

PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (P)

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1. PROJECT NO: RSSA-USDA 4-75 931-11-130-829	2. PAR FOR PERIOD: 7/1/75 TO 6/30/76	3. COUNTRY TA Bureau	4. PAR SERIAL NO. 51
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5. PROJECT TITLE

Plant and Seed Materials

6. PROJECT DURATION: Begin FY 1958 Ends FY 1976	7. DATE LATEST PROP 1973	8. DATE LATEST PIP	9. DATE PRIOR PAR 1975
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10. U.S. FUNDING	a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: \$1,561,000	b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$90,000	c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: \$
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11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Contractor, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)

a. NAME	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO.
ARS (USDA)	RSSA 4-75

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

A. ACTION (X)		D. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
USAID	AID/W/ HOST		
	X	Lists of plant and seed materials supplied to LDCs for last 10 years to be sent to each of the AID/Missions for their information and use.	August 1, 1975
USDA		Each shipment of requested seed or plant materials should have enclosed a copy of the reporting form and after a lapse of one year the recipient should receive an inquiry requesting a report on results obtained.	July 1, 1975 or Continuous
USDA	X	Provide funds for follow-up trip or trips by USDA personnel to determine utilization and results from plant materials furnished to selected missions/LDCs based on ten-year summary.	June 30, 1976

D. REPLANNING REQUIRED		E. DATE OF MISSION REVIEW			
REVISED OR NEW	<input type="checkbox"/> PROP <input type="checkbox"/> PIP <input type="checkbox"/> PRO AG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PIQ/T <input type="checkbox"/> PIQ/C <input type="checkbox"/> PIQ/P	June 12, 1975			
PROJECT MANAGER, TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE		MISSION MANAGER, TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE			
Andrew R. Downie, TA/AGR/CP 6/27/75		L. V. Hesser, TA/AGR 6/27/75			

A. Project Inputs

1. Key inputs supplied according to requests through Action Agent. Yes.
2. Assumptions regarding supply of inputs still valid. Yes.
3. Performance of action agents satisfactory. Need more follow up as to utilization - see attached annual review paper and page 1 of PAR.

B. Transformation of Inputs and Outputs.

4. Need to have more follow up on utilization. Yes.
5. Output expectations have not been fully realized. Yes.

C. Project Outputs.

6. See issues narrative and PAR actions. Yes.

See attached issues narrative and PAR actions. No.

This is difficult to get - see narrative and PAR actions.
No.

Annual Review: Project No. 93i-11-130-829, RSSA, USDA, 4-75
Dissemination of Plant and Seed Materials

A regular annual review of the above project was held in room number 2237, New State Building, 1400 to 1600 hours, June 12, 1975. Attached is a list of the participants. Option (A) for General Technical Assistance Projects was used following TA-MO 1026.1, Guidelines, dated February 1, 1972, for Technical Assistance review.

Mr. Howard L. Hyland summarized the annual report of the project (copy attached). Discussion covered: (1) The procurement and distribution of experimental plant and seed materials from the Plant Genetics and Germplasm Institute; (2) Tropical distribution of yam varieties from Puerto Rico which is under the Southern Region of the ARS and budgeting of salary for supervision is not charged to Project No. 829; (3) Credit to Mr. Staley Pitts, under the guidance of Dr. Andrew Downie, was expressed for the good work in compilation of the ten-year record by country and region of variety distribution with a discussion of follow-up activity required; (4) Progress in the encouragement of establishment of in-country plant Quarantine and Import Centers; (5) and budgetary matters.

It was brought out that considerable plant material was reaching USAIDs for the regional nurseries without credit to this service project. In the coming year, Mr. Hyland indicated that effort will be made to document this release of material, especially for wheat cultivars. While there has been a slight decrease of activity during the past year because of decrease in the number of USAIDs and of agricultural personnel overseas, a pick-up of activity is expected in Latin America and Africa, especially in the Sahel region. It was pointed out that as the USAID phases out, usually U. S. University activities take over.

Budget support for the distribution of tropical yam cultivars by the Project is needed for one more year. This input is under administration of the ARS Southern Region. Support by the Project is for support personnel only, not that of supervisory assistance, which comes under the regular program of the USDA.

Follow-up to the ten-year summary of plant and seed material shipments by Staley Pitts was discussed. It was decided that USDA technicians and TA/AGR technical personnel could check in-country use of material when on travel status. The summary illustrated the proportional worldwide distribution of material. During 25 years of distribution by the regular USDA program, almost every LDC country of the world has been serviced. Where USAIDs are still active, the summary information from TA/AGR should be distributed since feedback is needed to direct the future course of the project.

It was suggested that LDC requests for plant and seed material be routed through their Ministry of Agriculture, however, it was pointed out that this course of action is being followed. Mr. Hyland also pointed out that a second shipment of the same material is not made to a country without a response as to what happened to the first shipment. Mr. Hyland responded favorably to the proposal that every seed shipment should include a copy of AID 1530-2(11-72) which requests results as to utilization and success obtained with the materials received and that an annual follow up letter should be sent out.

Continued encouragement of in-country centers for quarantine and import was discussed, however, this activity should decrease in the future since only one country (India) has been able to establish such a body within the past few years of effort under the project.

Under budgetary matters, it was pointed out that a 25% overhead was being charged to present PASA and RSSA agreements by USDA. Mr. Hyland is charging one hundred days of his total time to the effort and is the only senior technician charged against this project..

Professional support has varied during the life of the project where no more than two professionals were involved in any one year. During most of this period only one professional has had any of his time charged to the Project Activity. Special attention should be given to the need for follow-up travel under the Project this year by TA/AGR personnel and more importantly by USDA personnel under the RSSA.

Almost without exception, USDA has been able to obtain essential plant materials requested by the Missions or LDCs.

Plant and Seed Materials Project Review
Participants

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