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UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MISSION TO GUYANA ;

QUARTERLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1984

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EVENTS AFFECTING THE ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA
DURING THE QUARTER

- In January the Government of Guyana devalued the Guyana Dollar. The new rate is G \$3.743 to the US \$1.00. As a direct result of the devaluation, the prices of imports increased. Petroleum prices were increased by 12%, petroleum products 14% and other basic items, viz. milk, sugar, electricity, also reflected sharp increases.
- The National Budget was presented in Parliament during February by the Minister of Economic Planning and Finance. In his presentation, several changes were announced in the structure of the Guyana Rice Board. Three new entities - the Guyana Rice Milling Corporation, Guyana Rice Export Board and a new and autonomous grading facility, were to be established to improve operations, maintain high technical standards and separate the milling and marketing activities. In addition, the establishment of an Agricultural Research Institute to investigate new varieties of rice was announced. The Ministry of Agriculture would now be responsible for reviewing prevailing conditions to establish rice prices.
- The Minister of Economic Planning and Finance also announced Government's plan to lend the bauxite and sugar industries G \$330 M. The bauxite industry would be the recipient of G \$186 M and the sugar industry G \$144 M. to pay off interest on overdrafts in both sectors of the economy. The subsidy on sugar prices would be gradually lifted to ensure the viability of the industry.
- The Guyana Agricultural and Industrial Development Bank (GAIBANK) would have G \$93 M for the productive sector. G \$37 M would be allocated for agricultural development and the remaining amount utilized for the manufacturing and other productive sectors.
- The International Development Bank approved a loan for G \$100,000 for training staff of the newly established Marketing and Extension Centers in Guyana.
- The National Dairy Development project was launched in February. This project aims at National self-sufficiency in milk by 1988. GAIBANK was given the responsibility to administer loans to assist small farmers on this project.
- During the first week in March a 7-member team from the Inter-American Development Bank visited Guyana to discuss areas of financial benefit to the private sector and viable low-income groups.
- Head of Guyana's Textiles Design Unit visited the U.S. on a sales promotion exhibition which was well received by U.S. businessmen. More attention to details in finishing was however requested as an essential input to ensure orders.

- Guyana Mining Enterprise (GUYMINE) signed a new one-year contract with Green Overseas Corporation to remove overburden from two mines, repair and maintain equipment and establish mechanic and supervisory training programs for its staff.

- The Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the GOG signed a protocol with wide ranging areas of economic, technical, health and resource development to benefit Guyana.

IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

Rice Modernization II and Small Farm Development:

The Minister of Economic Planning and Finance in the 1984 Budget Speech outlined the new institutional framework for the rice industry. The Guyana Rice Board will be separated into two distinct institutions, the Guyana Rice Export Board and the Guyana Rice Milling Corporation. The activities of research will be transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture. Grading will be done by an autonomous Rice Grading Authority which is to be created and the Ministry of Agriculture will be responsible for the annual review of rice prices.

The Seed Specialist came on-board in February 1984 and has been involved in evaluating the existing seed delivery system and rehabilitating the seed processing facilities.

The on-going Rice Research Program continued during the quarter with emphasis on the purification of the new Diwani strains, production of breeder seed of the Diwani variety and the screening of varieties/lines imported from all over the world.

Agriculture Sector Planning:

One Regional Administration District was not cooperating in the Land Use and Crop Production Survey, and as a result the third quarter 1983 Survey was not completed. The opening of the National Data Management Center took place on February 21, 1984, the Vice-President of Production, Mr. Desmond Hoyte, gave the feature address.

Weaning Food Development:

Harvesting of the first crop of soybeans by the local private company was done this quarter. Despite the problems of insect, pests and inexperience, a good yield has been projected. Technical assistance in cultivation will be provided in August after planting in May/June.

Rural Health Systems:

The Sixth Medex Class completed its clinical rotation phase and were scheduled to write final examinations in early April. The first six medex houses were completed and accepted during the quarter. Two MOH staff members attended training programs in the U.S. during the quarter. The MOH has requested that the PACD be extended for one year at no extra cost.

Expanded Family Life Education:

Technical assistance to the Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association (GRPA) was provided by IPPF/WHR/USAID grant in audio visual aids and volunteerism; and in-service training in techniques of contraceptive technology for physicians and senior health professionals in the Ministry of Health.

Between 1981 and 1983, GRPA and MOH Specialists organized in-service training for 100 health professionals in Post Natal Care/Family Life Education and Family Spacing. An impressive graduation ceremony was held in February.

The Datsun mini bus arrived in-country the first week in March.

Special Development Activities:

Efforts to close outstanding advances for some SDA projects have continued without much success.

USAID's comments on the SDA Evaluation undertaken in February 1983 were finally sent to the Contractor during the reporting period. It is anticipated that USAID will receive copies of the final report during the next quarter.

Rural Health Photovoltaic Demonstration:

Efforts by Mission supported technically by a local engineer, seem to have met success with the repair of the Schepmoed refrigerator. After breakdowns in January and February, the unit was functioning well at the end of the quarter.

SHORT-TERM VISITORS TO USAID/GUYANA
DURING THE QUARTER

<u>NAME OF PERSON</u>	<u>ARRIVAL DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTURE DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Dr. O'Neill Parris	2/1/84	2/3/84	International Planned Parenthood Federation	To prepare for Training Course and conduct discussions with Min. of Health officials.
Mrs. Angela Cropper	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
Mr. Charanjit Singh Sodhi	2/6/84	2/7/84	International Research Institute	Work with IRI Team as Rice Seed Multiplication Specialist.
Dr. Henk Essed	2/15/84	2/22/84	International Planned Parenthood Federation	Provide technical assistance to the Staff of Guyana Responsible Parenthood Assn.
Dr. Ambrosio Ortega	2/16/84	2/18/84	AID/Barbados	Consultation with CARICOM Officials on Regional Training Project.
Mr. P. Doughty	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
Mrs. Angela Cropper	3/24/84	3/27/84	International Planned Parenthood Federation	To finalize arrangements for Seminar on Contraceptive Technology for staff of GRPA and Ministry of Health
Dr. O'Neill Parris	3/24/84	4/02/84	-do-	To conduct Seminar on Contraceptive Technology for staff of GRPA and Min. of Health.
Dr. Andy Kaunitz	3/25/84	4/02/84	-do-	-do-
Mr. Bert Thompson	3/29/84	3/31/84	-do-	-do-

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS DUE AS OF
MARCH 31, 1984

<u>Loan Number</u>	<u>Principal US \$</u>	<u>Interest US \$</u>	<u>Total US \$</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
504-L-001	614,077.30	385,643.70	999,721.00	March 4, 1984
504-L-002	140,747.10	91,997.63	232,744.73	March 27, 1984
504-L-003	81,422.63	72,000.83	153,423.48	December 15, 1985
504-L-004	355,023.71	330,770.88	685,794.59	October 25, 1983
504-L-005	54,383.70	50,668.57	105,052.27	February 23, 1984
504-K-006	208,604.75	167,660.74	376,265.49	March 30, 1984
504-L-007	127,471.59	121,841.52	249,313.11	December 9, 1983
504-L-007A	110,448.78	136,341.06	246,789.84	December 9, 1983
504-L-008	1,022,877.50	901,193.63	1,924,071.13	March 13, 1984
504-L-009	100,043.71	144,385.07	244,428.78	January 4, 1984
504-L-010	173,360.97	286,061.13	459,422.10	October 30, 1983
504-L-011	61,271.79	137,265.31	198,537.10	December 20, 1983
504-W-011	36,763.41	82,359.93	119,123.34	December 20, 1983
504-T-012	-0-	33,068.31	33,068.31	November 30, 1983
504-T-013	-0-	83,906.29	83,906.29	December 4, 1983
504-T-014A	-0-	62,811.99	62,811.99	October 11, 1983
504-T-014B	-0-	37,911.20	37,911.20	November 9, 1983
504-T-015A	-0-	86,288.83	86,288.83	March 15, 1984
504-T-015B	-0-	23,325.75	23,325.75	November 13, 1983
504-U-016A	-0-	47,948.11	47,948.11	March 2, 1984
504-T-017	-0-	11,513.84	11,513.84	February 17, 1984
TOTAL	\$3,086,496.94	\$3,296,964.34	\$6,383,461.28	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVE PROJECTS AS OF MARCH 31, 1984
(In Thousands of Dollars)

Project Number	Title		Cumulative thru 9/30/83				Projected Expenditure 1984 ^{1/}	Current Projected Expenditure 1984	Accrued Expenditure This Quarter	Accrued Expenditure Year to Date
			Life of Project Funding	Obligation	Accrued Expenditure	Unliquidated Obligations				
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>										
504-0072	Rice Modernization II	(L)	2,353	2,353	2,350	-	-	-	-	
		(G)	1,500	1,250	606	3	-	-	-	
504-0075	Small Farm Development (Black Bush)	(L)	3,430	3,430	3,200	210	376	70	117	
		(G)	1,400	715	715	-	210	157	160	
504-0077	Agriculture Sector Planning	(L)	1,000	1,000	611	-	-	-	-	
		(G)	1,898	1,000	982	389	50	(17)	(15)	
TOTAL - Agriculture			11,581	9,748	8,484	1,264	654	221	280	
<u>HEALTH</u>										
504-0066	Rural Health Systems	(L)	2,900	2,900	1,360	1,540	1,100	800	77	
		(G)	1,800	1,800	910	890	600	90	242	
TOTAL - Health			4,700	4,700	2,270	2,430	1,400	167	406	
<u>NUTRITION</u>										
504-0073	Weaning Food Development	(G)	1,175	1,175	521	654	317	200	6	
<u>POPULATION</u>										
504-0096	Expanded Family Life Education	(G)	495	220	126	94	200	94	26	
<u>OTHER</u>										
504-0031	Special Development Activities	(G)	31	31	5	26	105	-	11	
	Rural Health Photovoltaic Demonstration	(G)	335	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	
TOTAL - Other			366	31	5	26	105	-	11	
<u>SUMMARY:</u>										
	Loans		9,683	9,683	7,541	2,142	2,260	1,060	217	
	Grants		8,634	6,191	3,865	2,326	1,497	1,288	387	
TOTAL PORTFOLIO			\$18,317	\$15,874	\$11,406	\$4,468	\$3,757	\$2,348	\$431	
									\$742	

^{1/}As projected in FY 85 Congressional Presentation.

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AGRICULTURE SECTOR

QUARTER ENDING March 31, 1984

Quarterly Status ReportBackground DataQuarter Ending March 31, 1984

Project Title: RICE MODERNIZATION II

Project Number: 504-0072 Loan Number: 504-T-015

Project Description: This project is a continuation of the Rice Modernization I Project and originally provided for 1) construction of a rice receiving/drying/storage center and a rice mill; 2) expansion and improvement of six existing centers constructed under Rice I Project; 3) rehabilitation of the Georgetown Rice Export Center; and 4) technical assistance and participant training. The loan funds under this project were deobligated and technical assistance is being financed by grant funds.

Implementing Agency: GUYANA RICE BOARD

Date Authorized: September 27, 1978 Date Signed: Loan September 30, 1978
Grant December 28, 1978

Amount Authorized: Loan \$2,352,676 Amount Obligated: Loan \$2,352,676
Grant \$1,500,000 Grant \$1,250,000

Cumulative Accrued Disbursement: Loan \$2,350,143 Grant \$ 723,529

Disbursement as a % of Obligation: Loan 99.89% Grant 58%

Amount Disbursed this Quarter: Loan -0- Grant \$ 70,645

Host Country Contributions: Planned \$5,550,000 Disbursed \$2,299,292

Project Assistance Completion Date: June 30, 1984

Project Manager: Alex Dickie Jr., General Development Officer

Percentage of Time Lapsed Between Signing of Agreement and PACD: 91%

Principal Project Contractors: International Research Institute (IRI)

Quarterly Status ReportBackground DataQuarter Ending March 31, 1984Project Title: SMALL FARM DEVELOPMENT - BLACK BUSH REGIONProject Number: 504-0075 Loan Number: 504-T-014Project Description: This was a multilateral project involving IBRD, IFAD, IDB and AID.

Its purpose was to increase the production of rice and other food crops by small farmers
in the Black Bush Region through the provision of improved or new drainage and irrigation
infrastructure. The bulk of the loan funds under the project were deobligated. A
small amount of technical assistance is being financed by the Grant.

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Date Authorized: July 17, 1978 Date Signed: Loan August 3, 1978
 Grant February 14, 1980

Amount Authorized: Loan \$3,429,936 Amount Obligated: Loan \$3,429,936
 Grant \$1,400,000 Grant \$ 715,000

Cumulative Accrued Disbursement: Loan \$3,380,067 Grant \$ 715,000

Disbursement as a % of Obligation: Loan 98.55% Grant 100%

Amount Disbursed this Quarter: Loan \$ 156,856 Grant -0-

Host Country Contributions: Planned \$4,000,000 Disbursed \$ 434,763

Project Assistance Completion Date: January 1, 1985Project Manager: Alex Dickie, General Development OfficerPercentage of Time Lapsed Between Signing of Agreement and PACD: 84%Principal Project Contractors: International Research Institute (IRI)

RICE MODERNIZATION II AND
SMALL FARM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Quarterly Report

A. Status Summary:

The GOG has announced the new institutional framework and price mechanisms for the Rice Industry.

(1) Institutional Framework

The new institutional framework which will be established by June 1984, includes the rationalization of management activities of the Guyana Rice Board (GRB) by clearly separating into different institutions the two principal activities, milling and marketing. The GRB, divested of drying, milling and storing responsibilities will be transformed into the Guyana Rice Export Board (GREB) with basic responsibilities of:

- a) Negotiating and entering into Government-to-Government and Government-to-non-Government contracts;
- b) In fulfilling these contracts GREB will procure its rice for export by way of suppliers' contracts;
- c) Monitoring and guiding the development of the rice sector in response to trends and changes in the export markets for rice and rice products;
- d) Advising GOG and the industry in general on marketing prospects and be involved on an on-going basis in marketing research and analysis;
- e) Certifying exporters wishing to enter into contracts for export of rice, private rice exporters will be permitted to export rice that is surplus to the requirements of CARICOM and other markets subject to Government to Government contracts;
- f) Certifying the export quality of rice.

The rice drying, milling and storage activities will be transferred to a new institution, the Guyana Rice Milling Corporation (GRMC). This new corporation, in addition to providing rice to the GREB for export, will be the sole body responsible for marketing rice on the domestic market. The GRMC could designate individual private millers and other appropriate entities or agents responsible for supplying rice to particular local areas.

A functional autonomous Grading Authority will be created to maintain technical standards consistent with international classifications for grading paddy and rice. This Authority will be the sole entity for certifying grades of paddy and rice. Its basic functions will be:

- a) To grade and certify all paddy arriving at the mills;
- b) To grade and certify all rice milled for sale both locally and overseas;
- c) To assemble and disseminate to the industry all relevant data on grading and quality control;
- d) To train, certify and license graders;
- e) To license mills and to inspect operations with a view to facilitate improvement in quality control and other operations.

In addition, steps will be taken to rationalize the industry's research and extension facilities. An Agricultural Research Institute will be established and its activities will be the responsibility of the GOG.

(2) Price Determination Mechanism:

The Planning Department of the Ministry of Agriculture will be responsible for the annual review of prices. These reviews will take place before the second rice crop and the new prices will be announced before the end of August of the same year.

Dr. C.S. Sodhi, Seed Multiplication Specialist, came on board during the quarter and has visited the seed production areas and processing facilities. Spares are being ordered for the rehabilitation of seed processing equipment.

Mr. Hurley, the Financial Specialist, completed the training of five GRB employees on the IBM 3742 which has since been installed at MARDS. Mr. Hurley was relieved of his duties early in the second quarter.

Dr. J. Wang, Research Specialist, is continuing the applied research work in the multiplication of the Diwani variety, the testing of the new Diwani strains, ongoing screening of new rice selections imported in 1984, regional tests of promising varieties and monitoring of reaction of farmers to Diwani.

B. Problems and Delays:

The pending reorganization of the rice industry has resulted in the Seed Multiplication Specialist not knowing which agency he has to relate to and no counterpart staff has been assigned to him. It is hoped that during the next quarter this situation will be resolved.

C. Major Activities Expected During the Next Quarter:

1. Agronomic and Research

- a) Evaluation of field test of the Diwani strains.
- b) Evaluation of initial screen tests of new rice selections imported in 1984.
- c) Ongoing multiplication and purification of new high yielding varieties.
- d) Monitoring the reaction of farmers to Diwani.
- e) Blast test of selected varieties.

2. Seed Multiplication

- a) Rehabilitation of seed processing facilities.
- b) On the job training of seed delivery personnel at Anna Regina, Cane Grove, MARDS and Black Bush Polder.
- c) Develop procedures for production, processing and storage of seed.
- d) Develop seed processing training manual.
- e) Develop field inspectors training manual.

Quarterly Status ReportBackground DataQuarter Ending March 31, 1984Project Title: AGRICULTURE SECTOR PLANNINGProject Number: 504-0077 Loan Number: 504-T-017

Project Description: The project seeks to improve and strengthen the agricultural
sector planning capacity of the Government of Guyana through the
provision of technical assistance, participant training and the
establishment of a computer center.

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Date Authorized: February 9, 1980 Date Signed: Loan March 8, 1980
 Grant March 8, 1980

Amount Authorized: Loan \$1,000,000 Amount Obligated: Loan \$1,000,000
 Grant \$1,898,000 Grant \$1,000,000

Cumulative Accrued Disbursement: Loan \$596,145 Grant \$ 999,619

Disbursement as a % of Obligation: Loan 60% Grant 99.96%

Amount Disbursed this Quarter: Loan \$ 7,960 Grant \$ 11,896

Host Country Contributions: Planned \$4,262,700 Disbursed \$ 557,700

Project Assistance Completion Date: December 31, 1984Project Manager: Alex Dickie, Jr., General Development OfficerPercentage of Time Lapsed Between Signing of Agreement and PACD: 79%Principal Project Contractors: 1) Bureau of Census (BUCEN)2) IBM World Trade Corporation3) GUYCONSTRUCT4) Checchi and Company

AGRICULTURE SECTOR PLANNING PROJECT

Quarterly Report

A. Status Report:

1. Land Use and Crop Production Survey:

- 1st Quarter 1983: Awaiting computer processing and tabulation by the National Management Data Authority (NMDA).
- 2nd Quarter 1983: The field operation involving 4,323 questionnaires completed. So far, data from 92% (3,977) of the questionnaires were coded and edited.
- 3rd Quarter 1983: Approximately 72% of the field work has been completed.
- 4th Quarter 1983: The field work has started with 34% completed.
- 1st Quarter 1984: Preliminary work on the questionnaire has started.

2. Household Consumer Expenditure Survey:

The Statistical Bureau has completed the tabulation of the data from the survey questionnaires for use in the evaluation exercise.

B. Problems or Delays:

Land Use and Crop Production Survey:

In one Region there is still the problem of the Crop Reporters and Regional Administration which has resulted in the field work of third quarter of 1983 not completed. The availability of paper is a constraint in the printing of the questionnaires for the fourth quarter 1983.

Computer Center:

The Computer Center has been experiencing problems with its software. The IBM local office has reported the faults to its counterpart overseas. The standby generator is down for the want of two batteries.

C. Major Activities Expected During the Next Quarter:

1. Computer processing and tabulation of data for the first and second quarter of the Land Use and Crop Production Survey.
2. Field work for the third and fourth quarters and entering data on diskettes to be completed.
3. Start field work on the first quarter 1984.

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NUTRITION SECTOR

QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1984

Quarterly Status ReportBackground DataQuarter Ending March 31, 1984

Project Title: WEANING FOOD DEVELOPMENT

Project Number: 504-0073 Loan Number: -

Project Description: The purpose of this pilot project is to establish the capacity and test the feasibility of the production, marketing and distribution in Guyana of a low cost, nutritious weaning food (CEREX) made largely from indigenous commodities. The project includes the provision of factory equipment and installation, packaging materials, vitamin/mineral premixes, promotional advertising materials, vehicles for distribution, technical assistance in product formulation, plant design and operating and marketing and a supply of P. 480 food supplies.

Implementing Agency: GUYANA PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION

Date Authorized: September 30, 1978 Date Signed: Loan -
Grant September 30, 1978

Amount Authorized: Loan - Amount Obligated: Loan -
Grant \$1,175,000 Grant \$1,175,000

Cumulative Accrued Disbursement: Loan - Grant \$ 527,198

Disbursement as a % of Obligation: Loan - Grant 45%

Amount Disbursed this Quarter: Loan - Grant \$ 16,890

Host Country Contributions: Planned \$2,400,000 Disbursed \$ 250,000

Project Assistance Completion Date: December 31, 1985

Project Manager: Samuel Dowding, Program Specialist/Health

Percentage of Time Lapsed Between Signing of Agreement and PACD: 76%

Principal Project Contractors: None.

WEANING FOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTQuarterly ReportA. Status Summary:

No progress was made during the quarter to resolving the impasse that has resulted in a de facto suspension of project activities. Mission proposals were dispatched to AID/W and approval of these was still awaited at the end of the quarter. As a result, formal negotiations with the GOG for continuation of the project have not yet taken place.

The first crop of soybeans sown by the private farmer who is cooperating with GPC in the production of this grain legume was reaped late in the quarter. There were some problems with insect pests and thin plant population, but overall the results have been very encouraging, despite limited fertilizer applications and inexperience with the crop. It is expected that with some additional inputs of fertilizer, and the right insecticide, yields of up to 1,500 lbs per acre can be achieved from the next crop which is due to be planted in June/July. The reaction of several senior government and political officials to the success so far attained, has been heartening, and there are indications that assistance through the Ministry of Agriculture will be forthcoming for the next crop.

Also as a result of this success, Mission has been able to obtain concurrence from the GOG for providing technical assistance to the farmer for the next crop. Dr. Joseph Jackobs of the INTSOY GROUP at the University of Illinois will be visiting Guyana in August initially for two weeks.

Production of the local Cerex continued despite the problems of acquiring spare parts for the factory. The product continued to be readily available in Georgetown supermarkets, although low production has constrained efforts to make it more nationally available. The MCH ration book distribution system is now proceeding well. Retailers have been designated in each coastland region who monthly provide four 500 grams packets of Cerex sold at G \$3.00 each to parents presenting the ration book.

The significantly greater MOH allocation this year (G \$500,000 as against G \$150,000 in 1983) has clearly contributed much to the smoother implementation of the free and subsidized distribution systems.

B. Problems or Delays:

Approval of Mission's proposals for continuing the project is still awaited from AID/W. As a result, Mission has not been able to formalize discussions with the GOG.

C. Major Activities Expected During the Next Quarter:

1. Approval of Mission proposals by AID/W and formal discussion with GOG on continued project implementation.
2. Cultivation of second crop of soybeans.
3. Technical assistance provided to local farmer in soybean production.

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HEALTH SECTOR

QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1984

Quarterly Status ReportBackground DataQuarter Ending March 31, 1984Project Title: RURAL HEALTH SYSTEMSProject Number: 504-0066 Loan Number: 504-U-016

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to improve the health status
of the Guyanese population through the development of a National primary health care
delivery system. Training and equipping of intermediate level workers called Medex
and also of Community Health Workers (CHWs) as well as continuing education programs
for other health personnel and the implementation of management support systems, are
the major activities under the project.

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTHDate Authorized: June 19, 1979 Date Signed: Loan August 31, 1979Grant August 31, 1979Amount Authorized: Loan \$2,900,000 Amount Obligated: Loan \$2,900,000Grant \$1,800,000 Grant \$1,800,000Cumulative Accrued Disbursement: Loan \$1,601,956 Grant \$1,674,013Disbursement as a % of Obligation: Loan 55% Grant 60%Amount Disbursed this Quarter: Loan \$ 127,686 Grant \$ 89,639Host Country Contributions: Planned \$3,013,000 Disbursed (See Text)Project Assistance Completion Date: June 30, 1984Project Manager (Acting) Samuel Dowding, Program Specialist/HealthPercentage of Time Lapsed Between Signing of Agreement and PACD: 95%Principal Project Contractors: UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII at Manoa

RURAL HEALTH SYSTEMS PROJECTQuarterly ReportA. Status Summary:1. University of Hawaii:

The Clinical rotation phase of the training for the final Medex class was completed in March. Weak students received supplementary attention individually and in groups. Final examinations were done over the March 30 to April 6 period.

Only one of the vacant medex tutor-supervisors positions was filled. The person selected has performed well, up to the expectations of the Training Director. Further efforts to fill the other vacancy have been suspended, since it is felt that with planned future classes being limited to 10 to 15 students the tutor complement of five will be adequate.

The appointment of Dr. Ed Margulies, the University of Hawaii Training Specialist, was terminated by the University on February 28. Adjustments in staff responsibilities in the Medex Training Unit have been made as a consequence. He is not expected to be replaced.

During the quarter, editing of the Manual for the orientation of medical officers was completed. Arrangements are being made to have it printed during the next quarter.

The MOH has decided not to establish a programming, budgeting and evaluation unit at this juncture, and has instead appointed a team headed by the Chief Medical Officer. In a training program lasting six days, sixteen clerks from District Hospitals were trained in the operation of the Financial Management Information (FMIS), Supply Health Information and Transport Systems among others.

There has been some progress in arranging for salaries data to be put into the FMIS: support was received from the staff at the Data Processing Unit, who are enthusiastic about the system, and inputting of these data will commence during the next quarter.

Several appointments of Regional Supervisors of Health Centers have been made. These positions will be supervised centrally from the Office of Regional Health Services. It was originally proposed that this office would be headed by a Medical Director, but efforts to fill this position have not been successful. In the interim, the Chief Medical Officer will provide technical support to the Manager of Regional Health Services. The organization of this office will quite likely require some technical assistance in the coming quarter, and discussions to this end will be scheduled.

2. Housing:

Mission extended the completion date for the first six houses via a Project Implementation Letter from January 31 to February 28. Certificates of Practical Completion were issued to the MOH by their consultants on the latter date and an inspection by the USAID consulting engineer found the houses ready for acceptance except for minor defects for which instructions to correct were issued. The houses were subsequently certified complete according to the agreed specifications. Mission expects to hand over the reimbursement checks to the GOG early in the new quarter.

Assessments of two package proposals for constructing 14 houses were completed and initial discussions held with the MOH. At the end of the quarter, the MOH was in the process of studying USAID's counter proposals on one of the 'packages' with a view to building at least three houses by June 30.

3. Communications:

The installation of the two way radios is proceeding slowly. Only eight sets were installed during the quarter. It is expected that this process will be further frustrated by the non-completion of housing at several hinterland locations.

The locally constructed launches have at last been completed during the quarter. The MOH did not order batteries to start the inboard engines, but expects to borrow some in order not to delay their launching and deployment.

4. Participant Training:

Two MOH staff attended training programs overseas during the quarter. Mr. Salim Siddique, who has been the principal counterpart for the FMIS, attended the NCIH two-day seminar on Computers in International Health. He also had four days of 'hands on' training with the Futures Group and the Bureau of Census.

Dr. Udit Narine, Maternal and Child Health Officer attended the Symposium on Contraception: Issues and Controversies, held in March in Puerto Rico and sponsored by the University of Puerto Rico and Columbia University.

5. General:

The MOH formally requested an extension of the project for one year from June 30, 1984 to June 30, 1985. Mission supports this request and has taken steps to have it effected. Approval by AID/W of proposals discussed between Mission and the MOH was awaited at the end of the quarter.

Mission received the draft audit report from RIG/A/LAC and sent comments and elaborations by cable for consideration in the finalization of the report. Up to March 31, the final report had not been received.

An area of major discontent in the report was the amount of host country contribution to this project. Our last quarterly report inadvertently gave a patently inaccurate figure of \$400,000. Although we do not have a refined figure from the MOH it is believed that over \$2.5 Million of counterpart funds have been contributed by the MOH over the last five years to supporting this project. The cost of salaries and fringe benefits for a variety of medex direct and support staff and medex students, rent, maintenance, electricity, telephone, drugs and supplies is clearly substantial. The MOH has spent a total of more than US \$52 Million over the last five years to support Hospitals, Health Centers and Dispensaries. Even if Medex and the facilities at which they are based attracted only 5% of that amount, over US \$2.5 million would have already been spent. Mission will continue to urge the MOH to seek to provide a more comprehensive estimate. It is expected that should the project be extended, additional assistance to strengthen this area will be given.

B. Problems or Delays:

The installation of the two-way radios is progressing slower than planned. The onset of the rainy season in May will probably complicate this delay.

C. Major Activities Expected During the Next Quarter:

1. Approval by AID/W of Mission proposals for extending the project, negotiation with GOG and extension of the PACD.
2. Continued installation of the two-way radio system.
3. Approval of proposals for constructing three more houses.
4. Completion of training of the final class of Medex under the project.
5. Completion of the University of Hawaii contract assistance.

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POPULATION SECTOR

QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1984

25.
Quarterly Status Report

Background Data

Quarter Ending March 31, 1984

Project Title: EXPANDED FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Project Number: 504-0096 Loan Number: -

Project Description: This project seeks primarily to expand the strengthen the
Family Life Education (FLE) Program of the Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association
(GRPA) and the Ministry of Health (MOH). Specifically, the project will: 1) strengthen
and expand the institutional capacity of the GRPA; 2) train health personnel, teachers,
community leaders and youth educators to provide family life education counseling and
services; and 3) expand and make more effective Guyana's adolescent FLE program.

Implementing Agency: GUYANA RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION

Date Authorized: September 30, 1981 Date Signed: Loan -

Grant September 30, 1981

Amount Authorized: Loan - Amount Obligated: Loan -

Grant \$495,000 Grant \$220,000

Cumulative Accrued Disbursement: Loan - Grant \$163,541

Disbursement as a % of Obligation: Loan - Grant 74%

Amount Disbursed this Quarter: Loan - Grant \$ 26,317

Host Country Contributions: Planned \$15,000 Disbursed \$ 8,000

Project Assistance Completion Date: December 31, 1984

Project Manager: Leila A. Mongul, Program Assistant

Percentage of Time Lapsed Between Signing of Agreement and PACD: 69%

Principal Project Contractors: INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION, WHR, Inc

EXPANDED FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROJECTQuarterly ReportA. Status Summary:

The services of Mr. Vincent Reubenson, Program Administrator, were terminated in January by the Executive Director, GRPA, on the advice of the Executive Committee. GRPA advertised the position and selection of Mr. Frank Noel resulted. Mr. Noel is a retired senior public servant of the GOG. It is hoped that his presence will streamline administrative operations at GRPA.

The Youth Counsellor was appointed on February 2, 1984. During the reporting period she made visits to two rural areas on the East Coast of Demerara, holding discussions with residents concerning the possibility of starting an integrated project (FLE and a skills training program). Straw work was identified as the skill desired by the youths.

Mission approved the travel of Dr. O'Neill Parris and Mrs. Angela Cropper from February 2 to 4, to make preparatory arrangements with the staff from the Ministry of Health and GRPA for the in-service training program for Senior Health Professionals and Physicians scheduled for March 26 to April 1.

Mr. Orville Campbell, Program Officer, Audio/Visual Productions of the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation, provided technical assistance from February 6 to 18 in various video production elements, and production of educational material for field workers, youth educators and youth leaders. Three video discussion programs involving members of the Youth Center, teenage mothers from the Campbellville area, and the Timehri Soldiers Camp. At the latter outpost, Male Involvement in Family Life Education was filmed. Other subjects filmed included the problems of teenage pregnancy, parent/child relationships and family planning in Guyana. This film will be edited and returned to GRPA by the end of June for use by staff during field work activities.

GRPA held its first graduation ceremony for 100 Health Professionals on February 7, 1984. Dr. Walter Chin, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, presided over this impressive ceremony.

Dr. Henk Essed was selected by IPPF/WHR to provide technical assistance to GRPA during February 15-21 on Volunteerism. Useful sessions were organized for staff members and members of the Executive Committee of GRPA. It is hoped that this component of the project will gain momentum despite its slow start.

GRPA staff and youth center members held discussions with the President of the Executive Committee, a qualified librarian, to improve the existing library facilities at GRPA. Cataloging of books is at present being undertaken by the youth center members.

Two lecturers, Dr. Andy Kaunitz and Dr. O'Neill Parris, sponsored by the Ford Foundation and USAID/IPPF respectively, conducted the first in-service training program for physicians and senior health professionals ever held in Guyana. Participants were selected from various regions by the Ministry of Health for this training course which covered the following subjects: techniques of contraceptive technology, communication techniques, human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases and human reproductive anatomy/physiology.

Four centers were selected within the Georgetown area for practical sessions to avoid over-crowding and to give participants more scope in the clinics. These sessions were very successful and well-received by the MOH staff. GRPA requested a follow-up evaluation to be conducted in October 1984 to review participants' work experiences in their respective regions.

The Minister of Health and the Acting Director, USAID/G gave impressive talks at the opening ceremony. Twenty-eight senior health professionals and eleven physicians were presented with certificates at the end of the sessions.

The Datsun 15-seater mini bus arrived in-country the first week in March. Formal handing-over by the Acting Director, USAID/G to the Executive Director, GRPA will be scheduled shortly.

Final reports were received from the Consultants, Dr. Charles Nobbe and Mrs. Mary-Jane Snyder on the mid-term Evaluation of the Expanded Family Life Education project.

B. Problems or Delays:

The mini bus was inadvertently consigned to the USAID Mission instead of GRPA as directed in the Purchase Order and this caused some delays in clearing the vehicle through customs.

The remaining technical assistance to be organized by IPPF will be delayed as the person providing expertise on service statistics will be representing IPPF at two meetings in May and June. An extension of the terminal date of the IPPF/USAID grant will therefore be made from June 30 to August 31, 1984.

C. Major Activities Expected During the Next Quarter:

1. Dr. Everold Hosein, Caribbean Program Director, IPPF/WHR, will visit Guyana during April 16-19 to discuss the smooth take-over of operations on behalf of UNFPA.
2. An Integrated Project - Family Life Education/skills training - will begin April 9 thru May 29 in the rural area of Bagotville, West Bank Demerara.
3. Graduation of health professionals from Regions 2 (Pomeroon and 6 (East Berbice/Corentyne) during June.
4. The Nurse Educator at GRPA to attend a 5-week training course offered by CEDPA in Management/Family Planning Activities.
5. Review of program activities in relation to remaining funds available.

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CENTRALLY FUNDED PROJECTS
NON-PROJECT ACTIVITIES

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Quarterly Status ReportBackground DataQuarter Ending March 31, 1984Project Title: SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FUNDProject Number: 504-0031 Loan Number: -Project Description: The SDA Program provides limited financial assistance to
communities or organizations which are developing and implementing projects
of socio-economic value through local initiative and self-help efforts.Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTDate Authorized: FY 1965* Date Signed: Loan -
Grant -Amount Authorized: Loan - Amount Obligated: Loan -
Grant \$31,165 Grant \$31,165Cumulative Accrued Disbursement: Loan - Grant \$16,314Disbursement as a % of Obligation: Loan - Grant 52%Amount Disbursed this Quarter: Loan - Grant \$11,381Host Country Contributions: Planned Various Disbursed Not ApplicableProject Assistance Completion Date: ContinuingProject Manager: Leila A. Mongul, Program AssistantPercentage of Time Lapsed Between Signing of Agreement and PACD: Not applicablePrincipal Project Contractors: None.

* This project at USAID/G started in FY 1965 and is continuing. Amounts are authorized and obligated on a fiscal year basis.

SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FUNDQuarterly ReportA. Status Summary:

Follow-up letters were sent to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development and some private project coordinators in an effort to close outstanding advances on remaining SDA projects. This was not very successful since no replies were received by the close of the quarter. A final reminder will be sent early in the coming quarter so that projects could be closed by June 30, 1984.

Mission commented on the draft Evaluation Report on this project and transmitted them via the Costa Rica Mission to the contractor during the reporting period.

B. Problems or Delays:

Project coordinators were slow in responding to letters sent by USAID/G . Site visits will be paid to these areas in an effort to streamline the financial operations.

C. Major Activities Expected During the Next Quarter:

1. Receipt of final report on Evaluation from the Contractor.
2. Field visits to delinquent project coordinators outside the Georgetown area.

Quarterly Status ReportBackground DataQuarter Ending March 31, 1984Project Title: RURAL HEALTH PHOTOVOLTAIC DEMONSTRATIONProject Number: NASA/DSB 5710-2-79 Loan Number: -

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to demonstrate the use of photovoltaic (PV) power systems for meeting the basic electrical requirements of Guyana's health delivery system in rural areas. The project includes: 1) the design development, installation and field testing of PV systems in selected health facilities in Guyana; 2) training and educational programs for appropriate host country personnel in the theory, operation and maintenance of the systems; 3) an assessment of the cost-effectiveness of the installed PV systems.

Implementing Agency: MINISTRY OF HEALTHDate Authorized: November 15, 1980 Date Signed: Loan -Grant November 13, 1980Amount Authorized: Loan - Amount Obligated: Loan -Grant \$335,000 Grant Not AvailableCumulative Accrued Disbursement: Loan - Grant -Disbursement as a % of Obligation: Loan - Grant -Amount Disbursed this Quarter: Loan - Grant -Host Country Contributions: Planned \$49,000 Disbursed Not AvailableProject Assistance Completion Date: December 31, 1984Project Manager: Samuel Dowding, Program Specialist/HealthPercentage of Time Lapsed Between Signing of Agreement and PACD: 57%Principal Project Contractors: NASA/LeRC

RURAL HEALTH PHOTOVOLTAIC DEMONSTRATION PROJECTSQuarterly ReportA. Status Summary:1. Waramuri Health Station:

The system at this location has functioned without problems, according to reports. No technical review of its performance has been made, however. Mission urged AID/W and NASA/LeRC in several cables to effect resolution of the problems which have prevented the first and second six monthly visits to the system so far.

The expected visit by the contractors did not materialise during the quarter. Mission was notified from the Medex at location that the thermometer on the refrigerator was broken. This information was passed on to NASA for corrective action to be taken.

2. Schepmoed Dispensary:

The refrigerator at this location again gave problems early in this quarter and several visits were made to the location by Mission officers accompanied by a local engineer. By the end of the quarter, the faults all seemed to have been corrected and the unit was again functioning well.

Mission has urged NASA and AID/W to dispatch an engineer to check out this unit. This individual is expected to arrive in Guyana sometime in the next quarter.

B. Problems or Delays:

The continued malfunctioning of the Schepmoed refrigerator has been a source of embarrassment to the Mission.

C. Major Activities Expected During the Next Quarter:

1. Arrival of engineers from Solarex/DSI for first return visit to Waramuri installation.
2. Check out of Schepmoed refrigerator by engineering from NASA.