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I. HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (HRED) (497-273)

No office activity this week.

II. HEALTH TRAINING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (HTRAD) (497-273)

a. Procurement of Technical Services.

Due to Dr. Loedin's absence, O/IN has been unable to provide additional guidance to Koba Associates' Ford Johnson regarding the terms of employment of Drs. I.L. and L.K. Lie as research advisors. O/IN expects to advise Mr. Johnson on this subject early during the week of July 28. Koba's news regarding the availability of Mr. P. Hornby, the originally proposed health manpower planner, is also expected to reach USAID next week.

b. Nutritional Surveillance Phase II.

N. Studzinski and M.M. Gingerich met with Dr. I. Tarwotjo, Director, Directorate on Nutrition, MOH, to discuss the role of that Directorate in the National Surveillance System. It was mutually agreed that new steps should be taken to consider and put into effect ways in which the capabilities of the Nutrition Directorate would be strengthened, so as to enable the Directorate to maintain a continuous and growing involvement in managing the centralized aspects of the National Nutrition Surveillance System. Dr. Tarwotjo agreed that the provision of additional training to his staff along with other appropriate technical assistance in surveillance data processing and analysis would be highly desirable throughout the implementation of Phase II. Additional discussions on this subject in-

volving Dr. M. Brooks from Cornell, Dr. Loedin of the National Institute for Health Research and Development, and members of O/HN staff are planned for the near future.

Following a Mission review of the contract document governing Phase II activities, O/HN provided Dr. M. Brooks with a list of specific items requiring amendment prior to USAID's approval of this "Host Country Contract" intended for signature of both Cornell University and Dr. Loedin of the MOH.

A meeting to discuss the proposed amendments will be held with Dr. Loedin during the week of July 28, 1980.

III. EXPANDED PROGRAM IN IMMUNIZATION (EPI) (497-0253)

PIL #3 has been sent stating that Conditions Precedent for disbursement for Bio Farma commodities have been met. USAID is now awaiting further details on equipment specifications, costs, and the MOH-Bio Farma delegation of responsibility for clearance, handling and transport once the equipment arrives in Indonesia.

Dr. Foster from US CDC has agreed to come to Indonesia for 3 weeks to participate in the first annual program evaluation. Scope of work is being discussed with him.

Dr. Arnold will be attending the EPI Managers course sponsored by WHO in Manila in mid-August. Among other things, it is hoped he may learn of other EPI programs with particular strengths that we can use as training sites for Indonesian EPI officials.

MOH is trying to produce a list of candidates for long-term participant training in accordance with a recent USAID letter of reminder.

IV. MALARIA CONTROL (497-U-034) 4970279

The first draft of the Timor Malaria Control Project paper, without the social soundness, environmental and economic analyses, was circulated for comments. The PP draft along with the first draft of the CFI tracking network and the log frame were provided to MOH officials and the Chief of the WHO malaria advisory team. The latter, Dr. P.G. Kesavalu, just back from home leave, was thoroughly briefed on the development of the project and its present status. The senior malaricologist warmly endorsed the project and agreed to endorse an amendment to the AID/GOI/WHO plan of operations signed in 1975 as the basis for the present malaria loan (497-U-034) and also to endorse WHO collaboration on this subproject. Dr. Kesavalu offered to provide a one-month short-term consultancy of WHO Vector Control Engineer Boski (SEARO) who is a well-known expert on water management. This consultancy would comprise part of the study of alternative and complementary control measures which is planned for the early months of the project.

In a separate meeting Dr. Kesavalu and Mr. Jassanaike, WHO country team administrative officer, agreed to provide AID with a letter regarding safety training and practices in the malaria control program. The letter will respond to USAID's recent letter advising WHO of the regional auditor's concerns regarding this matter.

V. RURAL SANITATION MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT (RSMD) (497-U-043) 497/07 47

In the weekly meeting of the project committee and in discussions after the meeting with project staff current project issues were reviewed. Preparation of plans and specifications for Phase II and III are two months behind the schedule made in February. Tenders for most of the schools are now targeted for September.

Several of the Sanitation Training Centers are scheduled for opening within the next few weeks and Executive Secretary Soedaryanto was again advised that the USAID Director is willing to try to attend the openings. GOI has provided the budget for the GOI-supplied equipment and already ordered the minibuses for schools slated to open this year.

Students at Univ. of Hawaii have completed their US mainland Training and will depart for their Asia tour next month. This will complete the training element of the project except for the second group in U.I. Faculty of Medicine who will graduate next year.

VI. GENERAL

CHIP (497-0325)

OY/N met with Dr. Tilaar of BAPPENAS to discuss CHIP concept and project development. He pledged his support for both the idea and project. He suggested we consider including at least one remote province (Irian or Maluku) among our three provinces. We said we'd be happy to evaluate any outer island provinces for suitability for inclusion in this kind of effort.

Maternal-Infant Nutrition Project.

Fiscal data were received from AID/W to be obligated for two activities: 1) Funds will be subobligated to the National Institute of Health Research and Development to have the Center for Nutrition Research and Development in Bogor prepare an Inventory of Infant Feeding Studies already conducted in Indonesia. Work on the inventory is expected to begin after the Lebaran holidays. 2) Funds will be subobligated to purchase nutrition education materials presently being printed for use by the BKRBN Village FP/Mother Child Welfare project. These materials will be pouched to DSB/N for use as resource material for AID's International Nutrition Communication Service, a support service to nutrition education programs.

Phyllis Dobbins of Save the Children Federation, one of the members of the consortium comprising the International Nutrition Communication Service, visited O/PN to discuss the scope of services provided by INCS and to bring copies of the brochure prepared for distribution to governments, USAID missions, PVOs, and other international agencies.

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