

CLASSIFICATION
EVALUATION SUMMARY (PES) - PART I

Report S. mbol U-447

1. PROJECT TITLE Eye Health Care Project	2. PROJECT NUMBER 522-0162	3. MISSION/AID/W OFFICE USAID/Honduras
	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) 522-4-81	

5. KEY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DATES			6. ESTIMATED PROJECT FUNDING A. Total \$ 258,705 B. U.S. \$ 156,000	7. PERIOD COVERED BY EVALUATION From (month/yr.) September 1979 To (month/yr.) September 1980	
A. First PRO-AG or Equivalent FY 79	B. Final Obligation Expected FY 81	C. Final Input Delivery FY 81		Date of Evaluation Review October 15, 1980	

B. 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., airgram, SPAR, PIC, which will present detailed request.)	B. NAME OF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	C. DATE ACTION TO BE COMPLETED
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1. Assignment by MOH of Eye Care Instructors to continue the program.	T. González AID E. de García MOH	3/31/81
2. Assurances received that eye care training modules are to be integrated as standard components of graduate and auxiliary nurse training curricula.	T. González AID E. de García MOH	3/31/81
3. Designation of GOH representative to assume overall responsibility, on a continuing basis, for the conduct of the activity.	T. González AID E. de García MOH	3/31/81

9. INVENTORY OF DOCUMENTS TO BE REVISED PER ABOVE DECISIONS	10. ALTERNATIVE DECISIONS ON FUTURE OF PROJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Logical Framework <input type="checkbox"/> Project Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation Plan e.g., CPI Network <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/T <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) N/A	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

11. PROJECT OFFICER AND HOST COUNTRY OR OTHER RANKING PARTICIPANTS AS APPROPRIATE (Names and Titles)	12. Mission/AID/W Office Director Approval
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13. Summary

Progress toward accomplishing the project goals has been slower than anticipated. The International Eye Foundation (IEF) paramedic instructor has completed the curriculum design for training professional and auxiliary nurses. As of this date, seventy eight auxiliary nurses in training have completed the course. The IEF instructor has completed voluntary work at San Felipe Eye Clinic and the Blind School to become more familiar with the major ophthalmic problems in the country. She has been working closely with the ophthalmologist in Tegucigalpa to introduce the Primary Eye Care Program.

Of the two nurses who received ophthalmic training in Puerto Rico, one is not working at all and the other is participating only part-time in the program. The IEF instructor with limited assistance from the assigned nurse is conducting the training program. Neither of the Honduran nurses are anticipated to participate in the program after December 31. AID is in the process of asking the Minister of MOH to reassign one of the nurses trained or another nurse that could be trained by the IEF instructor to carry on the program. Honduran nurse input and participation is necessary for the continuance and accomplishment of the project.

14. Evaluation Methodology

This is a regular evaluation to measure progress against project design. Intensive discussions were held with the Contractor, MOH personnel associated directly with the project and the Director General of Health. Recently received from the MOH was an evaluation plan they wish to follow during the rest of the life of the project. This plan outlines the responsibilities of their proposed committee and how evaluations can be carried on after the project. The Grant Agreement calls for evaluations in the 9th and 23rd month. This PES represents the first of these evaluations,

15. External Factors

There have been delays in the program implementation. The MOH decided that training should not begin until such time as more data on the prevalence of eye disease was available. A survey on this information was recently completed. This delay is not considered to be a serious impediment to meeting the project goal and purposes.

16. Inputs

The IEF paramedical instructor arrived in December 1979. She was asked by the MOH, however, to wait until May 1980 for the arrival of the two nurses being trained in Puerto Rico before beginning work on the training program. During this time the IEF instructor was involved in voluntary work and orientation with a number of ophthalmologists in Tegucigalpa.

Medications, teaching materials and equipment have been supplied by the IEF and have arrived on schedule.

17. Outputs

Progress toward meeting the End of Project Status (EOPS) has been made as follows:

(1) Curricula and courses on preventive and therapeutic ophthalmic care have been developed and are being integrated into the training of auxiliaries and student nurses.

(2) Classes are being planned and scheduled to teach 150 nurse auxiliaries presently in school.

(3) Classes are being planned to train 150 auxiliaries posted in CESARES through the region in-service education meetings.

(4) Seventy eight of the proposed 100 auxiliary nurses in hospitals have been trained in primary eye health care.

(5) Training is being planned for 24 professional nurses to provide more advanced eye care, supervision of nurse auxiliaries and to teach ophthalmic skills.

(6) Two Honduran nurses (of the three required by the project) have been trained as eye care instructors in Puerto Rico.

(7) A document from the MOH is in the process of being developed to define and outline a primary eye health care delivery and referral system.

Progress is considered satisfactory in points 1, 4, 6 and 7 given above. Although a considerable amount of training remains to be accomplished (points 2, 3, and 5 above), it is believed feasible to achieve the targets in the remaining months of the project. All the materials, curricula and visual aids have been prepared. All that remains is for the MOH to schedule the training sessions.

18. Purpose

The purpose of this Project is to develop a health service capacity in the Ministry of Health to (1) decrease the incidence of preventable eye problems and (2) prevent the advancement of treatable eye disease through the use of simple measures. The Project will develop eye care curricula for training professional and auxiliary nurses, train auxiliary and professional nurses, train ophthalmic technicians to serve as eye instructors, refine eye care methodologies and provide medicines, equipment and supplies for use at the local level.

It is doubtful that this project will decrease the incidence of preventable eye problems although it is serving to call attention to the importance of eye problems and is establishing a base, in terms of training and materials, to expand prevention in the future. Competing priorities, a shortage of personnel and stronger priorities in other areas of health care all threaten the institutionalization of this project.

19. Goal/SubGoal

The goal of the project is to prevent blindness and to reduce the incidence of eye disease through early detection and treatment.

It is too early to measure any identifiable impact.

20. Beneficiaries

The target group of this project is mothers and children in the rural areas. More specifically, the target beneficiaries are the same clients who can now be reached through the approximately three hundred rural health centers (CESARES). Nurse auxiliaries in these CESARES can be trained to provide primary preventive and curative eye care as well as refer the more complex cases to health centers with doctors (CESAMOS) or to centers provided with an ophthalmologist. Benefits will be a reduction in preventable eye disease.

21. Unplanned Effects

None.

22. Lessons Learned

Difficulties have been experienced in ensuring that there is continuous host country participation in the project. Special care should be given to the selection of host country participants who will continue the training program after project completion. The individuals trained in Puerto Rico, in this case had administrative responsibilities which have made it difficult to participate in the project. Mechanisms to insure the continuation of services after project assistance ends are needed and will be developed with the proper GOH authorities.