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ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT N°10

ACTIVITY TITLE : VEGETABLE GARDENING ACTIVITY (VGA)
ACTIVITY N° : PIO/T 677-0041-3-30013
EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION : AFRICARE
DEPARTMENT : CHAD
CERTIFYING OFFICER : TYRONE GASTON, COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE
SUBMITTED TO : USAID REPRESENTATIVE TO CHAD

CC: OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION AND UTILISATION
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APRIL - JUNE 1985

I - ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

This relief and rehabilitation activity in the Chari-Baguirmi Prefecture of Chad has as its overall goal 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 Vegetables and fruit Growers in N'Djamena).
- 2)- Distribute relief food through Food For Word.
- 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 activities, including improved marketing.
- 5)- Test agricultural technologies.
- 6)- Help maintain the Africare Country Office which will allow funding of other related, relief development projects.

The sites for the vegetable gardening activity are Miskine and Mailao. Miskine is located about 20 kilometers west of N'Djamena and Mailao is 70 kilometers south of N'Djamena. The purpose of this document is to report quarterly activities of the VGA project and give my observations on those operations.

II - IMPLEMENTATION

The proposed implementation schedule of this Activity was set forth in the Activity Justification papers (pages 25-28).

As the new Country Representative, I have had ample time to study and observe, in detail, past implementation performance and present progress toward full implementation of this activity. I am alarmed at the overall tardiness of this activity. The present implementation plan is grossly out of focus with what can be accomplished and what has actually been achieved since this project began. Frequent evaluations of this schedule should have been performed to reflect the realities of this activity. These assessments would have

provided a means to measure successes as well as make the necessary adjustments caused by delays or unexpected problems.

There has been some progress toward meeting the VGA's goal of increased agricultural production; however, this project is far from becoming self-sufficient. Consequently, if Africare follows the existing implementation schedule and terminates its relations with the VGA in October, 1985, as programmed, it will be only months before the Miskine, Mailao Vegetable Gardening Activity collapses. If this project is to become self-supporting then some type of extension is imperative.

III - OBJECTIVES/TARGETS

Considering those enormous setbacks caused by poor planning/design, inaccessible materials and a lack of technical competent personnel, it is doubtful that present objectives will be attained as stated in the Activity Justification papers.

Fundamentally there are many issues that should have been addressed and that must be addressed before this project can succeed. A social soundness analysis of each village would have been extremely useful in determining village unity, literacy level, tribal differences, village history of cooperation, organizational structure and motivation.

More importantly, village development/cooperative education, which should be a major component of any development activity, is completely neglected in the objectives and implementation plan. It is absurd to learn that after 1 ½ years of project implementation villagers still do not know the goals of the VGA project, why the project began or who is to benefit from this activity. Moreover, no formal or informal cooperative structure exists at Mailao or Miskine; up to my arrival, no attempts had been made to organize this activity. Miskine and Mailao, VGA is not a cooperative. In fact they should not be considered pre-cooperatives. Farmers do not have the slightest idea what a cooperative is or should be, how to organize themselves or manage a cooperative. How can an activity of this complexity succeed when such fundamental issues have not been resolved? Village unity, understanding of and support for this activity are crucial factors that determine the success of this project.

There are other issues that should have been solved earlier in the project's implementation plan. At present, we are correcting major design flaws in our irrigation systems dating back to 1983, and reordering/reinstalling equipment that should have been completed in 1984. Most of these problems could have been avoided with sound planning/implementation instead of haphazard/ trial and error practices and the laissez-libre attitude in project implementation.

1)- PROMOTION AND REHABILITATION OF CAMAN

Although there are two CAMAN agents working at each site under supervision of João Miji, Africare's agronomist, this activity falls short of meeting the goal of rehabilitating CAMAN. Also, considering the magnitude and nature of problems facing CAMAN, it is not certain that Africare can rehabilitate CAMAN. Villagers are distrustful of CAMAN agents and reluctant to accept their suggestions or advise. CAMAN lacks the technical expertise, funds and materials needed to undertake an active marketing campaign. CAMAN's ability to mobilize Mailao and Miskine into a cohesive, viable cooperative is doubtful. Finally, although CAMAN continues to give limited support to this activity, the prevailing attitude is that " it is Africare's project... let them manage it ".

In spite of the difficulties confronting CAMAN, I Propose that a sincere effort be made to rehabilitate CAMAN which should include frank collaboration, a commitment to the success of the Vegetable Gardening Activities by both participants and a sharing of information and ideals.

2)- DISTRIBUTION RELIEF FOOD THROUGH FOOD FOR WORK

This phase of the project is completed and Food for Work has been discontinued. In terms of measurable accomplishments, I would say it was successful because it served as a vehicle to arrange these two sites and it provided emergency food relief to drought stricken victims. Contrarily the negative impact of Food For Work is that it attracted many people whose only interests were receiving food. This allurements was neither consistent with nor related to the Vegetable Gardening Activity.

In village development unity is the entire foundation upon which the successful completion of any activity depends. Transit workers, in search of food, exacerbated the problem of unity making village organization almost unattainable.

3)- INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

In view of the situation before this activity began in November, 1983, any production could be considered as an improvement. Just how much amelioration is difficult to measure; in fact, poor recording practices along with clandestine activities conceal the true production level.

At any rate, CAMAN'S production/revenue data has been tabulated and is included. A systematic recordkeeping system with better controls is being established by Africare's Country Representative for future implementation.

PRODUCTION : TOTAL IN KILOGRAMS 4-1-85 to 6-30-85

Month	Vegetables	Miskine	Mailao	Total
April	Oseille	72	0	72
	Cucumber	0	14	14
	Corn	173	0	173
	Peppers	15	15	30
	Okra	0	44	44
	Tomatoes	0	5525	5525
	Onions Melon	70	180	250
May	Cucumber	70	0	70
	Corn	54	0	54
	Peppers	15	0	15
	Oseille	96	0	96
June	Oseille	472	0	472
	Cucumber	-	-	-
	Corn	108	-	108
	Peppers	-	-	-
	Others	-	-	-
Total April to June 1985	Cucumber	70	14	84
	Onions	-	180	180
	Corn	281	0	281
	Okra	0	44	44
	Tomatoes	0	5225	5225
	Peppers	15	15	30
	Oseille	640	0	640
	Melon	70		70
	Total	1076	5478	6554

Revenue Total April to June 1985 in CFA

Périod	Miskine	Mailoa	Total
April	84200	285000	360,000
May	41000	247,000	288,000
June	35150	-	35150
Total	160150	532000	852300

After analyzing this data supplied by CAMAN agents, tomatoes sold for 96 francs/kg, corn 28 frs/kg, peppers 661 frs/kg, it is extremely difficult to believe that these unit prices are correct. They are far below the market price of local vegetables. Further research is needed along with better marketing information.

4) COLLECTING DATA

CAMAN field agents are recording limited data at irregular intervals. This informatin is not being used to improve agricultural techniques/planning or marketing functions - supply/demand price relationship; thus, they are blindly recording data without understanding why or how this information my serve them. Africare's Country Representative is analyzing CAMAN's documentation methods; so that, a simplified, effective system may be adopted.

5) TESTING AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES

As an alternative source of energy a windpump will be installed at Miskine. The well is completed and wind data has been sent to Washington for further evaluation. At present, Africare/Chad is waiting the arrival of a wind-mill specialist in August who will complete the installation.

IV - PHYSICAL PROGRESS

1) MISKINE

There has been some progress in the reconstruction of the new site. Initial cultivation has been performed and the second moto-pump has arrived. Villagers continue to work on the original site.

2) MAILAO

The Irrigation system is nearly completed; however, the second canal still needs minor adjustments. The second moto-pump has been installed aboard a floating raft. This should be a better system for two reasons : it solves the problem of erosion and the problem of a too long suction hose. A permanent installation has not been completed because we lack the appropriate discharge hose.

3) DANOUNA AND MEDEKHINE

Construction of embankment for major irrigation channel is partially completed. Danouna's site needs further investigation because it can be difficult to disperse water over uneven terrain.

V - MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL PURPOSE

1) Irrigation engineer, Thomas Kraemer, arrived 30 June, 1985; he will make improvements to our present irrigation system and will provide technical expertise where needed.

2) The second moto-pump at Mailao has been installed on a raft; however, it is not 100% operational because we lack the necessary discharge hose.

3) Two cooperative education sessions were held at Mailao but many more are desperately needed. Villagers elected cooperative officials because they were told to do so. Their roles need to be defined, cooperative structure need to be established by seminars, meeting and discussions in each village. A simplified recordkeeping system should be taught to CAMAN agents and villagers using both formal and informal sessions.

VI - DELAYS AND BOTTLENECKS

1) Many of our problems were caused by poor planning. In June both moto-pumps broke down because of inadequate maintenance practices. A mechanic has been contracted on a three month trial basis. He will perform routine maintenance at both sites.

VII - CHART A. NON-AID PROJECT INPUTS THROUGH JUNE 30 1985

Line Item	W.F.P.	Africare	G.O.C.
Salaries	-	12.450	11 792
Fringe	-	1.494	1 201
Travel and lodging includes WFP external transport.	\$ 67,245	42 924	5 175
Equipment	-	107 831 (1)	5 181
Supplies	70,195	-	100
Bus. Cost/other Direct (include WFP internal storage and distribu- tion)	7,195	5 500	9 832
TOTAL	\$ 144.604	170 199	33 281

1) This figure reflects total approved funding from 1983 to date of privately funded Africare projects in Chad excluding the packaged disaster hospital units.

CHART B. NON-AID PROJECT INPUTS FOR 3 MONTH PERIOD APRIL TO
JUNE 30, 1985

Line Item	W.F.P.	Africare(1)	G.O.C.(2)
Salaries	-	-	1 204
Fringe	-	-	120
Travel and Lodging	-	-	-
Equipment	-	\$ 6 000	
Supplies	-	-	-
Bus.Cost/Other Direct/Ind	-	-	1174
TOTAL	-	\$ 6 000	\$ 2498

- 1) This is the total budgeted for the two newly approved privately financed projects in moura and Faya-Algoz.
- 2) See attachment B.

VIII - OTHER COMMENTS

Since the very beginning of this activity, there has been setbacks caused by a lack of necessary materials and a lack of general support for this activity by the villagers. Previous reports state that village participation at Mañlao and Miskiné is 57 and 60 farmers respectively. I believe that these figures are grossly exaggerated; in fact, I have observed only a hand-full of villagers working on their plots. The level participation is an indication of the number of villagers who understand the project.

As I stated earlier, fundamentally, there are many questions that must be resolved before this activity gains a semblance of self-sufficiency. Education/cooperative development, what scale of activity is desirable or can be effectively implemented- 12 or 2 hectares, what marketing strategy is appropriate and how much support is really being given by the villager are a few of the unanswered questions.

During this next reporting period, more emphasis will be placed on village development, recordkeeping and developing a sound marketing scheme. Considering the time restraints and amount of village support, it is questionable whether a viable system can be implemented. Nonetheless, a series of seminars/meetings with villagers and CAMAN will begin. Much more attention must be given to village/cooperative education; so that, the villagers may assume responsibility for the Vegetable Gardening Activity.

PARTICIPATION DE L'ETAT TCHADIEN AU PROJET

AFRICARE - U E A I D, PERIODE DE TROIS MOIS (AVRIL, MAI - JUIN 1985)

N°	NOMS ET PRENOMS	ETAT TCHADIEN	PROJET AFRICARE	OBSERVATION
1	ALI DJIE	70.000	105.000	Directeur
2	Rolta Ehnénini passalé	26.400	39.600	Adj. D.
3	Adam Hassan	28.200	42.300	Gestion
4	Abdelkorim Blagué	12.200	19.200	Chef Secteur
5	Hgaro Meldj	12.200	25.500	Miskiné
6	Mayadjim	12.200	16.148	Mallao
7	Dordji Doumtoloum	12.200	16.48	Mallao
8	3 Agents à Mallao	12.200	27.000	Mallao
9	Issembé Betoloum	12.200	16.148	Miskiné
10	Kladoum	12.200	16.148	Miskiné
11	2 Agents à Miskiné	12.200	13.500	Miskiné
12	Khadidja Saleh	4.640	6.960	S. Dactylo.
13	Diegpané Wedang Rachel	3.600	5.400	S. Dactylo.
14	Maham t Adoum	3.600	5.400	Chauffeur
15	Redaye Gabriel	3.600	5.400	Planton
16	Issa Mahamat	3.600	5.400	Sentinelle
		155.840	365.252	Par mois

Pour 3 mois (Avril, Mai - Juin... 1985) 1095.756 F (1/2 Salaire = 547.878 F) 10,
 Au salaire brut sont versés par l'Etat. pour 365.252 F CFA bruts par mois soit
 $365.252 F \times 3 = 109.575 F$ CFA.

II. Batiments - Utilisation - Matériels

- Bâtiments : 540.000 F par trimestre

Total : 1.095.575 F + 540.000 F = 1.745.140 F CFA.

Fait à N'Djaména, le 10 Juillet 1985

Le Directeur de la C A I I A II

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FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT <i>(Follow instructions on the back)</i>		1. FEDERAL AGENCY AND ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT TO WHICH REPORT IS SUBMITTED UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT		2. FEDERAL GRANT OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER 57-0000-0-00-3169		OMB Approved No. 80-RO180		PAGE OF 1 i PAGES	
3. RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION (Name and complete address, including ZIP code) AFRICARE 1601 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009		4. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 23-7116354		5. RECIPIENT ACCOUNT NUMBER OR IDENTIFYING NUMBER 2201 Chad Vegetable Gardening		6. FINAL REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		7. BASIS <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCRUAL	
		8. PROJECT/GRANT PERIOD (See instructions) FROM (Month, day, year) 10/3/83		TO (Month, day, year) 10/2/85		9. PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT FROM (Month, day, year) 01/01/85		TO (Month, day, year) 03/31/85	

10. PROGRAMS/FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES ▶	STATUS OF FUNDS							TOTAL (g)
	(a) PERSONNEL	(b) TRAVEL AND ALLOWANCES	(c) EQUIPMENT	(d) SUPPLIES	(e) OTHER DIRECT	(f) INDIRECT COSTS		
a. Net outlays previously reported	\$ 63,673.39	\$ 32,756.14	\$ 52,174.66	\$ 10,461.37	\$ 7,198.63	\$ 34,441.03	\$ 200,705.22	
b. Total outlays this report period	3,372.34	2,430.99	1,804.14	837.59	52.19	1,851.50	10,348.75	
c. Less: Program income credits	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
d. Net outlays this report period (Line b minus line c)	3,372.34	2,430.99	1,804.14	837.59	52.19	1,851.50	10,348.75	
e. Net outlays to date (Line a plus line d)	67,045.73	35,187.13	53,978.80	11,298.96	7,250.82	36,292.53	211,053.97	
f. Less: Non-Federal share of outlays	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
g. Total Federal share of outlays (Line e minus line f)	67,045.73	35,187.13	53,978.80	11,298.96	7,250.82	36,292.53	211,053.97	
h. Total unliquidated obligations	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
i. Less: Non-Federal share of unliquidated obligations shown on line h	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
j. Federal share of unliquidated obligations	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	
k. Total Federal share of outlays and unliquidated obligations	67,045.73	35,187.13	53,978.80	11,298.96	7,250.82	36,292.53	211,053.97	
l. Total cumulative amount of Federal funds authorized	87,707.00	99,869.00	70,529.00	22,880.00	41,356.00	57,659.00	380,000.00	
m. Unobligated balance of Federal funds	20,661.27	64,681.87	16,550.20	11,581.04	34,105.18	21,366.47	168,946.03	

11. INDIRECT EXPENSE	a. TYPE OF RATE (Place "X" in appropriate box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PREDETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL <input type="checkbox"/> FIXED					13. CERTIFICATION I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.	SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL <i>C. Payne Lucas</i>	DATE REPORT SUBMITTED 5/20/85
	b. RATE 12.9% 25.8%	c. BASE \$ 2,641.73 \$ 5,855.52	d. TOTAL AMOUNT \$ 340.78 \$ 1,510.72	e. FEDERAL SHARE \$ 1,851.50				

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