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Mr. James D. Criste  
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SUBJECT: Operational Program Grant  
No. 519-0364-G-00-9422-00  
Amendment No. 6

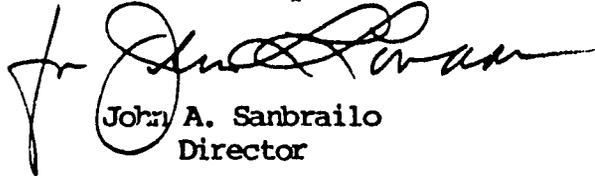
Dear Mr. Criste:

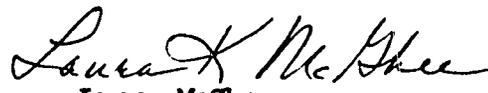
Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-224), the United States Agency for International Development ("USAID" or "Grantor") hereby further amends the above referenced Operational Program Grant dated May 30, 1989, as amended, with Save the Children Federation ("SCF" or Grantee") to substitute the Optional Standard Provision No. 16, entitled "Voluntary Population Planning" of the Mandatory Standard Provisions for U.S., Non-Governmental Grantees, as amended in Annex I to this letter. Paragraph (d), entitled "Ineligibility of Foreign Nongovernmental Organizations that Perform or Actively Promote Abortion as a Method of Family Planning," has been deleted from Standard Provision No. 16.

All other terms and conditions set forth in the original Grant, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

Please sign the original and two (2) copies of this letter to acknowledge your receipt of this Amendment and return the original and one (1) copy to USAID/El Salvador.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Sanbrailo  
Director

  
Laura McGhee  
Grant Officer

Acknowledge by:

  
James D. Criste, Director  
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Date: 16 FEB, 1993

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ANNEX I

Changes to the Mandatory Standard  
Provisions for U.S., Non-Governmental  
Grantees

Except as herein modified, all terms and conditions of the original "Mandatory Standard Provisions for U.S., Non-Governmental Grantees", as amended, remain in full force and effect.

"16. VOLUNTARY POPULATION PLANNING

"(This provision is applicable to all grants involving any aspects of voluntary population planning activities.)

"(a) Voluntary Participation:

"(1) The grantee agrees to take any steps necessary to ensure that funds made available under this grant will not be used to coerce any individual to practice methods of family planning inconsistent with such individual's moral, philosophical, or religious beliefs. Further, the grantee agrees to conduct its activities in a manner which safeguards the rights, health and welfare of all individuals who take part in the program.

"(2) Activities which provide family planning services or information to individuals, financed in whole or in part under this agreement, shall provide a broad range of family planning methods and services available in the country in which the activity is conducted or shall provide information to such individuals regarding where such methods and services may be obtained.

"(b) Voluntary Participation Requirements for Sterilization Programs:

"(1) None of the funds made available under this grant shall be used to pay for the performance of involuntary sterilization as a method of family planning or to coerce or provide any financial incentive to any person to practice sterilization.

"(2) The grantee shall ensure that any surgical sterilization procedures supported in whole or in part by funds from this grant are performed only after the individual has voluntarily gone to the treatment facility and has given informed consent to the sterilization procedure. Informed consent means the voluntary, knowing assent from the individual after being advised of the surgical procedures to be followed, the attendant discomforts and risks, the benefits to be expected, the availability of alternative methods of family planning, the purpose of the operation and its irreversibility, and the option to withdraw consent anytime prior to the operation. An individual's consent is considered voluntary if it is based upon the exercise of free choice and is not obtained by any special inducement or any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, or other forms of coercion or misrepresentation.

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"(3) Further, the grantee shall document the patient's informed consent by (i) a written consent document in a language the patient understands and speaks, which explains the basic elements of informed consent, as set out above, and which is signed by the individual and by the attending physician or by the authorized assistant of the attending physician; or (ii) when a patient is unable to read adequately a written certification by the attending physician or by the authorized assistant of the attending physician that the basic elements of informed consent above were orally presented to the patient, and that the patient thereafter consented to the performance of the operation. The receipt of the oral explanation shall be acknowledge by the patient's mark on the certification and by the signature or mark of a witness who shall be of the same sex and speak the same language as the patient.

"(4) Copies of informed consent forms and certification documents for each voluntary sterilization procedure must be retained by the grantee for a period of the three years after performance of the sterilization procedure.

"(c) Prohibition on Abortion-Related Activities:

"(1) No funds made available under this grant will be used to finance, support, or be attributed to the following activities: (i) procurement or distribution of equipment intended to be used for the purpose of inducing abortions as a method of family planning; (ii) special fees or incentives to women to coerce or motivate them to have abortions; (iii) payments to persons to perform abortions or to solicit persons to undergo abortions; (iv) information, education, training, or communication programs that seek to promote abortion as a method of family planning; and (v) lobbying for abortion.

"(2) No funds made available under this grant will be used to pay for biomedical research which relates, in whole or in part, to methods of, or the performance of, abortions or involuntary sterilizations as means of family planning. Epidemiologic or descriptive research to assess the incidence, extent or consequences of abortions is not precluded."

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