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14 August 1985

No. 232/USAID

Ms. Judith Collins, Director
CARE International of Niger
B.P. 10155
Niamey, Niger

Dear Ms. Collins:

Subject: Grant No. DRU 5/85 (CARE - Emergency
MCH Project - Inland Transport Funds)

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "A.I.D." or "Grantor") hereby grants to CARE/New York for Care International of Niger (hereinafter referred to as "CARE" or "Grantee") the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand, four hundred and twenty-nine United States Dollars (\$260,429) to provide inland transport support for an Emergency Mother and Child Health Project throughout Niger as described in the Schedule of this of this grant and Attachment 2 of DRU 4/85, entitled Program Description. Attachment 2 of this grant provides additional information concerning the development of the program and the need for this additional money. This grant is to serve as a supplement to the original grant DRU 4/85.

This Grant is effective and obligation is made by the Grantee in furtherance of program objectives during the period beginning with the effective date of 1 August 1985 and ending October 31, 1986.

This Grant is made to CARE on condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with terms and conditions as set forth in Attachment 1, entitled "Schedule;" Attachment 2, entitled "Program Description in conjunction with Grant DRU 4/85 Attachment 2;" and Attachment 3, entitled "Standard Provisions," which have been agreed to by your organization.

Please sign the original and seven (7) copies of this letter to acknowledge your receipt of the Grant, and return the original and six (6) copies to USAID/Niger.

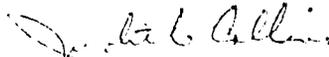


Attachments:

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Acknowledged: CARE International of Niger

By:


Judith Collins

Title: Country Director

Date: August 26, 1985

Fiscal Data:

Appropriation: 72-12x4336
Budget Plan Code: ECCX-85-13830-KG/78238-099-0052-51
Grant No.: DRU 5/85
Total Amount: \$260,429
Funding Source: PA/PR 683-98-000-5732

Attachment 1

Schedule

A. Purpose of the Grant: The purpose of the Grant is to provide inland transport support to the CARE Emergency Mother and Child Health program (DRU 4/85), which provides relief to malnourished children under five and pregnant and lactating women who have been affected by the drought. Attachment 2 of this grant and of DRU 4/85 further describe this maternal and child supplemental feeding program. This is a grant for additional funds for internal transport of the supplemental food commodities.

B. Period of the Grant: The effective date of this agreement is 1 August 1985. The expiration date of this Grant is October 31, 1986.

C. Amount of Grant and Payment: (1) A.I.D. hereby obligates the amount of \$260,429 for purposes of the Grant; and (2) Payment shall be made to the Grantee in accordance with the procedures set forth in Attachment 3, Standard Provision No. 11, entitled "Payment Period - Advance."

D. Financial Plan: The following is the Financial Plan for this Grant, including local cost financing items. Revision to this Plan shall be made in accordance with Standard Provisions No. 9 of this Grant, entitled "Revision of Financial Plans."

MOTHER CHILD EMERGENCY FEEDING PROJECT
Financial Plan

CARE Managed Inputs

In-country purchase of deisel and gasoline	\$179,065
Storage of commodities	\$8,000
Rental of small tonnage trucks for delivery to final points	\$50,500
Reconstitution of broken bags, cartons	\$22,864
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$260,429</u>

Address for payment of funds:

CARE USA
660 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016

E. Reporting and Evaluation:

1. CARE shall submit narrative quarterly progress reports as well as quarterly Commodity Status Reports and Recipient Status Reports (Sample Exhibits G (1 and 2) and H), and a final report (five (5) copies each in English and French) fully describing the use and impact of the funds provided. The Ministry of Health (MOH) should also certify or acknowledge each report on its behalf. The reports shall be sent to the Director, USAID/Niger, not later than 15 August, 15 November 1985, and 15 February 1986. These reports need not be separate from the DRU 4/85 reports, which are submitted for the same program.

2. CARE shall provide quarterly and final line-item report of expenditure according to paragraph D above which is sufficiently detailed to permit complete identification and end-use comparability of all goods and services obtained not later than 15 May, 15 August, 15 November 1985, and 15 February 1986 to the Controller, USAID/Niger, c/o American Embassy, B.P. 11201, Niamey, Niger.

F. Special Provisions: Standard Provisions Nos. 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35 are deleted from Attachment 3 hereto.

G. Overhead Rate: No overhead rate applies to this Grant.

H. Title to Property: Title to all property procured under this Grant shall rest with CARE until such time as it is passed to individual Algerien citizen recipients, excepting those items provided to the Government of Niger to permit their support of the emergency program in which case such property will be titled to the Government of Niger.

I. Authorized Geographic Code: The authorized Geographic Code for procurement under this Grant is the A.I.D. Geographic Code 935.

Attachment 2

Program Description

CARE Emergency MCH program (DRU 4/85) to provide supplemental feeding to pregnant and lactating women and to malnourished children, signed March 7, 1985, is the basis of this grant. The money in this grant is to cover additional expenses unforeseen at the time of the original CARE grant (DRU 4/85). The program is the same.

Project implementation of this CARE MCH program includes more staff, vehicles, and operating expenses which will be funded from other CARE and USAID sources.

Money in this grant agreement is for fuel for military and Ministry of Health vehicles which deliver U.S. P.L. 480 Title II commodities used in the supplemental feeding program to the department and arrondissement levels. Included is fuel for the CARE field representatives' assistance and monitoring activities.

Small tonnage truck rental is needed to transport these supplemental feeding commodities from arrondissement level, to individual PMI centers.

Anticipation of storage of commodities has changed from the original grant, and funds for reconstitution of broken and damaged bags and cartons was entirely excluded.

Implementation Schedule

This implementation schedule is to be supplementary to the implementation schedule in Attachment 2 of DRU 4/85.

<u>DATE</u> <u>RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
July 1985	Transport budget reviewed and approved.	A.I.D.
August 1985	Reconstitution and storage of U.S. P.L. 480 commodities arrangements made and work begun.	CARE
August-October 1985	Continuation of inland transport of commodities to PMI centers.	CARE/MOH

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Background

The 1984 harvest has been one of the worst in the past fifty years due to late and poorly distributed rainfall. Very few areas had normal harvests, and large populations have had to abandon their villages. Malnutrition among this group is very high, as high as 50 % in some places, according to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) verbal draft of their nutrition survey. Most areas were able to salvage something from their harvests, but these stocks are running out now. The food shortage as always will affect the most vulnerable populations first. These are children under five including nursing infants. They are particularly vulnerable in Niger due to the common practice of exclusive breast feeding well into a child's second year; long past the time when the child should have been given solid food.

This project aims to supply supplementary food to approximately 100,000 children under the age of five suffering from malnutrition and 200,000 pregnant and nursing mothers whose diet will be inadequate due to reduced food supply during this drought year. These figures were derived from conservative estimates based on the MOH's 1983 Protection Maternelle and Infantile (PMI) Report. In 1983, 48,000 children were identified by the MOH as being malnourished. Due to the severity of this year's drought, CARE has anticipated that the number would at least double and has targetted 100,000 children under five for this program. In 1982, there were 325,000 nursing mothers and 189,000 pregnant women registered at the PMIs, for a total of 514,000. CARE has conservatively estimated that if a similar number of women are registered this year, 200,000 can be identified as being in need of supplementary feeding. Children who are malnourished or "at risk" will be identified by the standard weight for age criteria. The pregnant and lactating women most "at risk" will be identified by the following: degree of anemia and/or malnutrition (as manifested by insufficient weight gain during pregnancy or insufficient weight gain of nursing child), chronic or acute illnesses, high birth order, problems with pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, number of deceased children, mother over 30 years old, mother unmarried or separated, or because they are generally recognized by the clinic as being "at risk".

The program will cover deficit areas throughout Niger and will be carried out through the Ministry of Health's "Protection Maternelle et Infantile" (PMI) or, Mother Child Program for a period of ten months. CARE will monitor the use of food and fuel provided

to the project by adhering to a plan which will be developed in conjunction with the MOH for distribution of commodities to each center according to the number of project beneficiaries. The MOH will be responsible for implementing the program through the PMIs, and CARE will check food arrivals and manage the fuel for the MOH trucks and other trucks which will be delivering the food. CARE will monitor the progress of malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women by using the criteria already established and in use at the PMIs, that is, the weight for age charts.

Ministry of Health has special nutrition rehabilitation centers in each Department where mothers are taught how to make weaning foods of local ingredients. The mothers themselves usually furnish the items needed. This year, however, it is expected that the women will be able to provide little, as both money and food will be short.

Project Staffing and Objectives

The basic assistance provided under this project will help provide supplemental feeding for approximately 100,000 children under five and 200,000 pregnant and lactating mothers in 100 to 118 posts throughout the country. The tentative breakdown by Department of the posts which will be in need of food distribution is:

Agadez	14
Diffa	14
Dosso	10
Maradi	15
Niamey	25
Tahoua	20
Zinder	20
	<u>118</u>

The Project will provide special supplementary PL 480 foods, which are easily digested and provide a dense caloric protein content in relation to volume. The basic food requested is corn soya milk which can be made into a porridge for infants and a pate for older children. It is precooked so has the advantage of not requiring costly firewood. The project will be implemented through the Ministry of Health nutritional recuperation centers, or the PMIs, both of which have staff trained to work with mothers.

Project Indicators

Final Goal - To improve the health of 100,000 malnourished children under the age of five and 200,000 pregnant and lactating mothers.

Final Goal Indicators - An improvement in the weight for age ratio is noted in children benefitting from the supplemental feeding centers.

Lack of a decline in nutritional status of pregnant women who are participants in the feeding centers.

Improvement of nutritional status of nursing mothers who are participants in this project.

Intermediate Goal - To increase the caloric and protein intake of malnourished nursing and pregnant mothers and children under five through the distribution of supplementary food through approximately 118 dispensaries, PMIs, and nutritional rehabilitation centers.

Intermediate Goal Indicators:

- Obtain and import special high protein caloric foods, including CSM, milk and oil.
- Hire a transit agent and independent surveyor.
- Check schedule for delivery and follow-up of arrivals.
- Verify that storage facilities are adequate and clean.
- Work with Ministry of Health to insure that deliveries to the centers are made on a timely basis.
- Check up on nutritional status of beneficiaries.

Project Budget (See Attachment 1)

Project Implementation

The Ministry of Health will be primarily responsible for the implementation of this project from warehousing to distribution to follow-up. The project provides for assistance for ten months until the next harvest. Hopefully, the drought will be a limited phenomenon and the next rainy season will be normal. However, if the drought shows signs of continuing, it is possible this project could be extended.

One project assistant will be hired to supervise this project part-time for a period of ten months and a driver will be hired to assist her. Her duties will include but not be limited to: coordinating with the MOH to identify centers in which to initiate supplementary feeding programs and to decide how the program will expand to serve all departments, coordinating with the MOH to develop a monthly distribution plan of food to the centers,

monitoring the delivery of food, use of the fuel and food, and the impact of the feeding program on the nutritional status of the participants.

Implementation Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Agency Responsible</u>
November 1984	AER and Call Forward Submitted	CARE
December 1984	Proposal with Budget Submitted	CARE
	AER and Call Forward Reviewed/ Overhead Approved	A.I.D.
	Budget Reviewed and Approved	A.I.D.
	Agreement Between Ministry of Health and CARE Signed	CARE
	New York Office Notified to begin Shipment Arrangements	CARE
	Transit Company Contracted/ Independent Surveyor Hired	CARE
February 1985	Arrangements Made with MOH for Storage	CARE/MOH
	Arrangements Made for Internal Transport	CARE/MOH
March-October	Visits by CARE Personnel to PMIs to Follow Progress, Collect Data for Evaluation Report	CARE

Procurement Requirements

While no materials need to be purchased, there will be a separate budget to cover gasoline for and maintenance of MOH trucks as they have no budget for this. Money for the gasoline and maintenance is reflected in the Financial Plan and will be provided from the inland transport fund given by USAID to the Office des Produits Vivriers du Niger (O.P.V.N.)

Attachment 3

Standard Provisions

Note: The following Standard Provisions are deleted: Nos. 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35.