

ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING MISSION DIRECTOR, USAID/MAURITANIA

Date: February 29, 1988.

From: Francine Panfietti, APO *FP*

Thru: Walter Boehm, ADIR/P *WLB*

Subject: Program Development and Support (PD&S) - 682-0240  
Project Authorization

References: (A) STATE 047314 dated February 18, 1988 (authorization)  
(B) STATE 016959 dated January 20, 1988 (PD&S guidelines)

I. **PROBLEM:** Your approval is required to authorize a bilateral Program Development and Support (PD&S) Project (682-0240) for Mauritania for a period not to exceed five years. Funding of \$300,000 is planned for each year.

II. **DISCUSSION:**

A. Background: USAID/Mauritania has been asked by AID/W (STATE 047314 of February 17, 1988) to establish a bilateral PD&S Project beginning in FY 1988. The proposed PD&S Project will be equivalent to those established for other, larger Africa A.I.D. missions. Prior to FY 1988, Planning, Management and Research (PM&R) funds, known as PD&S outside the eight Sahel West Africa (SWA) countries, have been, through FY 1987, the traditional source of financing for program and project design, pre-project implementation needs, policy assessment and analysis, and limited post-project support. On-going PM&R activities will be completed as planned between now and the PACD for that project of September 30, 1988. A bilateral equivalent with funding assured from the OYB will replace this traditional regional PM&R project. It is A.I.D. established policy to give priority attention to economic development policy as an element of a Mission's unified strategy; the ad hoc and "as available" nature of the traditional Sahel PM&R project is no longer consistent with that policy.

B. Project Description: The project purpose is to provide a mechanism for financing project development and support activities, as per the guidance contained in reftel (B) and incorporated herein, as may be amended from time to time, to include, but not be limited to: (1) special analyses related to development of sector and country program strategies; (2) feasibility studies; (3) project development and design activities; (4) assessments of the environmental and social impact of proposed activities; (5) evaluations of project activities; and (6) analyses and research related to specific problems affecting development and policy reform efforts. The bilateral Program Development and Support (PD&S) activities will continue to be subject to the same criteria and procedures applied to the Regional account.

Initially (i.e. for FY 1988), these funds will be used for financing the mid-term evaluation of the Agricultural Research II project, the Rural Health Services project, the EPI program and the Pritech program. Other uses will include (a) policy and sector analyses or assessments such as a nutrition assessment and a vector-borne disease study along the Senegal river; (b) the services of an agricultural economist to analyse the economic impact of the PL 480 Section 206 self-targetting commodity and recommend future program levels and pricing.

This project provides for the first essential steps to development and integration of projects and strategies and for monitoring progress in achievement of project objectives.

This proposed project will include for FY 1988 all those requirements contemplated under FY 1988 PM&R (now discontinued).

C. Financial Summary: USAID/Mauritania FY 1988 funding requirements for this project may include, but not be limited to, the following:

<u>Activities Proposed for FY 1988 PD&amp;S Funding (in Rank Order):</u>		<u>(\$000)</u>
(1)	Agricultural Research II (682-0957) - Evaluation .....	100
(2)	TDY (AFR/TR/ARD) for MRVD PP design .....	5
(3)	Rural Health Services - Evaluation .....	15
(4)	EPI Program - Evaluation .....	9
(5)	Pritech - Evaluation .....	15
(6)	Vector-borne disease study on Senegal river .....	40
(7)	Health care financing/cost reimbursement .....	20
(8)	Agricultural economist for FFP and Ag. ....	20
	Total FY 88 PD&S (682-0240) requirements . . . . .	<u>224</u>
	Contingency .....	<u>76</u>
GRAND TOTAL PROPOSED PD&S FY 1988 funding (\$000). . . . .		300
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D. Conditions Precedent and Covenants: No special conditions or covenants are planned for this project.

E. Implementation Plan: Final decision-making authority for all project activity remains with the A.I.D. and USAID/Mauritania. GIRM concurrence may be required for some activities as USAID deems appropriate before approval is granted. The Program Office in USAID/Mauritania will be responsible for overall project management, while individual management of activities will be assigned to appropriate Mission staff. Primary responsibility for determining the uses of project funds rests with the USAID/Mauritania Program Officer.

F. Major Implementing Agencies: Principal implementation responsibility rests with the USAID. The Ministry of Economy and Finance will be asked to carry out GIRM management assignments if required by project-supported activities. A.I.D officers responsible for the implementation of this grant are:

Walter Boehm, ADIR/Program Officer, USAID/Mauritania, and  
Nancy McKay, AFR/PD/SWAP

G. 121 (D) Certification: A negative 121 (D) finding accompanies this proposed authorization inasmuch as the disbursing entity will be USAID/Mauritania in all foreseeable cases.

III. WAIVERS: No waivers are requested for this project. Any source, origin or nationality waivers required during implementation will be considered under the authority delegated to the Mission Director per Delegation of Authority (DOA) 551.

IV. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION: A Congressional Notification is being finalized in AID/W for submission as soon as the Mission approves/authorizes the project and the 121 (D) certification and notifies AID/W.

V. RECOMMENDATION: (a) that you sign the attached Project Authorization to authorize a bilateral Program Development and Support (PD&S) Project for Mauritania for first year grant funding from DFA of \$300,000; (b) that you sign the attached PP facesheet; and (c) that you sign the attached 121 (D) certification.

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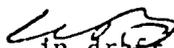
DATE February 29, 1988.

Attachments:

- A. Project Authorization
- B. 121 (d) Certification

Clearances:

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## PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

Country: Mauritania  
Project Title: Program Development and Support (PD&S)  
Project Number: 682-0240

1. Pursuant to Section 121 (D) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I hereby authorize the Program Development and Support Project for Mauritania involving planned obligations of not to exceed \$300,000 over a one year period of time from date of authorization, subject to the availability of funds in accordance with the A.I.D. OYB allotment process, to finance both foreign exchange and local currency costs for the project as described below. The planned life of the project is for five years. It is planned that \$300,000 will be obligated in Fiscal Year 1988.

2. The project purpose is to provide a mechanism for financing project development and support activities, as per the guidance set forth in STATE 016959 of January 20, 1988, as may be amended from time to time. Project activities include, but are not limited to: (1) special analyses related to development of sector and country program strategies; (2) feasibility studies; (3) project development and design activities; (4) assessments of the environmental and social impact of proposed activities; (5) evaluations of project activities; and (6) analyses and research related to specific problems affecting development and policy reform efforts. The bilateral Program Development and Support (PD&S) activities will continue to be subject to the same criteria and procedures applied to the Regional account.

3. The Project Agreement contracts or other obligating documents which may be negotiated and executed by the officer to whom such authority is delegated in accordance with A.I.D. regulations and Delegations of Authority (DOAs), shall be subject to the following essential terms and covenants and major conditions, together with such other terms and conditions as A.I.D. may deem appropriate.

4. Source and Origin of Commodities, Nationality of Services. Commodities or services financed under the project shall have their source, origin or nationality determined according to the rules set forth in A.I.D. Handbook 1, Supplement B, Chapter 5.

5. The effectiveness of this Project Authorization is subject to the completion of the Congressional Notification procedures.

Date: February 29, 1988

  
George Jones, Acting Director  
USAID/Mauritania

## memorandum

DATE: February 21, 1988.

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: George Jones, Acting Mission Director *George Jones*

SUBJECT: FAA Section 121 (D) Certification of the Program Development and Support Project (682-0240)

TO: The Files

I, George Jones, Acting Mission Director, USAID/Mauritania, certify that no Development Fund for Africa (DFA) funds will be made available to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania under USAID/Mauritania's Program Development and Support Project (682-0240). All disbursement of project funds will be effected under the direct reimbursement method of payment.

This determination is based upon the referenced cable from AID/W and discussions with USAID/Mauritania division chiefs who will actively participate in the programming of funds made available under this project.

## Clearances:

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