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29 August 1990

Ms. Hilary Cottam
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Santa Domingo, D. N.

Ref: Grant No. 517-0000-G-SS-0335-00

Dear Ms. Cottam:

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 CARE Dominicana (hereinafter referred to as "CARE" or "Grantee") the sum of \$27,686 to provide specific support for a program in the Dominican Republic, as more fully described in Attachment 1 of this grant entitled "Schedule," and Attachment 2 entitled "Program Description."

This grant is effective and obligation is made as of 29 August 1990, and shall apply to commitments made by the grantee in furtherance of program objectives from the effective date and ending on the estimated completion date of 28 August 1991.

This grant is made to the grantee on condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in this Cover Letter, Attachment 1 entitled "Schedule," Attachment 2 entitled "Program Description," Attachment 3 entitled "Mandatory Standard Provisions," and Attachment 4 entitled "Optional Standard Provisions."

Please sign the original and two (2) copies of this letter to acknowledge your acceptance of the grant, and return the original and all copies to the undersigned for signature.

Sincerely,

Mary Reynolds 29 August 1990

Mary Reynolds
Grant Officer

Attachments

1. Schedule
2. Program Description
3. Mandatory and Optional Standard Provisions

ACKNOWLEDGED

CARE Dominicana

BY: *Hilary Cottam*

NAME: *HILARY COTTAM*

TITLE: *Programme Manager*

DATE: *29th August 1990*

FISCAL DATA

Appropriation Symbol:	721101021
Budget Plan Code:	LDHA-90-25517-KG13
PIO/T No.:	517-0000-3-00068
Total Estimated Amount:	\$27,686
Total Obligated Amount:	\$27,686
Project Office:	HRD
Paying Office:	Office of the Controller USAID/Dominican Republic

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ATTACHMENT 1

SCHEDULE

A. PURPOSE OF GRANT

The purpose of this grant is to partially support CARE Dominicana's operational research activities, to validate the new program approach to improve food use within health and nutrition programming, as more specifically described in Attachment 2 of this grant (entitled "Program Description") and more fully described in the grantee's proposal (dated 6 August 1990), which is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this grant.

B. PERIOD OF GRANT

The effective date of this grant is 29 August 1990. The estimated completion date is 28 August 1991.

C. AMOUNT OF GRANT AND PAYMENT

1. A.I.D. hereby obligates the amount of \$27,686 for program expenditures during the period set forth in B above.
2. Payment shall be made to the grantee in accordance with procedures set forth in the Optional Standard Provisions of this grant entitled "Payment - Periodic Advance," as shown in Attachment 3.

D. GRANT BUDGET

The following is the grant budget. The grantee shall not exceed the obligated amount (see Part C above). Revisions to this budget shall be made in accordance with the Standard Provision of this grant entitled "Revision of Grant Budget."

Design Analysis	\$ 7,000
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Data Input/Secretary	5,115
Field Staff	
Salary	5,882
Perdiem	1,765
Training Materials &	
Office Supplies	120
Transportation	5,120
Administrative Costs	2,096
TOTAL	\$27,686

Within the cost categories, the grantee may vary line items by 15% without the approval of the Grant Officer.

E. REPORTING

The grantee will provide USAID/Dominican Republic with quarterly reports, which include a review of progress made during each quarter, and a financial report.

CARE Dominicana will also submit a final report by the completion date of this grant explaining the objectives, methodology and findings of the operational research and how CARE will integrate the results into their current program.

F. AUTHORIZED GEOGRAPHIC CODE

The authorized Geographic Code for procurement of goods and services under

ATTACHMENT 2

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

I. BACKGROUND

The Dominican Republic is suffering a deterioration in the socio-economic conditions. One related consequence has been an increase in the incidence of malnutrition which was reported to be 41% in 1987 (Tuffs study). CARE Dominicana has been working with traditional food assisted programs within the country since 1964. Despite 26 years of food programming, direct observation of the CARE projects demonstrated negligible improvement of nutritional status of program beneficiaries. The lessons learned from earlier programming, and the analyses of the causes of malnutrition in the Dominican Republic were the basis for the designing of a new, integrated program approach.

Malnutrition is seen as a multi-causal problem and it is CARE's hypothesis, that a significant improvement in the population's nutritional status could be achieved through addressing four key issues: low birth weight, breast feeding and weaning practices, interfamily distribution, and the prevalence of infectious diseases. Targeted food distribution in appropriate quantities and forms could achieve significant impact, particularly in the case of low birth weight and interfamily food distribution.

Fundamental to the new program is the design and testing of methods to ensure proper use of food in nutrition projects. To this effect, CARE Dominicana has requested a grant for funding operational research activities, designed to improve food targetting effectiveness.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this grant is to partially support CARE's operational research activities, to validate the new program approach to improve food use within health and nutrition programming.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

The activities of the operational research will be performed between October 1990 and September 1991 as shown in page 23 of Attachment F and will be divided into two components: the MCH program (PROMI) and the Other Child program (PROCERN).

The MCH program operates in 672 rural clinics targeting malnourished children under three and at risk pregnant and lactating women with a standard ration of 91 pounds/month/beneficiary as a dry take home ration. Growth monitoring has

rarely shown weight gain in beneficiaries. The actual ration provides only a small percentage of supplementation, further exacerbated by the fact that the ration is divided between all family members. Also, on many occasions, food is used as substitute, rather than as a supplement.

Operational research activities will be conducted in 30 rural clinics in Region IV, where malnutrition is most severe. Clinics will be divided into two groups and different rations will be delivered to beneficiaries. Results will be monitored in two ways: through growth monitoring activities, and through monitoring consumption habits at the household level over a twelve-month period.

The Other Child program operates through national SESPAS nutritional recuperation centers. These centers provide care for acute malnourished children. CARE's concern is to determine how to target food interventions to prevent children from becoming acutely malnourished. The objective of the activities of the operational research in this component is to identify factors common to acute malnourished children in order to diagnose risk indicators to be used for targeting preventive food supplements to families at risk. The study will be conducted in the 10 recuperation centers in Region IV. A sample size of 50 children will be randomly selected. Case studies will be built up over a six-month period and will be analysed to identify common factors.