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PROJECT EVALUATION SUMMARY
 (Submit to MO/PAV after each project evaluation)

1. Mission or AID/W Office Name TA/Agriculture, Economics & Sector Planning		2. Project Number 931-0060	
3. Project Title Planning and Support Services			
4. Key project dates (fiscal years) a. Project 1974 Agreement Signed b. Final 1979 Obligation c. Final 1980 input delivered			5. Total U.S. funding life of project \$969,000
6. Evaluation number as listed in Eval. Schedule NA	7. Period covered by this evaluation FROM: 8/76 Month/year TO: 8/77 Month/year		8. Date of this Evaluation Review 9 / 7 /77 month/day/year
9. Action Decisions Reached at Evaluation Review, including items needing further study (Note--This list does not constitute an action request to AID/W. Use telegrams, airgram, SPARS, etc., for action)		10. Officer or Unit responsible for follow-up	11. Date action to be completed
1. Replace worker who resigned to accept employment with USAID/Manila		Joint USDA/ERS TA/AGR/ESP	10/1/77
2. Continue funding provisions.		TA/AGR	9/20/77
3. Provide orientation of new worker		TA/AGR	11/1/77

12. Signatures:

Signature <i>K. P. Brundage</i>	Project Officer	Signature <i>Leon F. Hesser</i>	Mission or AID/W Office Director
Typed name K. P. Brundage	TA/AGR/ESP	Typed name Leon F. Hesser, Director	
Date 9/13/77		Date 9/16/77	

13. SUMMARY - Summarize in about 200 words the current project situation, mentioning progress in relation to design; prospects of achieving purpose, major problems encountered, etc.

This RSSA provides technical advise to the TA/AGR/ESP Division office. Output in terms of projects developed has been considerable this year. A Small Farmer Credit Project was completed and two new 211(d) projects with minority institutions were successfully developed. Technical assistance is being provided on two future projects. Thus, the objectives of the project design were met and the purpose of the RSSA were achieved. No major problems were encountered.

14. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY - Describe the methods used for this evaluation, i.e. was it a regular or special evaluation? was it in accordance with the Evaluation Plan in the PP with respect to timing, study design, scope, methodology and issues? What kinds of data were used and how were they collected and analyzed? Identify agencies and key individuals participating and contributing.

This is a regular annual evaluation by the project officer covering the procedures and accomplishments of the RSSA personnel in relation to the duties assigned.

15. Documents to be revised to reflect decisions noted page 1 (other side:)

Project Paper (PP) Logical Framework CPI Network Financial Plan

PIO/T PIO/C PIO/P Project Agreement Other

This evaluation brought out ideas for a new project -- a Project Identification Document (PID) will follow.

Evaluation findings about EXTERNAL FACTORS - Identify and discuss major changes in project setting which have an impact on the project. Examine continuing validity of assumptions.

The resignation of one of the two members of the RSSA has resulted in a period of short staffing. Steps are being taken to correct this situation.

Evaluation findings about GOAL/SUBGOAL - For the reader's convenience, quote the approved sector or other goal (and subgoal, where relevant) to which the project contributes. Then describe status by citing evidence available to date from specified indicators and by mentioning progress of other projects (whether or not U.S.) which contribute to same goal. Discuss causes--can progress toward goal be attributed to project, why shortfalls?

The goal is to improve the income and welfare of LDC rural people. This project influences progress towards the above goal thru the specific projects developed by TAB that strive to obtain that objective. The three projects initiated during this year will make contributions towards the goal. Ultimate effectiveness will be determined in future years from the work that results in LDCs from these projects. The extent of AID funding governs the level of effort that results.

18. Evaluation findings about PURPOSE - Quote the approved project purpose. Cite progress toward each End-of-Project Status (EOPS) condition. When can achievement be expected? Discuss causes of progress or shortfalls.

This ongoing RSSA has a changing purpose over time that is related to the TAB office and division purpose. Specific projects run a fairly steady course, but support in Agricultural economics to the regional bureaus and missions is an unknown and unpredictable function that is superimposed on normal functions. The RSSA has been responsive and effective in meeting such of these requests as were assigned. The Spanish language capability of one member has been most beneficial to the division.

19. Evaluation findings about OUTPUTS and INPUTS - Note any particular success or difficulties. Comment on significant management experiences of host contractor, and donor organizations. Describe any necessary changes in schedule or in type and quantity of resources or outputs needed to achieve purpose.

The present personnel supplied by USDA have been most effective and more output oriented than previous incumbents. The periodic reassignment and replacement of the USDA personnel causes periods of orientation and understanding of AID objectives and procedures before effective output occurs. Longer periods of assignment for present personnel will be helpful for the output level of the project.

20. Evaluation findings about UNPLANNED EFFECTS - Has project had any unexpected results or impact, such as changes in social structure, environment, technical or economic situation? Are these effects advantageous or not? Do they require any change in plans?

The uncertainty of the AID reorganization has clouded the future projection in terms of objectives and methods to be utilized in planning projects being contemplated.

21. CHANGES in DESIGN or EXECUTION - Explain the rationale for any proposed modification in project design or execution which now appear advisable as a result of the preceding findings (items 16 to 20 above) and which were reflected in one or more of the action decisions listed on page 1 or noted in Item 15 on page 2.

With the present effective operation of the project, no modifications of a major nature are planned. Sufficient flexibility exists to respond to changing conditions in the Division which the RSSA supports.

22.

LESSONS LEARNED - What advice can you give a colleague about development strategy-- e.g., how to tackle a similar development problem or to manage a similar project in another country? What can be suggested for follow-on in this country? Similarly, do you have any suggestions about evaluation methodology?

In a project of this type, the selection of personnel for the job is the most crucial element. Other factors include suitable orientation, early guidance to provide an understanding of AID's objectives, policies and operating procedures.

23.

SPECIAL COMMENTS or REMARKS (For AID/W projects, assess likelihood that results of project will be utilized in LDC's)

This AID/W project provides technical advice on the design of TAB projects. In line with AID policy, careful attention is provided to direct efforts towards the improvement of LDC rural poor families as the projects are developed to the implementation stage.