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A. BACKGROUND

The Escuela Agrícola Panamericana (EAP), also known as El Zamorano, was established in 1941, with the authorization and support of the Government of Honduras (GOH) with financial assistance from the United Fruit Company. EAP has played a vital role in educating agriculturalists throughout Latin America in agronomy, animal science, horticulture and extension. Some 3,132 students have graduated from EAP since its founding. Of those, approximately 27 percent are Honduran.

El Zamorano has a rigorous academic program, covering 11 months of the year. Students learn-by-doing from professors who teach-by-doing under a strict code of discipline and hard work. These efforts result in excellent preparation for the real world of work. EAP graduates are highly sought after by employers throughout the region.

In 1983, USAID/Honduras began supporting scholarships for Honduran students attending EAP. Some of these scholarships were financed through the Ag Sector II Project and others were supported from ESF local currency generations. In 1985, a total of 36 students enjoyed full scholarships awarded by the Mission, eight (8) of whom graduated in December, 1985. Prior to the close of the 1985 school year, Dr. Simón Malo, EAP's Director, requested the Mission to provide funding to maintain the scholarships of the remaining 28 students and increase the number of scholarships by twenty to a total of 48 for the 1986 school year.

The Mission Director approved this proposal in a grant on November 7, 1985. The six-year grant used ESF local currency generations to finance the entire 48 scholarships. The grant's expiration date was December 31, 1991.

B. PROJECT GOAL AND PURPOSE

The stated purpose of the grant was "to provide scholarships for financially deserving Honduran students". This would, in turn, contribute to expanding the trained human resource bank of the country.

C. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project was a grant to EAP for the sole purpose of supporting scholarships for financially disadvantaged Honduran students who could otherwise meet the entrance requirements and maintain the academic standards of the institution. The grant agreement specified the number of full scholarships to be awarded by year throughout the life of the project (LOP).

D. INPUTS

USAID/H provided periodic incremental funding for the project, and funds were disbursed annually by the Central Bank of Honduras to EAP. A total of L.9,023,000 were disbursed over the LOP. The source of the funds was ESF local currency generations. There were no other inputs.

E. OUTPUTS

The grant financial plan indicated that 36 students were receiving scholarships in 1985, with 28 planned for 1986. This had been previously agreed to. The grant agreement also specified that 20 additional scholarships would be financed in 1986.

The project financial plan also specified the number of scholarships and corresponding amounts for 1987 - 1991. These were further broken down by the year of study, as follows:

<u>EAP SCHOLARSHIPS BY SCHOOL YEAR</u>					
CY	1st Yr.	2nd Yr.	3rd. Yr.	4th Yr.	Total
1985	(not specified by year of study)				36
1986	(not specified by year of study)				48
1987	20	20	20	14	74
1988	20	20	20	10	70
1989	20	20	20	10	70
1990	-	20	20	10	30
1991	-	-	20	10	30
			Total		378

The annual increase in EAP tuition and fees was also determined and used in calculating total annual incremental funding requirements. In sum, the grant was designed to support a grand total of 378 one-year scholarships at a total cost of L. 9,023,000.

F. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

For several years the Mission's Training Officer in the HRD Office managed the project. The Training Officer selected scholarship recipients from the information provided by Zamorano. Letters informing recipients of their selection were sent out under Mission Director's signature. When the the Training Officer departed post in February 1990, Mission Management shifted the project's management to the Agriculture and Rural Development Office. The Mission also elected to turn over the selection of scholarship recipients entirely to EAP officials. The Mission only provided guidance in writing reinforcing the commitment to award scholarships to financially deserving students, and encouraging Zamorano to select female recipients when possible.

G. FINANCIAL STATUS

The project's financial status is summarized as follows:

Amount Authorized:	L. 9,023,000
Amount Obligated:	L. 9,023,000
Amount Disbursed:	L. 9,023,000

H. RESULTS OF EVALUATIONS

No evaluations or reviews of this project were conducted.

I. SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNED

This project presented no difficulties. It was an uncomplicated grant to an educational institution to finance scholarships for deserving Honduran students. Perhaps the simplicity of such a grant is what contributed most to its success. It was not encumbered with numerous components or unreachabele outputs.

Second, the grantee was an educational institution with well-established and defined entrance requirements and academic standards. The institution was very capable of determining the eligibility of potential scholarships recipients as well as their financial necessity.

Third, the excellent academic and practical training offered by EAP insured that grant funds would have a positive impact over time by enhancing the professional agricultural workforce in Honduras.

TABLE 1
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY AID/HONDURAS

Year	Female 3th Year Program	Female 4th Year Program	Male 3th Year Program	Male 4th Year Program	Annual Total
1985	10		26		36
1986	13		35		48
1987	15	1	47	11	74
1988	14		46	10	70
1989	13		47	10	70
1990	9	2	29	10	50
1991	6		14	10	30
TOTAL	80	3	244	51	378

TABLE 2
TOTAL GRADUATES FROM EAP
FROM HONDURAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Year	Female Agr. Degree	Female Ing. Agr. Degree	Male Agr. Degree	Male Ing. Agr. Degree	Annual Total
1987	5		16		21
1988	3	1	15	11	30
1989	4		18	10	32
1990	1	4	12	4	21
1991	6	2	14	9	31
1992				5	5
Total	19	7	75	39	140

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