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Re : grant number 677-0000-G-00-3169-00

Dear Ms. Paskar:

Enclosed are two copies of the Second Monthly Report for the Vegetable Gardening Activity Project number 677-0041 in compliance with attachment of the grant agreement.

Sincerely,

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Chad Relief and Rehabilitation Project

Grant N°. 677-0000-G-00-3169-00

Project N°. 677-0041

ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT N°. 2

ACTIVITY TITLE: Vegetable Gardening Activity (VGA)

ACTIVITY NO: PIO/T 677-0041-3-30013

EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION: Africare

DEPARTMENT : Chad

CERTIFYING OFFICER: Dan Gerber, Country Representative

Submitted to: USAID Representative to Chad

cc: Office of Development Information
and Utilization
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USAID/w

November 1983

1. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

This relief and rehabilitation activity in the Chari-Baguirmi Prefecture of Chad has as its overall goal the amelioration of conditions in the agricultural sector in Chad which has been devastated by drought and war. The specific purposes of the activity are to:

- 1) Promote the timely rehabilitation of CAMAN (Agricultural Cooperative of Vegetable and Fruit Growers in N'Djamena);
- 2) Distribute relief food through Food For Work;
- 3) Increase agricultural production in Chad;
- 4) Serve as a pilot project collecting baseline data which will allow for possible future development and expansion of CAMAN's activities, including improved marketing;
- 5) Test agricultural technologies;
- 6) Help maintain the Africare country office which will allow funding of other related agricultural, relief and development projects.

The sites for the Vegetable Gardening Activity are Miskine and Maillao. Miskine is located about 20 kms west of N'Djamena. The garden site is 8 hectares and will have 80 workers. Maillao, located about 70 kms south of N'Djamena, will have 120 workers for 12 hectare plot.

II. IMPLEMENTATION:

The proposed implementation schedule for this activity has been set forth in the AJP proposal (pp. 25-28). For the first two months of October and November 1983, the implementation plan was:

October

- 1) Agricultural equipment ordered,
- 2) Agricultural Officer named by CAMAN,
- 3) Africare service vehicle and CAMAN memylettes ordered,
- 4) Finalize FFW logistics with WFP and AID,
- 5) Office supplies for Africare and CAMAN ordered,
- 6) Two Extension Agents named by CAMAN,
- 7) Weekly N'Djamena market availability/price surveys conducted by CAMAN,
- 8) Monthly status report submitted,
- 9) Meetings with cultivators organized to discuss work plans.

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November

- 1) Establishment of inventory procedures,
- 2) Shipment of garden tools to sites,
- 3) Initial land preparation begun in Miskine and Maflao,
- 4) Two site watchmen chosen by CAMAN,
- 5) Construction of "cases de passages" at sites as needed,
- 6) Finalized garden plans drawn,
- 7) Planting begins,
- 8) FFW foodstuffs arrive at project sites/initial distribution begins,
- 9) Installation of traditional fencing begins,
- 10) Marketing strategy for first partial agricultural season finalized.

During the month of November 1983, the following activities took place:

- 1) A new Agricultural Officer was named by CAMAN replacing Mr. Rolta Passale who had helped design the program and had only last month been named as the Agricultural Officer. Mr. Passale has been nominated to go overseas to continue his studies. The new Agricultural Officer is Mbaïgangria Laoutoudji who has training in agricultural engineering and has studied in France and Cameroon.
- 2) Scales were purchased to allow CAMAN to accurately weigh produce. Each week a CAMAN agent goes to the market to buy produce which is then weighed by CAMAN to accurately record produce prices.
- 3) Site visits by the CAMAN Director and Agricultural Officer (see Site Visit Reports, Attachments 1 and 2).
- 4) Delivery of the first hand tools at both sites (shovels, picks, machettes, and rakes).
- 5) Finalization of Food For Work logistics (the first deliveries are scheduled for the first week of December).
- 6) Naming of extension agents at each site (instead of only one agent at each site the CAMAN Director has decided to assign four of his agents at each site, at least initially, to help establish the gardens).
- 7) Initial land preparation following delivery of tools.
- 8) Naming of site watchmen.
- 9) Decision regarding first season's marketing strategy (it has been decided to rely on privately owned bush taxis).

The following activities have not taken place according to the initial implementation plan:

- 1) Initial foodstuffs distribution (the November distribution should take place during the first week of December).
- 2) Planting (the land has not yet been sufficiently prepared).
- 3) Finalized garden plans drawn (this is expected in December).
- 4) Ordering of CAMAN mofylettes (it has been decided that instead of ordering 3 motorbikes, only one will be ordered--the money will go towards maintaining the CAMAN 404 pick-up truck).
- 5) Mudbrick buildings "cases de passage" have not been built (work on these is expected to start in December).
- 6) Traditional fencing has not been installed (this work is expected to begin in December).

III. OBJECTIVES/TARGETS:

The activity has begun to contribute to the meeting of the VCA objectives of:

- 1) Promoting the rehabilitation of CAMAN. - CAMAN now has 8 of its agents working full time in establishing 2 major market gardens.
- 2) Collecting data. - With the purchase of scales and the establishment of a fund to purchase and weigh produce weekly, reliable data on market prices can now be collected.
- 3) Helping establish the Africare office, thus allowing the development of other projects. - On November 7, the Abeche Design Team arrived to draft a proposed USAID-funded 3 million dollar Refugee Rehabilitation Project for the Abeche (Ouaddai) region of Chad.

To this date, the project has yet to begin food distribution, increase agricultural production, or test agricultural technologies.

IV. PHYSICAL PROGRESS:

- 1) Miskine - At Miskine, the community leaders have begun to organize workers and a minimal amount of land preparation has begun.
- 2) Maflao - At Maflao, much progress has been made in clearing the land of brush and in organizing the workers.

V. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL PURPOSES:

- 1) CAMAN personnel have arrived on site to organize and supervise work.

- 2) Clearing/preparation of the garden sites has begun.
- 3) Also, see above III. OBJECTIVES/TARGETS.

VI. DELAYS AND BOTTLENECKS:

Funds for project implementation through the FRLC were finally received by Africare/W and an initial amount was transferred to Africare/N. However, the delay in receiving funds has put the project timetable somewhat behind schedule.

VII. NON-AID INPUTS:

- 1) GOC/CAIAN - The assigning of additional agents at each site is a welcomed event as it should help organize and speed development of the gardens.
- 2) WFP/PAN - Meetings with the PAN Representative have laid the ground work for the initial food deliveries to take place in early December.

VIII. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

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CAMAN
AFRICARECOMPTE-RENDU DE LA VISITE DU SITE
=====PROJETS
MARAICHERSDATE 24 Novembre 1983 VOYAGEURS 3 SITE MISKINÉOBJET DE LA VISITE Travaux horticoles - Projet 677.0041/USAID/Africare/PAM.CONDITIONS: V. 404 PICK UP 0134 AP de la Direction de la CAMANMISE EN OEUVRE (Est-ce l'activité conforme des dates pour la mise en oeuvre? Y a-t-il embouteillage ou retard?): Travaux non entamésPARTICIPATION DE LA COMMUNAUTE (niveau et degré): contact avec le chef du village
remise de la liste nominative des maraichers par le chef du village

LES OBJECTIFS DE L'ACTIVITE (Que sont-ils? Sont-ils accomplis?): _____

PROGRES MATERIEL (Quel est le nécessaire? Quel point a été atteint?): mise en place
des pelles, des pioches, des rateaux et des machettes. Reste à fournir aux
maraichers des seaux, des arrosoirs et des houes.

ACCOMPLISSEMENTS: _____

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MIBRIGANGRIA Luc

CAMAN
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COMPTE-RENDU DE LA VISITE DU SITE
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PROJETS
MARAICHERS

DATE 25 Novembre 1983 VOYAGEURS 4 SITE Mailao

OBJET DE LA VISITE Travaux horticoles - Projet 677-0041/USAID/AFricare/PAM

CONDITIONS: Véhicule 404 Pick Up 0134 A.P

MISE EN OEUVRE (Est-ce l'activité conforme des dates pour la mise en oeuvre? Y a-t-il embouteillage ou retard?): Activité très relative; les maraichers attendent de recevoir les vivres pour accélérer les travaux.

PARTICIPATION DE LA COMMUNAUTE (niveau et degré): Rencontre avec les chefs de quartier et les Agents de la CAMAN responsables du Site. Renseignements pris sur le déroulement des travaux.

LES OBJECTIFS DE L'ACTIVITE (Que sont-ils? Sont-ils accomplis?): défrichage de terrain.

PROGRES MATERIEL (Quel est le nécessaire? Quel point a été atteint?): des pelles, des pioches, des machettes et des rateaux ont été fournis aux maraichers; il manque des bœufs, des brochettes et des arrosoirs.

ACCOMPLISSEMENTS: début de débroussaillage