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PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT  
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A. Health Sector II

1. Background Data:

- a. Project Number : 517-0120  
Loan Number : 517-U-030
- b. Amount Authorized : \$8,000,000
- c. Counterpart Contribution : \$3,200,000
- d. Borrower : Government of the Dominican Republic
- e. Executing Agency : Secretariat of State for Public Health and Social Assistance (SESPAS)
- f. Date of Authorization : November 12, 1978
- g. Date of Execution : November 23, 1978
- h. Terminal Dates:
- (1) Initial Conditions Precedent Met : February 23, 1979
- (2) PACD: Original :  
Current : November 23, 1985
- i. Disbursement Progress:
- (1) Cumulative Disbursement : \$4,864,000
- (2) Percent Disbursed : 61%
- (3) Disbursements during the quarter : \$4,000
- j. Percentage of Project Time elapsed : 71%
- k. Project Description:

The purpose of this project is: (1) to expand the Basic Health Services Program (SBS), established under Health Loan I, to an additional 100 rural communities with an estimated population of 200,000 inhabitants; (2) to upgrade 100 rural clinics and 20 small hospitals through staff training and provision of equipment; and (3) to provide potable water, sewage disposal and health education services to approximately 160,000 inhabitants of the rural population served by the SBS.

## 2. Quarterly Report

### a. Status Summary:

#### Potable Water/Sewage and Health Education

##### (1) Potable Water

(a) Wells and Pumps: 64 new wells were drilled during the trimester (June, July, August); 48 of which (75%) produce water. This brings the total number of wells drilled during the program to 1,477, with a total of 1,105 (74.8%) positive wells. The new total of wells represent 56.8% of the original 2,600 planned.

There has been no change in the total number of manufactured pumps delivered to SESPAS. ETINCA is in the process of assembling 70 pumps to be delivered soon. An estimated number of 940 positive wells have been planned for this second phase of the program. Considering the 1410 pumps received by SESPAS and the additional 940 needed makes a total of 2350 pumps, 350 more than the contracted amount of 2,050. ETINCA yet has to deliver a total of 640 pumps, which added to the 300 out of the original contract, makes a new total of 940 pumps needed as of this quarter. In the event a decision is made to advertise for new bids, considering that ETINCA would be delivering an additional 70, 870 would be procured out of the present contractual agreement. USAID/DR would be receiving TA, through Georgia Tech, for the technical consideration involved in identifying other foundries, deciding whether to continue with or discontinue the modified pump, preparation of bidding documents and providing TA to the foundries identified.

A total of 269 hand pumps were repaired during the quarter. Repairs have been done through different mechanisms: by the community organizers with members of the communities and by maintenance crews from the program. A new training session in pump maintenance/repair will be conducted. This time the idea is to fully involve the community members and do away with the initial idea of utilizing regional maintenance crews.

15 pumps were installed during the quarter.

(b) Gravity Flow Systems: one system is under study. Community brigades have been organized to participate in its construction. Working schedules are ready.

## 2. Sewage

1617 latrines have been delivered to SESPAS, bringing the total to 15,304. A total of 2312 latrines have been installed in the communities, with a new grand total of 6554 (there is a substantial amount of latrines installed by INDESUR and the provincial Governors: this information will be included in subsequent reports).

A water-seal latrine, manufactured by SADOSA is being field tested at present. Preliminary information points to the fact that these may need more water to be flushed than initially thought. Another possible problem is the type of cleaning material utilized by the people: may cause problems of clogging the system. Another fiberglass, conventional type of seat, has been manufactured by Plásticos Reforzados S. A. (manufacturers of the 20 gallon water containers). At present we are trying to get comments from different sources as to modifications, conveniences, inconveniences of this model. The company will be informed of our recommendations/findings.

### (3) Health Education

Community organizers have continued their work in the different areas in which the program has been developed. At the same time, in other areas, there is intensive activity in the preparation of the communities for the program. The organizers, as mentioned in previous reports, have been participating in a variety of activities: community orientation, health committees activities, stimulating cash contributions from the community to the health committee, latrine construction/installation, pump repairs, etc.

A new training in health education is being planned, with the assistance of Georgia Tech.

### (4) Water Containers

An additional 1,500 containers (20 gal) were delivered to SESPAS, for a grand total of 16,500 (of a total of 20,000 under contract). 729 containers have been distributed to the communities, for a total of 5,671.

### b. Comments on Implementations

(1) Reprogramming of funds has been approved by the Mission and the IL has been issued and is pending signature by the Secretary of Health.

(2) INAPA has private drilling companies already working in to geographical areas. There has been some minor problems that have been dealt with by SESPAS/INAPA: the drilling companies claim that INAPA's technicians mark well sites in communities one by one and this has caused them to waste drilling time, INAPA's "cubications" were not prepared in an acceptable manner to SESPAS.

(3) The bids for the procurement of the 5-gallon containers have been opened. An informal consultation was made with the Mission. Our recommendation was conveyed to SESPAS. Award is pending.

c. Problems and Delays

(1) Latrines

Although the process of manufacturing the initial group of latrines is near completion, there is a delay in the manufacture of the second group because:

(a) There is a field trial of water sealed latrine that needs to be evaluated before accepting or rejecting this prototype.

(b) There is a fiber glass conventional type that needs thorough consideration/modifications before embarking in a field trial.

(c) There is a concrete/ceramic exact model that needs to be studied.

(d) If the decision is made to continue with the present model, consideration should be given to construction details.

(2) Pump Manufacture.

(a) There is still uncertainty about whether or not to continue with the modified pump, as opposed to the conventional shallow and deep well models. If the decision is made to continue with the modified model, its problems must be solved. If the decision is made to continue with the conventional models, the procurement of drop pipes must be initiated with the known time consuming steps of bids, customs delays and logistic in-country problems. Moreover, if this decision is made, there is the need to decide what to do with the PVC drop pipes already purchased and in stock.

(b) In addition, there is the need to explore additional foundries to determine their capability of manufacturing the pump with some TA. TA will be made available shortly. Another point worth mentioning is the fact that new advertisement for bids have to be made. New, adequate specifications /drawings /bidding documents must be prepared and bids considered and contracts drawn. Probably it would be of interest to advertise for bids with a predetermined top fixed for the pump.

d. Major Actions Expected Next Quarter

(1) Award of the bid for the 5-gallon containers.

(2) Training on latrine construction/sanitation pump installation/maintenance and health education for community organizers.

B. Education Sector Loan

1. Background Data:

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|----|---|---|--|
| a. | Project Number                          | : | 517-0119   |
|    | Loan Number                             | : | 517-V-032  |
| b. | Amount Authorized                       | : | \$7,500,000  |
| c. | Counterpart                             | : | \$10,406,800   |
| d. | Borrower                                | : | Government of the<br>Dominican Republic                                  |
| e. | Executing Agency                        | : | Secretariat of State for<br>Education, Fine Arts and<br>Worship (SEEBAC) |
| f. | Date of Authorization                   | : | December 19, 1978  |
| g. | Date of Execution                       | : | December 28, 1978  |
| h. | Terminal Dates:                         |   |  |
|    | (1) Initial Conditions<br>Precedent Met | : | March 28, 1979   |
|    | (2) PACD: Original                      | : |  |
|    | Current                                 | : | June 28, 1984  |
| i. | Disbursement Progress:                  |   |  |
|    | (1) Cumulative Disbursement             | : | \$6,478,000  |
|    | (2) Percent Disbursed                   | : | 86%  |
|    | (3) Disbursements during<br>Quarter     | : | \$ 303,000   |
| j. | Percentage of Project Time<br>elapsed   | : | 83%  |
| k. | <u>Project Description:</u>             |   |  |

The purpose of this project is to provide a minimum of four years of improved basic education to all children residing in the rural areas of the provinces of Peravia, Azua, San Cristóbal and the rural areas of the National District and to implement an education reform program for grades 1-8 for the same rural areas.

The project includes a comprehensive program containing the essential elements of an efficient and effective primary education system including: (1) development of an educational statistical information

system; (2) activities in research and planning; (3) upgrading of teachers, administrators, and technicians; (4) development of educational materials; (5) construction and equipping of 654 new classrooms; (6) establishment of a school maintenance system in the target area; and (7) administration of the project.

## 2. Quarterly Report

### a. Status Summary:

(1) Education Statistics and Information System: (1.9% of Project loan money). Course in statistical information was conducted resulting in the design of a national system which is ready to be implemented. Seventh edition of "Revista Pedagógica" was distributed.

(2) Investigation and Planning: (2.5%) - First orientation course was conducted. Work on the Education Sector Assessment update initiated.

(3) Teacher Training: (13%) - Analysis of 81-83 training was being completed with cost/participant information included.

(4) Educational Material Development: (7.7%) - Teacher guides published; training guide for directors and people in the communities is ready for publication.

(5) Construction and Equipment: (67.5%) - All construction utilizing USAID funds has been completed. The final school dedication for 55 schools will be held in October.

(6) Maintenance: (5.2%) - Secretariat personnel have been appointed to implement the component.

### b. Comments on Implementation:

Mission personnel and PIDE staff are holding regular management meetings to assure that all commodities are purchased and training courses held by PACD.

### c. Problems and Delays:

The Dominican National Treasury has delayed disbursing funds to PIDE.

d. Actions Expected Next Quarter:

- (1) Statistical system is to be fully operational by December.
- (2) Two additional courses will be offered before December under the investigation component.
- (3) Practical Arts teachers for grades 4, 5, and 6 to be trained in October.
- (4) Library and other materials to be purchased under component 4.
- (5) The Education Sector Assessment final draft is to be completed in preparation for seminar.
- (6) PIO/T drafted for final evaluation for both construction and non-construction components.

C. Rural Roads Maintenance and Rehabilitation

1. Background Data:

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|----|---|---|--|
| a. | Project Number                          | : | 517-0130   |
|    | Loan Number                             | : | 517-T-033  |
| b. | Amount Authorized - Loan                | : | \$10,000,000   |
|    | Grant                                   | : | \$ 5,000,000   |
| c. | Counterpart Contribution                | : | \$17,300,000   |
| d. | Borrower                                | : | Dominican Republic   |
| e. | Executing Agency                        | : | Secretariat of State for<br>Public Works and Communi-<br>cations (SEOPC) |
| f. | Date of Authorization                   | : | September 28, 1979 (Loan)<br>May 20, 1980 (Grant)                        |
| g. | Date of Execution                       | : | September 28, 1979 (Loan)<br>June 30, 1980 (Grant)                       |
| h. | Terminal Dates:                         |   |  |
|    | (1) Initial Conditions<br>Precedent Met | : | December 28, 1979 (Loan)<br>August 4, 1980 (Grant)                       |
|    | (2) PACD: Original                      | : |  |
|    | Current                                 | : | September 28, 1984   |
| i. | Disbursement Progress:                  |   |  |
|    | (1) Cumulative Disbursements            | : | (Loan): \$9,358,000<br>(Grant): \$5,000,000                              |
|    | (2) Percent Disbursed                   | : | (Loan) 94%<br>(Grant) 100%   |
|    | (3) Disbursements during<br>Quarter     | : | \$372,000  |
| j. | Percent of Project Time<br>elapsed      | : | 80%  |
| k. | <u>Project Description:</u>             |   |  |

The purpose of the loan component of the project is to develop the institutional capacity of the Directorate of Rural Roads (DGCV) to maintain and rehabilitate rural roads at the national, regional and

local community levels. This purpose will be achieved within the context of an operational program which will: (a) establish a rural road maintenance department and planning unit at the national level; (b) construct and staff seven regional and seven sub-regional offices under the DGCY, capable of managing rural roads maintenance/rehabilitation in their areas; and, (c) engage approximately 700 local community organizations in the rehabilitation of 20 percent of the country's rural roads, and in a maintenance program covering nearly 60 percent of the rural road network.

The purpose of the grant component of the project was to assist the GODR in restoring normal rural access roads for members of the USAID target group living in the areas impacted by Hurricanes David and Frederick.

## 2. Quarterly Report

### a. Status Summary:

All equipment purchases have been contracted and shipped.

Louis Berger International, the T.A. consulting firm, has completed the final report. DGCY has negotiated a new contract with Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) for nine months of T.A. until June 15, 1983 to complete training of Regional Centers personnel in inventory control, accounting, planning for equipment usage, and the completion of training of mechanics and operators of heavy equipment. The contract is loan and counterpart funded. With counterpart funding the ORT contract has been extended until November 15, 1983.

The road inventory is completed comprising approximately 12,200 Kms. which includes such details as exact location and size of all culverts, bridges, condition of all structures, condition of road, width, rights-of-way, population, socio-economic benefits, erosion factors, etc. All road inventory data is keyed for direct computer storage. Due to lack of maps and accurate information, the project paper had estimated that approximately 6,000 Kms. of rural roads were in existence. The inventory shows double the original estimate.

The staff at the DGCY National Office has increased to 57 (from 3 or 4 persons) and the Regional Centers have 371 full-time employees in total. Forty-eight operators and mechanics have completed training programs in operation of Caterpillar, International Harvester and Barber-Greene equipment.

All Regional Centers are completed. All Centers are fully staffed and operating with equipment and shop tools.

Evaluation of the institutional development has been completed in both Spanish and English languages.

Under the Loan funded activities, 29 road projects started by force account have been completed by contract. At the end of April 1982, contracts were signed for another 210 kms. of rehabilitation for October completion, and another 100.kms. of rural roads that will be contracted before December 1983.

Under the Grant funded activities, 32 subprojects, as compared to the originally programmed 22 subprojects, have been completed. More than 250 communities have been organized and approximately 400 hand laborers appointed and trained for the maintenance of the rehabilitated roads under the direction of two sociologists, one economist, and one trainer. 908 Kms. of rural roads are under regular and periodic maintenance.

Short term T.A. contract has completed the reorganization of the DGCV accounting system. All accounting is now computerized.

b. Comments on Implementation:

No change is anticipated in achieving the project purpose by the PACD. The new Secretary for Public Works is giving full support, time and attention to the program.

c. Problems and Delays:

Additional trained staff is needed at the National Office in the Sociology Department (promotion of community organizations), budgeting (cost analysis for rehabilitation), and supervisory engineering. Shortage of transportation for sociologists and engineers is an increasing problem.

d. Major Actions Expected Next Quarter:

- (1) Continuing formation of community organizations and selection of "Obreros Camineros" for completed roads.
- (2) Continue training program for maintenance of spare parts inventory and equipment scheduling in the Regional Centers under ORT contracting.
- (3) Continue work on rehabilitation of 210 kilometers of rural roads.
- (4) Contract on additional 100 kms. of roads for rehabilitation.

D. Natural Resource Management

1. Background Data:

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|----|---------------------------------|---|--|
| a. | Project Number                  | : | 517-0126                                   |
|    | Loan Number                     | : | 517-T-035                                  |
| b. | Amount Authorized (Loan)        | : | \$10,500,000                               |
|    | (Grant)                         | : | 500,000                                    |
| c. | Counterpart Contribution        | : | \$10,200,000                               |
| d. | Borrower                        | : | Government of the Dominican Republic       |
| e. | Executing Agency                | : | Secretariat of State for Agriculture (SEA) |
| f. | Date of Authorization           | : | August 28, 1981                            |
| g. | Date of Execution               | : | August 31, 1981                            |
| h. | Terminal Dates:                 |   |  |
|    | 1. Initial Conditions           |   |  |
|    | Precedent Met:                  | : | July 31, 1982                              |
|    | 2. PACD: Original               | : | July 31, 1986                              |
|    | Current                         | : |  |
| i. | Disbursement Progress:          |   |  |
|    | 1. Cumulative Disbursements     | : | Loan: \$651,000                            |
|    |                                 | : | Grant: \$138,000                           |
|    | 2. Percent Disbursed            | : | Loan: 6%                                   |
|    |                                 | : | Grant: 28%                                 |
|    | 3. Disbursement during Quarter  | : | Loan: \$145,000                            |
|    |                                 | : | Grant: \$ 38,000                           |
| j. | Percent of Project Time elapsed | : | 42%  |
| k. | <u>Program Description:</u>     |   |  |

The purpose of this five year \$21.2 million project is twofold: (1) to strengthen the Dominican Government's (GODR) capability to effectively promote the rational development of the country's natural resources; and (2) to establish a soil and water conservation model that can be used to help arrest the degradation of the country's natural resources.

## 2. Quarterly Report

### a. Status Summary:

During the quarter significant progress was made in most of the project's 16 activities. Five sets of new aerial photos were distributed to Secretariat of State for Agriculture (SEA), University Geographic Institute (ICU), and FA. Four participants returned from a photo interpretation shortcourse at MSU where they began developing thematic maps of the Ocoa watershed. USAID requested Teledyne aerial photography extension beginning 3 January 1984.; Construction was nearly completed on ten erosion monitoring sites in Ocoa. Two participants returned from MSU training in agricultural zonification and will provide technical support to new Agricultural Zonification Commission in SEA. The National Forestry Plan was completed and presented to the CNTF and the President. Legislative studies have been expanded to encompass soil conservation, land use, land use planning, and zoning. Environmental education produced several elementary school brochures and project logo stick-on labels and held about 10 meetings with local community groups. A radio shack model 16 computer was installed in the OCPM (SEA project office), and a zerox in the OMC (Ocoa office) to help reduce paperwork bottlenecks. Soil survey photo interpretation and field sampling continued in upper watershed. Farm plans were completed for about 30 farms before planting season began in September and 10 paratechnicians were selected for training. The first farmer beneficiary of the incentives package received his conservation plan-based production and conservation credit on September 16. Plans were approved for four DGF tree nurseries located in key communities. Farming systems reserachers completed first cycle harvesting-drying-weighing in July at four cropping sites and began planting on 20 sites in September. Results on "No-till" farming techniques are very promising. Two pasture production study sites also were established.

The MSU/OSU contractor provided 3 work weeks of assistance in Human Resources Planning Development and in construction of erosion monitoring sites. The Soil Conservation Service (USDA, Puerto Rico) provided 7 work weeks of field help in soil survey and farm conservation planning. The project also received assistance from AID/W CRSP titled "Farming Systems Support Project" in the form of a week long short course for 30 participants in Ocoa, covering farming systems research concepts and economic analysis of research results.

Competitive bidding procurement was completed for local purchase of motorcyloes and 4WD vehicles. Delivery was made to Ocoa of 20 Motorcycles, and 4WD vehicles are expected within 90-120 days. Competitive bidding was initiated for Jimenoa Center construction contract.

At OCPM request the USAID Controller's office provided an informal audit of project books to assure adherence to approved procedures. The first long term training participant (environmental education) was approved.

b. Comments on Implementation

Implementation continued to improve as Ocoa fieldwork shifted into second gear and provided a more tangible focal point for all project activities. Technical assistance and shortcourse training have provided important guidance and stimulus in several activities. Integration of GODR (OMC) and Junta (CDC) efforts have progressed much more quickly than originally anticipated in Ocoa to the point that informal USAID approval has been given to initiate planning activities for a second watershed.

c. Problems and Delays

Equipment procurement is slowing implementation somewhat in several activities. Project reports are well behind schedule. USAID advisor has recommended replacement of recently transferred OCPM staff technician in order to reduce these two bottlenecks. Arrival of the computer and Ocoa xerox machine should facilitate reporting as well as overall project management information control.

d. Major Actions Expected Next Quarter:

- (1) Farms conservation planning will continue on about 25 farms.
- (2) BAGRICOLA will provide credit under 30 existing farm plans and most of the 25 new ones.
- (3) Twenty farming systems research plots will be established to study crops and pasture systems.
- (4) Shortcourse training for new local SCS technicians with assistance from SCS/Puerto Rico.
- (5) Shortcourse training for new paratechnicians.
- (6) Aerial photography control points will be panelled.
- (7) Erosion monitoring plots will be planted and conservation practices applied.

E. Human Resources, Development1. Background Data:

- a. Project Number : 517-0127  
 Loan Number : 517-V-036
- b. Amount Authorized (Loan) : \$4,250,000  
 (Grant) : 750,000
- c. Counterpart Contribution : \$1,750,000
- d. Borrower : Foundation for Educational Credit (FCE)
- e. Executing Agency: Foundation for Educational Credit (FCE)
- f. Date of Authorization : September 25, 1981
- g. Date of Execution : September 26, 1981
- h. Terminal Dates:
- (1) Initial Conditions Precedent : March 26, 1982
- (2) PACD: Original ; September 25, 1986  
 Current
- i. Disbursement Progress:
- (1) Cumulative Disbursements : Loan: \$192,000  
 : Grant: \$306,000
- (2) Percent Disbursed : Loan: 5%  
 : Grant: 41%
- (3) Disbursements during the Quarter : Loan: \$192,000  
 Grant: \$113,000
- j. Percentage of Project Time Elapsed : 40%

k. Program Description:

The goal of this project is to improve the income, productivity, and overall quality of life of poor Dominicans, through increased skills training. The project's subgoal is to improve the access to employment opportunities for the poor, by assisting them in moving from an unskilled, unemployed and or underemployed status, to skilled or

semi-skilled employment. The purpose of this project is to expand vocational technical training opportunities and assist the poor to participate in vocational/technical opportunities and assist the poor to participate in vocational/technical training programs for priority skills areas.

This project is funded by an AID Loan in the amount of \$4.25 million to the Foundation for Educational Credit (FCE) (guaranteed by the GODR) and by \$1.75 million in counterpart to be provided by the FCE. The project will provide \$5.55 million (\$4.25 million AID Loan; \$1.3 million FCE) in subloans to needy students as well as institutions and faculty; and \$1.2 million (\$750,000 AID Grant, and \$450,000 FCE), for funding for technical assistance, equipment, and training for FCE, and the VOC/TECH institutes and for project administration.

The project has three major components: (1) student sublending by FCE for vocational/technical training in priority skill areas; (2) strengthening of the vocational/technical training institutions; and (3) strengthening of the vocational/technical support agencies. The first two components are loan and counterpart funded and the third component is grant and counterpart funded.

## 2. Quarterly Report

### (a) Status Summary

(1) FCE has presented a draft of the conditions precedent materials (Section 5.2) for the subsequent disbursement of project funds for student, institutional and faculty subloans. The Mission is presently reviewing the draft.

(2) FCE computer purchase has been completed.

(3) Off-shore training. FCE computer manager attended a Labor Statistics Programming course in the U.S.

(4) Two Advisory Councils Seminars were held in July, one in Santo Domingo, the other in Santiago.

(5) Committees to review all sub-loans have been established and are functioning.

### b) Comments on Implementation

FCE counterpart personnel under the new administration are performing satisfactorily.

Status of T.A. contract personnel and scopes of work are being reviewed.

### c) Problems and Delays:

Awaiting Labor Market Study to be presented by T.A. staff.

d. Major Actions Expected Next Quarter:

- (1) Acceptance of the institutional development plan.
- (2) Disbursement of funds over \$280,000 after AID's approval of C.P. 5.2.
- (3) Second phase of the Advisory Councils Seminar to be conducted.
- (4) T.A. contract scheduled for completion in December 1983
- (5) Off-shore training in Human Resources Development for an FCE staff member.