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PROJECT EVALUATION SUMMARY (PES) - PART I

1. PROJECT TITLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT (C.R.S.)	2. PROJECT NUMBER 608-0138	3. MISSION/AID/W OFFICE USAID/MOROCCO
	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			6. ESTIMATED PROJECT FUNDING A. Total \$ 555,400 B. U.S. \$ 144,500	7. PERIOD COVERED BY EVALUATION	
A. First PRO-AG or Equivalent FY <u>77</u>	B. Final Obligation Expected FY <u>77</u>	C. Final Input Delivery FY <u>78</u>		From (month/yr.) <u>August 1977</u>	To (month/yr.) <u>July 1978</u>

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, PIO, which will present detailed request.)	B. NAME OF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	C. DATE ACTION TO BE COMPLETED
Transfer a portion of PL 480 Title II food and construction commodities from Figuig site to erosion control construction sites in Ain Chouter and Beni-Tadjit. USAID approved Transfer July 21, 1978.	Lee Sanborn, Director, CRS/Morocco	September 1978

9. INVENTORY OF DOCUMENTS TO BE REVISED PER ABOVE DECISIONS			10. ALTERNATIVE DECISIONS ON FUTURE OF PROJECT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Paper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implementation Plan e.g., CPI Network	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	A. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Project Without Change		
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> PIO/T	_____	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Change Project Design and/or		
<input type="checkbox"/> Logical Framework	<input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Implementation Plan		
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P	_____	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue Project		

11. PROJECT OFFICER AND HOST COUNTRY OR OTHER BANKING PARTICIPANTS AS APPROPRIATE (Name and Title)		12. Mission/AID/W Office Director Approval	
Alfred W. Ford, Assistant Program Officer, USAID		Signature _____	
Lawrence Bourassa, Program Assistant, C.R.S.		Typed Name Harold Fleming	
		Date _____	

PROJECT EVALUATION SUMMARY (PES)

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PROJECT TITLE: RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT (CRS)

13. SUMMARY

Implementation of the project has been smooth and on schedule, with the exception of a recently-discovered problem affecting dike construction. Construction of the 900 meter retaining wall will be completed the first week of August. The other major output - the dike and drainage canal - has been delayed due to the unexpected opposition of a group of district elders and tribal rivalries. Decisions affecting the towns are still made by the District elders. The district where the dike was to be constructed is one of the oldest and most conservative of the seven districts comprising the town of Figuig. The reluctance of these elders to cooperate (i.e. commit workers for construction) became evident only as dike construction was to begin. Against all the arguments of the regional and provincial engineers, the elders cried that if Allah wanted the flood waters to change direction, the stream bed would have been made that way.

Meanwhile, other villages in Figuig province have become aware of the work being undertaken, and two of those villages have requested similar assistance from the Governor to help check erosion and reclaim land in their areas. The Governor considers that available resources can be used most effectively in these two villages. C.R.S. has proposed and USAID has agreed that the dollar and food resources be applied to these two villages - Ain Chouter and Beni Tadjit.

14. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The evaluation was a regular periodic review, consistent with the schedule in the FY 1980 ABS. A relatively small PVO activity, monitored by the USAID Program Office, this project lends itself to regular informal reviews with the CRS project manager rather than formal evaluations.

15. EXTERNAL FACTORS

The major change in project setting is the attitude, mentioned above, of some of the Figuig village elders. The assumption, at the output level of the logframe, that the people in the area would "show their interest by working on the project" has proven correct, but for this one crucial exception. In fact, the great majority of the people in Figuig province are greatly interested in the project and look forward to seeing results. Other assumptions have proven to be valid.

16. INPUTS

Comments on inputs are included in the Summary, Block 13. A.I.D. inputs include an OPG of \$144,500 plus \$63,000 of PL 480 Title II commodities.

17. OUTPUTS

Comments on outputs are included in the Summary, Block 13.

18. PURPOSE

The project purpose is to prevent the steady erosion of soil in the vital oasis of Figuig; reclaim and protect 405 hectares of agricultural land available to poor rural people in a remote backward area by diverting annual flood waters. The current stage of implementation is too early to cite significant progress towards the End of Project Status, but 65 hectares of pine and eucalyptus tree seedlings have been planted by the GOM Water and Forests Department of the Ministry of Agriculture in anticipation of controlled water flow. Unfortunately the April rains did not come in 1978, and thus a test of the partially completed system has not so far been possible.

19. GOAL

The stated goal is the improvement of land use in Morocco. To some extent, progress can already be measured toward the goal. In Beni-Tadjit, one of the two villages to which dollar and food resources will be transferred, a 30-meter dike/canal has already been constructed making it possible to reclaim a potential 100-150 hectares of land.

20. BENEFICIARIES

Two hundred villagers from the seven different sections of Figuig are working on the construction, receiving PL 480 Title II food on a self-help food-for-work basis. The labor force is selected by the Gaid and village elders.

21. UNPLANNED EFFECTS

Not pertinent at this time.

22. LESSONS LEARNED

Not pertinent at this time.

23. SPECIAL COMMENTS OR REMARKS

As Phases II and III of the project are completed, final evaluation should yield more precise information regarding beneficiaries and ultimate results.