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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 7, 1990
TO: Lois Richards, DIR
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SUBJ: Project Assistance Completion Report (PACR) Improvement of
Tomato Production in Somalia (936-5542)

The subject PACR is submitted for your review and approval prior to distribution within the Mission and to A.I.D./W. The report has been reviewed and cleared by the appropriate USAID/Somalia offices.

Approved

Lois Richards

Date

March 8, 1990

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PROJECT ASSISTANCE COMPLETION REPORT

I. SUMMARY DATA

Project Title: Improvement of Tomato Production
in Somalia
Project Number: 936-5542

Administrative

Implementing Agency Central Agricultural Research
Station (CARS), Ministry of
Agriculture (MOA)

Financial

Date of Authorization	August 31, 1982
Authorized LOP	\$168,000
GSDR Contribution	\$ 50,000 (L/C)
Total	\$218,000
Date of Initial Obligation	September 9, 1982
PACD	June 30, 1988
Cumulative Obligation	\$ 54,270
Cumulative Commitment	\$ 54,270
Cumulative Accrued Expenditure	\$ 54,270

Planned AID Inputs

Technical Assistance	\$ 40,000
Short-term training	\$ 15,000
Equipment	\$ 45,000
Long-term MS training	\$ 68,000

Total	\$168,000

Planned Project Output

Increased tomato production by breeding strains of tomatoes resistant to curly top disease.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project purpose was to identify or develop a tomato variety resistant to the curly top virus. While the native cherry tomato is tolerant of the disease, higher producing varieties which had been introduced to Somalia were affected.

A number of new varieties were to be tested for virus resistance and production under Somali conditions, and efforts were to be made to cross breed local and introduced tomatoes to create a high-producing virus-resistant strain. To accomplish this goal, AID agreed to fund two years of a four-year research effort by providing field and laboratory equipment, short-term training for two participants in tomato research and two short-term consultancies by tomato experts.

III. END OF PROJECT STATUS

The project began as a four-year AID/SCI innovative research program funded under a two-year limited scope grant agreement. In 1986, remaining funds and administration of the project were transferred to USAID/Somalia.

A vehicle and commodities were procured and used in early research trials.

One participant was sent in 1983 for short-term training in vegetable production at the Asean Vegetable Research and Development Center in Taiwan. He returned with a number of tomato germplasm samples and initiated testing them at the CARS for growth and production under Somali conditions. Several promising varieties were identified.

Two attempts (in 1982 and 1984) were made to arrange for the visit of a consultant in tomato research who would help focus the research program and assist in ordering commodities for the laboratory. Arrangements failed because of problems in identifying a qualified consultant and differences between the Mission and AID/W as to which party would do the contracting.

Upon the departure of the FAO expert assigned to CARS who had assisted the Somali researcher since the beginning of the project, the primary counterpart researcher was sent to the U.S. to get an M.S. in vegetable production, with emphasis on tomatoes. This action was preferred over bringing in a short-term consultant. Although the Somali researcher was scheduled to return in October 1988 to assume the leadership in vegetable research, he defected to Canada and has not returned to Somalia.

Project objectives and purposes were not well-defined. There was no long-term technical assistance component in the project, and the only consultancy was cancelled. Scant attention was given to this project by USAID and MOA. The result was that the project purpose was not met and the funds were not spent.

After consultations between Mission and AID/W the balance of undisbursed funds will be deobligated and returned to the U.S. Treasury.