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Project Assistance Completion Report
Appropriate Rural Technology
Project 660-0104

Basic Project Data:

Country	:	Zaire
Project Title	:	Appropriate Rural Technology Development
Project No.	:	660-0104
Host Country Implementation Agency	:	Centre d'Etudes pour l'Action Sociale (CEPAS) & African Institute for Economic and Social Action (INADES) (PVO)
Mid-term evaluation	:	October 1985
Final Evaluation	:	November 1987
PACD	:	October 31, 1987

Basic Financial Data ($000)

Functional Account	:	ARDN
Authorized LOP Amount	:	$ 134,000
Cumulative Obligations	:	$ 104,639
Cumulative Earmarks	:	$ 104,639
Counterpart fund contribution	:	$ 131,600

I. INTRODUCTION:

USAID signed an Operational Program Grant (OPG) with the Centre d'Etudes Pour l'Action Sociale (CEPAS) on July 5, 1984 for the purpose of developing the institutional capacity within CEPAS (also named INADES) to assist the low-income population of Zaïre to apply appropriate technology (AT) solutions to development problems.

This OPG followed an Intermediate Rural Technology (IRT) (698-0407.15) grant (1981 to 1984) to the same institution (CEPAS). The purpose of the IRT grant was to assist villagers to test appropriate technology (AT) and to share their experience with others. The Project would develop a reference library in AT, provide extension services, and develop and publish AT materials.

The mid-term evaluation in 1985 raised various questions concerning the direction of the project. In 1986, the main person responsible for project implementation, Père Didier de Failly, was reassigned to another post. Along with his departure, the video component of the project was no longer viable due to a lack of other trained project staff. Therefore, a project amendment was done to focus the direction of the project to better intervene in valid appropriate technology activities, delete the video production component of the project, and allow subgranting of funds to worthy appropriate technology activities.

The original PACD of the OPG, September 30, 1987, was extended one month to October 31, 1987 to allow USAID time to deobligate/reobligate dollar funds ($29,361)

II. PROJECT INPUTS:

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	USAID	INADES	GOZ	TOTALS
1. Personnel	7.5	28.7	68.7	104.9
2. Training	36.0	-	-	36.0
3. Commodities	78.5	5.7	17.1	101.3
4. Subgrants				
a. Catholic solar project	10.0**	-	-	10.0
b. SODERZA turbine workshop	-	-	15.0	15.0
5. Other (including transportation, printing costs, and contingency	2.0	34.7	53.1	89.8
Total	134.0	69.1	153.9	357.0

III. PROJECT OUTPUTS:

1. A well-stocked, effectively managed library of appropriate technology documents consisting of 2,000 books, 1,500 brochures, and subscriptions to at least 25 periodicals.

2. Sixty interventions in appropriate technology with PVOs, NGOs, institutions, or individuals nation-wide.

3. Three trained project staff (Zairians): a) Project Director b) Project Engineer c) Librarian. All staff trained in photography. Staff took a total of 10 trips outside of Zaire, including one trip for the Project Director to India to visit appropriate technology activities and institutions.

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*The 1984 Exchange rate of $1=37.50 zaires was used to calculate Zaire to dollar equivalencies, except in the case of the sub-grant to SODERZA where a 1987 exchange rate $1=125 Zaïres was used.

** Approximately $2,000 of this subgrant was converted into local currency under local cost financing.

4. Publication of five documents on appropriate technology.

5. Production of an economical charcoal grill, training of others as an income generating activity in Kinshasa, Kikwit and Lubumbashi; and development/testing of other appropriate technology tools and methods.

IV. STATUS OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES AT PACD: CEPAS/INADES continue to implement appropriate technology interventions. INADES has hired two of the three project staff to maintain the appropriate technology library, and to continue to answer scores of requests for appropriate technology information, thereby addressing financial and program sustainability of the project.

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