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Agency for International Development

Advice of Program Change

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Country: Zaire
Project Title: IMELOKO Integrated Rural Development (PVO)
Project Number: 660-0082
FY78 CP Reference: None
Appropriation Category: Security Supporting Assistance
Intended Obligation: \$410,000

We are advising that we intend to obligate \$410,000 in FY 1978 for the IMELOKO (Institute Medical Evangelique Loko) Integrated Rural Development Project. This project will be implemented through an Operational Program Grant to the Zaire Church of Christ (ECZ), a private voluntary organization (PVO), for three years. It will start in the fourth quarter of FY 1978.

IMELOKO is a pilot effort in rural community development using a hospital as a change agent for improving the quality of life for people in the Bado-Lite subregion of Equator Province in northern Zaire. The project will expand and improve the capacity of IMELOKO to provide outreach services in health and agriculture.

Technical and training assistance will be furnished to the IMELOKO facility over a three year period in the fields of rural health and agriculture production. In rural health, outreach medical workers for 4 to 6 primary health care centers will be trained. In agriculture the training will focus on outreach agricultural workers in animal husbandry; field, vegetable and orchard crop production; fish farming; and small agricultural tools production; each designed to increase small farmer productivity.

In addition to the \$410,000 to be provided by A.I.D., \$486,400 will be provided by the Paul Carlson Medical Program (a PVO), \$69,300 by the Government of Zaire, and \$19,500 by four other small PVO donors. A.I.D. funds are for technical advisory personnel, training, equipment and facilities improvement.