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SUBJ: Quarterly Report, October-December 1982
EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION
Project No. 698-0410.26
Contract No. AFR-0410-S-00-1002-02

DATE: 30 December 1982

Numerous discussions were held with MH&SW officials regarding the proposed CDC/CCCD assistance to Liberia. A summary of these discussions has been forwarded to the USAID/Liberia Health Office. In general, the Ministry preferred assistance on a national level and proposed two methods of generating funds to alleviate recurrent costs: (1) a service charge for the Road to Health Card (\$.25) and a Pre-Natal Card (\$.50), and (2) a lease-purchase arrangement for motorcycles. I believe that implementation of these fee collections will require a minimum of one year before revenues can be generated. It was also agreed that health workers from the three programs should be trained as a unit to promote the integration of CCCD activities and to reduce staffing needs. A revision of the proposed CCCD budget illustrated that with only a minimal increase in funding, the project can provide country-wide commodity support.

EPI is obtaining five U.S. Peace Corp Volunteers to assist the EPI Supervisors in Bong, Cape Mount, Lofa, Nimba, and Maryland Counties. The purpose of the request is for strengthening management and supervision of vaccination activities at the county level, so that ultimately the supervisor can perform the task alone and without compromising his other responsibilities. The volunteer and the supervisor will carry out EPI activities in a counterpart relationship.

Field visits were made to Bong and Lofa Counties. These trips revealed that it will take considerable time before the static units can adequately cover their catchment areas. Kerosene for refrigerators remains a problem due to insufficient funding and delays in budget allotments from the Government. This quarter's allotment was not received until the end of November. Zorzor District (Lofa County) and Bong County are maintaining their vaccination activity by utilizing the Community Health Department outreach teams. Apparently they are able to supplement their gasoline supplies through Lutheran Mission funds.

The following project commodities were received this quarter; 100 King-Seeley vaccine carriers, the remainder of reusable needles and syringes, and spare parts for the seven jeeps. It was frustrating to learn, however, that the purchase order for the project commodities requested by Dr. Martin S. Karpeh, EPI Board Chairman, last July had not been prepared by USAID until December 6. The items requested (tires for the project vehicles, voltage protection equipment and kerosene refrigerator parts) are of urgent need!

During October I was on vacation.

Attached are the procurement plan for the commodities to be purchased and the implementation plan for the extension of the EPI project. Activities planned for the next quarter include: Assisting EPI senior staff with the writing of the second Five-Year Plan; participating in the EPI training of U.S. Peace Corp Volunteers; field visits and coverage surveys in Lofa, Bong, and Maryland Counties; participating in the CCCD/CDC Mid-Level Management course; and ordering the remainder of the project commodities.

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PROCUREMENT PLAN FOR COMMODITIES 1983
E.P.I. 698-0410.26

<u>ITEM:</u>	<u>SUBMIT REQUEST AND SPECIFICATIONS TO USAID</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>
1. Refrigerator Equip- ment	January	\$8,000
2. Road to Health Cards	February	7,000
3. Pre Natal Cards	January	5,000
4. Measles Vaccine (40,000 doses)	March	10,000
5. Ice Packs	January	500
6. Printing Materials	January	2,000

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR EXTENSION OF EPI PROJECT 698-0410.26
NOVEMBER 1982 - OCTOBER 1983

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
NOVEMBER	- Review CCCD/Liberia assessment with EPI and other MH&SW staff.
DECEMBER	- Supervisory visits to Bong and Lofa Counties.
JANUARY	- Initiate writing of second "Five Year Plan." - Training of U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers for E.P.I. - Supervisory visits Maryland, Sinoe, Grand Gedeh Counties. - Submit requests for refrigeration equipment, Pre-Natal Cards, Ice packs, and Printing materials to USAID.
FEBRUARY	- Vaccination coverage surveys: Bong, Lofa (Zorzor) and Maryland Counties. - Submit request for Road to Health cards to USAID.
MARCH	- Complete Maryland County vaccination coverage survey. - Submit request for measles vaccine to USAID - CCCD Mid-Level Management training
APRIL	- Complete second "Five Year Plan" - Semi-annual project review (collection and analysis of morbidity, mortality and vaccination data).
MAY	- Vaccination coverage surveys: Voinjama and Kolahun Districts - Supervisory visit Maryland County
JUNE	- Supervisory visit, Lofa County
JULY	- Supervisory visit bong County
AUGUST	- Annual internal evaluation, (all aspects of the Program)

SEPTEMBER

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Collection and analysis of morbidity, mortality and vaccination data.

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Prepare draft of the Project's final report.

OCTOBER

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Submit final report to USAID and MH&SW

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