planning community.		COMMENT: With increased PVO sensitivity to nutrition planning, substantial number of requests for assistance just beginning. It is too early to evaluate wider use of expertise among larger PVO community.					

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IV. PROJECT PURPOSE

A. 1. Statement of purpose as currently envisaged. To upgrade and expand the capabilities of participating voluntary agencies to increase nutritional effectiveness of present programs to reach target groups defined in the goal statement. To encourage integration into overall LDC development plans and programs.

2. Same as in PROP? YES NO

B. 1. Conditions which will exist when above purpose is achieved.	2. Evidence to date of progress toward these conditions.
<p>1. Greater PVO competence in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating nutrition programs directed at designated target groups.</p> <p>2. To increase awareness of U.S. professional societies of nutrition problems in LDCs and contribution they can make in solving these problems. To expose LDC institutions to current technology and improved methods.</p> <p>3. PVOs develop innovative programs and work more closely with host governments in planning nutrition strategies.</p>	<p>1. It is too early to sufficiently evaluate various field submissions from those Volag personnel attending CARE and CRS nutrition workshops. This evaluation will be conducted in FY 1977. Other ongoing PVO subprojects have just started and several years required to evaluate their competence. Number of proposals received and funding available under present PROP is limited sample of large number of PVOs involved in nutrition programming to generally evaluate greater PVO competence.</p> <p>2. Three projects from professional societies underway. New proposals anticipated over next 2 years.</p> <p>3. As mentioned, majority of grants just underway and limited PVO sample precluded general evaluation innovative programs; however response and enthusiasm from large number of PVOs (more than could be funded under present project) shows increased interest and desire to better nutrition programming capabilities.</p>

V. PROGRAMMING GOAL

A. Statement of Programming Goal

To reduce malnutrition in selected LDCs, particularly among the most vulnerable groups, (pre-school children and pregnant and nursing women).

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. Achievement of improved Volag nutrition programming capability will contribute ultimately to reducing malnutrition among the most vulnerable groups. With increasing interest of Volags in developing programs to combat malnutrition and their interest in integrated approaches to solving the complex problem in a rural environment, it is expected that their improved planning and skills will make a significant contribution to the program goal.