

CLASSIFICATION
PROJECT EVALUATION SUMMARY (PES) - PART I

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1. PROJECT TITLE Legal Assistance for the Poor	2. PROJECT NUMBER 513-0295	3. MISSION/AID/W OFFICE USAID/Chile
4. EVALUATION NUMBER (Enter the number maintained by the reporting unit e.g., Country or AID/W Administrative Code, Fiscal Year, Serial No. beginning with No. 1 each FY)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR EVALUATION <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL EVALUATION		

5. KEY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DATES A. First PRO-AG or Equivalent FY <u>77</u> B. Final Obligation Expected FY _____ C. Final Input Delivery FY <u>78</u>	6. ESTIMATED PROJECT FUNDING A. Total \$ <u>25,000</u> B. U.S. \$ <u>5,000</u>	7. PERIOD COVERED BY EVALUATION From (month/yr.) <u>May 1977</u> To (month/yr.) <u>August 1978</u> Date of Evaluation Review <u>August 21, 1978</u>
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8. ACTION DECISIONS APPROVED BY MISSION OR AID/W OFFICE DIRECTOR

A. List decisions and/or unresolved issues; cite those items needing further study. (NOTE: Mission decisions which anticipate AID/W or regional office action should specify type of document, e.g., program, SPAR, PIQ, which will present detailed request.)	B. NAME OF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	C. DATE ACTION TO BE COMPLETED
All activities complete. Only actions remaining are approvals of vouchers.	A. M. Nathanielsz	9/30/78

9. INVENTORY OF DOCUMENTS TO BE REVISED PER ABOVE DECISIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Project Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation Plan e.g., CPI Network <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Plan <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/T <input type="checkbox"/> Logical Framework <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Project Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P	10. ALTERNATIVE DECISIONS ON FUTURE OF PROJECT A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Project Without Change B. <input type="checkbox"/> Change Project Design and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Change Implementation Plan C. <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue Project
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11. PROJECT OFFICER AND HOST COUNTRY OR OTHER RANKING PARTICIPANTS AS APPROPRIATE (Names and Titles) Ault Nathanielsz, Program Officer <i>AGM</i> Wm. Bruce Gair, Regional Legal Advisor <i>WBG</i> Luis Bates H., Director, Department of Legal Assistance, Catholic University	12. Mission/AID/W Office Director Approval Signature: <i>Richard F. Apodaca</i> Typed Name: Richard F. Apodaca, A.I.D. Rep. Date: _____
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13. Summary: The project is almost completed there remaining the preparation of a transcript of a seminar and the disbursement for costs of the seminar which was held at the University of Chile at Valparaiso August 19 and 20, 1978. Publication of newspaper supplements on legal rights in cooperation with "La Tercera de la Hora" reached tens of thousands of people (over 400,000 copies for each of three Sundays). Two lawyer/professors involved deeply in legal assistance to the poor observed civil and criminal law programs in the U.S. The seminar on legal assistance focussed the attention of the lawyers, judges and public officials on problems involved in delivering legal assistance to the poor, what institutions should be involved and who should pay the costs. The project has sparked interests in establishing a legal assistance corporation independent of the Universities to perhaps carry out an A.I.D. sponsored OPG and a rejuvenating of an existing corporation previously supported by Ford Foundation.

14. Evaluation Methodology: Evaluation was undertaken because the Project was substantially complete. Given the type of project the methodology used for evaluation was not complex. For the publication activities the circulation figures of the newspaper involved provided the basis for judging the number of people reached. The publications themselves were reviewed. A report was received regarding the observation trips made to the United States. The seminar was attended by the Regional Legal Advisor and the Mission Program Officer.

15. External Factors: N/A.

16. Inputs: No procurements.

17. Outputs: All output targets were met. The reach of the newspaper publications far exceeded expectations. Cooperation of law schools, public defender offices, etc. in the United States was greater than expected. The seminar included a fair sample of influential people involved in legal assistance or related fields.

18. Purpose: To make information available to the poor concerning selected subjects of law, to increase the awareness of the legal profession regarding problems of the poor and to explore ways the profession as a whole can help the poor in gaining their legal rights. The EOPs have been achieved to the extent envisioned by original project design with the exception of developing a casebook for use in teaching legal assistance courses. 1) Information on legal rights was made available to the poor through publication of the Sunday supplements

(in the newspaper most read by the poor) on topics of law affecting the poor (laborers' rights, domestic law and criminal law). 2) The legal profession through observation by representatives in the U.S., through the seminar sponsored by Universidad Católica's Legal Assistance Department with the cooperation of the University of Chile at Valparaiso, and through material developed for the publications and for the seminar, the Chilean bar has increased its understanding of the problem and its ability to train lawyers in legal assistance work. (While a formal textbook was originally envisaged, the materials produced as a result of the Project form a body of written material suitable for classroom use.

19. Goal: The goal was to increase the ability of the poor to assert their legal rights and to upgrade the ability of the Chilean legal profession to effectively deal with the legal problems of the poor. The goal has not been met in an absolute sense, but great steps have been taken in raising awareness and involving key people. Part of the intellectual basis for acceptance of an active and effective legal assistance to the poor program in Chile has been laid.

20. Beneficiaries: No direct beneficiaries can be identified in Section 102(d) terms. The beneficiaries will begin to appear over the next few years as the interest stimulated by the project matures to action programs.

21. Unplanned Effects: None.

22. Lessons Learned: 1) A project which depends on actions being taken by persons working on the Project in conjunction with their principal jobs requires some patience. The organizational will must be pampered but the job will get done if entrusted to professionals. 2) We should more often call upon private and public institutions in the U.S. (law schools, etc.) for assistance in legal projects and, perhaps, develop law school to law school ties. 3) A good idea can multiply. We started out to pay the full cost of a small black and white Santiago newspaper supplement. The result: the newspaper picked up more than half the cost, put the supplement in color, and distributed it the length of Chile.

23. Special Comments: Copies of documents mentioned in text have been retained in Mission files and copies can be furnished upon request.