

EVALUATION REPORT

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Date Prior Evaluation: August 25, 1975

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NARRATIVE REPORT

In March 25, 1976, the Mission Evaluation Committee met to assess current progress under the Project Studies Grant. The previous evaluation of this project determined that neither AID nor the BDG had provided the necessary inputs as specified in the original logical framework. It was further determined that any assumptions about the BDG's ability to develop a program plan acceptable to AID were invalid. The previous evaluation recommended the following:

- a. Waiver of the submission of a program plan by the BDG as a condition precedent to the grant.
- b. USAID would provide the BDG with technical assistance in drafting scopes-of-work and technical coordination.
- c. USAID would re-draft the logical framework. ✓
- d. A special evaluation would be conducted in six months. ✓

This evaluation report is the completion of the fourth recommendation. Recommendation (a) of the previous report was approved by AID/W. Recommendation (b) was only partially fulfilled in that 4 project studies were developed but the primary drafting was done in USAID and subsequently cleared by the BDG. Per recommendation c the logical framework was re-drafted to make contract negotiation and technical coordination AID inputs rather than BDG inputs. The BDG was to be responsible for the submission of twelve to fifteen project study proposals. From these proposals the logical framework envisioned six completed studies leading to projects in agriculture or rural development.

The evaluation of March 25 noted that the BDG had yet to submit a single project study proposal in the areas of AID's priority interest. USAID had selected four project study proposals, i. e., the Kurigram Regional Development, the Pilot Rural Works, and the Rural Electrification feasibility study and the Foodgrain Warehouse study as studies eligible for financing.

The Kurigram study was completed, but because of policy differences with the BDG over the proposed Kurigram project, USAID decided not to proceed with the project.

The Pilot Rural Works project is nearing completion and it now appears that technical and managerial difficulties effecting implementation of the pilot will preclude AID-financing in this area also.

The Rural Electrification feasibility study is yet to come. It appears to be the most promising study and will hopefully lead to an AID project of \$25 million.

The Foodgrain Warehouse study has also not been implemented yet; but will be in July 1976. It is a short-term initial survey.

The completion of the Rural Electrification study will complete the expenditure of the funds obligated under this project. The Evaluation Committee determined that the objectives of the revised logical framework will not be met but the project should continue in order to complete the Rural Electrification study.

The Evaluation Committee, however, also recognized the need for some mechanism for financing feasibility studies. At present, the Mission is considering the alternative means to fund needed feasibility studies.

This project will be evaluated again upon completion of the Rural Electrification study which will represent the final evaluation of this project.

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