

PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (PAR)

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1. PROJECT NO. 931-0887	2. PAR FOR PERIOD: July 1975 to Sept. 1976	3. COUNTRY TAB Worldwide	4. PAR SERIAL NO. 51
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5. PROJECT TITLE
 International Agricultural Economics Seminars Sp

6. PROJECT DURATION: Began FY 70 Ends FY 80	7. DATE LATEST PROP 4/25/75	8. DATE LATEST PIP	9. DATE PRIOR PAR
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10. U.S. FUNDING	a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: \$ 966,000	b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$ 225,000	c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: \$ 1,150,000
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11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Contractor, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)	
a. NAME Agricultural Development Council	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO. csd - 2813

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	contractor		
X	X		1. Design of project evaluation	March, 1977
X	X		2. Selection of project evaluation team	May, 1977
X	X		3. Complete project evaluation	Sept. 1977

D. REPLANNING REQUIRES REVISED OR NEW: <input type="checkbox"/> PROP <input type="checkbox"/> PIP <input type="checkbox"/> PRO AG <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/T <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P	E. DATE OF MISSION REVIEW July 15-19, 1976
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PROJECT MANAGER: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE William C. Merrill, TA/AGR/ESP	MISSION DIRECTOR: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE Leon F. Hessel, Director, TA/AGR 10/22/76
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II. Narrative

A. Review Procedure

A review of the current status of the Agricultural Development Councils' (A/D/C) Research and Training Network (RTN) was carried out by the Project Manager, William C. Merrill, on July 15, 1976. This PAR reflects the July 15 review and a subsequent review based on A/D/C annual reports of seminars held to date carried out on September 30.

B. Utilization and Impact to Date

The approval of the A/D/C - RTN project in June, 1975 came after a period of approximately 9 months during which time the project was evaluated carefully and discussed extensively with the regional bureaus. During the six month period prior to the project extension no new seminar activities were planned. The July - December, 1975 period was spent redirecting project activities in response to regional bureaus' suggestions. An RTN Program Committee consisting of AID, university, and international agencies representatives was appointed. This Committee has played an active role in advising the A/D/C on program direction and reviewing specific seminar proposals.

During the past year the A/D/C has done an excellent job of building closer working relations with AID, designing seminar programs more relevant to AID's interests, and involving more LDC professionals in the program. Somewhat less progress has been made in involving younger U.S. professionals in the A/D/C - RTN program. A number of senior professionals are now aware of this problem, however, and actions are being taken to change this situation during the coming year.

Since January, 1976 six major seminars have been held:

- a. Two on cooperatives, The Small Farmer and Rural Development (1/23/76 in New York and 7/16/76 in Wisconsin).
- b. Time Allocation in Rural Households with Special Emphasis on the Role of Women (2/2/76) in Hyderabad, India).
- c. Risk and Uncertainty in Agricultural Development (3/9/76 in Mexico).
- d. Improving Ruminant Livestock Production on Small Holdings (6/13/76 Morrilton, Arkansas, Winrock Center).
- e. Household Studies in Asia (8/2/76 in Singapore)

Total participants to these seminars was 169 persons. In addition support was provided for 11 participants in other seminars related to economic development. Smaller planning workshops were held on cooperatives, data collection, and international training.

Publication during the past year include:

- a. Seminar report on field data collection in developing countries
- b. Reprint of Wolf Ladejinsky's, The Green Revolution in Bihar - The Kosi Area: A Field Trip - and The Green Revolution in Punjab: A Field Trip
- c. Monograph on Field Data Collection in the Social Sciences: Experiences in Africa and the Middle East
- d. Monograph on International Training in Agricultural Economic Development

Several seminar reports are in the writing or publication stage and a French translation of the Monograph on Field Data Collection is being prepared by TA/AGR/ESP.

C. Present and Future Programs

Efforts to speed the publications of seminar and workshop reports have been reasonably successful given A/D/C capacity and the need to rely on the willingness of professionals to undertake such work in their spare time. The 8/2/76 seminar on household studies in Asia emphasized papers prepared by young professionals in Asia. A similar effort to involve young professionals will be used in the proposed seminar on rural financial markets to be held in 1977.

The following seminars are being considered for 1976-77:

- a. Minimum Information Systems for Agricultural Development in Low Income Countries (12/5/76 in Oxford, U.K.)
- b. Cooperation, Small Farmers and Development
- c. Agricultural Sector Analysis (11/8/76 in Singapore)
- d. Irrigation Policy and the Management of Irrigation Systems for the Indian Subcontinent
- e. Rural Financial Markets (August 77)

- f. Training Needs in Agricultural Development
- g. Wolf Ladejinsky Symposium (Oct. 77 with IBRD)
- h. Population and Development

D. Management Considerations

An evaluation of the A/D/C -- RTN program must be completed at the end of the second year of the program. The design of the evaluation should be started in early 1977 and the project evaluation team identified by June, 1977. The final report of the evaluation team should be available by September 1977.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Major Type of Activity: Key Problem Area - Agricultural Economics Capability and Sector Analysis

Project Title: International Agricultural Economics Seminars

Contractor: Agricultural Development Council Inc., New York

Contract Number: None

Contractor Liaison Officer: Dr. A. T. Mosher - Dr. A. Russell Stevenson
Title: President - Administrative Officer

Project Number: 931-11-140-887

Present: 73-31.02173

Termination Date

Project Duration:	Started	6/30/70	6/30/75	(000's dollars)		
				Obligated	Expend.	Unliquidated
Budget:	a)	Funds obligated through FY 69	:	0		
	b)	Funded for FY 70	:	200	120	80
	c)	Funds requested for FY 71	:	70	130	20
	d)	Estimated fund requirement FY 72:	:	200	190	30

TA/AGF Project Monitor: Dr. Arthur J. Coutu

Purpose: To link U.S. and foreign professionals by developing a research and training network in the field of agricultural economic development.

Description: This project is aimed at increasing research productivity and the relevance of graduate training programs through a series of seminars, workshops and experiments in curriculum development. The seminars and workshops on research will center on problem specification, theoretical and methodological conceptualization, and informational exchanges with concentration in areas of sector planning, rural employment and income distribution, water resource development, markets and trade, as well as allocation of resources to accelerate technological changes. An initial focus in curriculum development will be on agricultural policy in developing countries including issues of production incentives, land policy, administration of agricultural programs, and the interrelationships of population, employment and economic development.

During the first year, the seminars, workshops, and experiments in curriculum development will be programmed in the U.S. However, professional talent will be screened from research and educational establishments within the U.S. and abroad. Particular attention will be given to professional personnel presently working on U.S. AID agricultural economic research activities. Beginning in the second year, some activities will be programmed abroad in cooperation with regional bureaus and specific country missions.

Current Status: Since initiation of the program in July 1970, the contractor - Agricultural Development Council - has established a steering committee of Drs. Mosher, Eicher, Ruttan and Coutu; has announced the new program and requested interested participants to file an expression of interest. At the first meeting of the steering committee on August 11, the group identified seminar chairmen and selected tentative dates for three research areas including sector planning and rural employment, as well as markets and trade. A general steering committee meeting is planned on October 9, to structure the training component of the network.

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