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April 1 - June 30, 1993

All seven Central American partnerships have identified coordinators and initiated contacts with leaders of other civic organizations in their respective countries to form teams and plan projects which will strengthen their organizations' abilities to motivate and involve their members in community affairs. In assessing the needs of the participating organizations the primary focus of their projects is on training community leaders in the democratic arts (consensus building and advocacy - how-to make your interests known in a peaceful way, reach out and help others move from words to action).

Goals and Objectives for the Quarter:

1. training and technical assistance will be provided to civic organizations and partnerships through the Partners' network of professionals.
2. project designs and proposals will be reviewed and grants will be made during the period.
3. monitoring of technical assistance and small grants will take place.

Highlights of the quarter

- The Honduras-Vermont Partners coordinated a two day workshop on dialogue and consensus building. 40 people representing 21 organizations, 4 political parties (the National, the Liberal, Unity and Innovation and the Christian Democrats) and the church attended. The President of the Nicaragua Partners, 2 members of the El Salvador Partners committee and the coordinator of the Vermont Partners also participated in the workshop. The result led to the formation of a country-wide network of educators in civic education. This group of educators scheduled a second workshop for August to design a curriculum in civic education.

After several meetings in the first quarter with the Federation of the Honduran Women's Association and the Cooperative of Trainers of Community Workers, the initial proposal from the Partnership for a pilot project to enhance the leadership skills of 20 community leaders was changed to reach a broader segment of the population and thereby take advantage of a country-wide initiative to teach civic education in the schools.

- a small grant was awarded to the Costa Rica -Oregon Partners to develop a training model for use by community organizations to increase participation in their activities. Associations in Heredia, Puriscal, Hojancha, Limon and Aserri are the target communities. The first meeting is scheduled for July 9. Two volunteer technicians from Oregon will travel to Costa Rica to present training modules.
- Two Nicaraguan women civic leaders traveled to Wisconsin for a basic group facilitation methods seminar. This train-the-trainer course included techniques for team building, event planning, decision making and problem solving. In addition the travelers were joined by 4 Wisconsin colleagues in a series of sessions at the University of Wisconsin in Stevens Point for training in how to plan civic education

projects. During their month long visit they met with leaders of women's organizations and other civic groups to brainstorm and share information.

Upon their return to Nicaragua they plan to coordinate a workshop in the democratic arts targeting three partner city communities and Managua.

- El Salvador-Louisiana Partners received partial funding to support their plans for producing a series of radio programs on community issues in conjunction with the Center for Orientation of Salvadoran Women. These radio programs will target high school students and will reinforce ways they can get involved in their communities. Two Louisiana Partners will attend a planning meeting in July and present some resource materials for adaptation and use on the radio. Initial funds, however, will be used for preparation of programs and training in the democratic arts.
- Partners Washington and field staff traveled to Oregon, Vermont, Wisconsin and Delaware to monitor progress and review plans for U.S. participation in the various country projects.
- Central American Partnership Representatives met to design promotional material and a planning questionnaire for the regional civic education/citizen participation seminar scheduled for November in Costa Rica. (English announcement and questionnaire attached)

Areas of Concern

More staff time and facilitating dialogue between the El Salvador and Louisiana committees resulted in the planned travel in July of the partnership representative and two key volunteer leaders from Louisiana to a partnership development workshop in San Salvador. This two day workshop will focus on needs assessment, project planning and implementation. Representatives from key civic organizations are invited.

Financial Status

The 18 month program has reached the halfway mark. Expenditures to date for staff travel and outreach in Central America track against the objectives for this period to establish country teams as well as plan and design projects in each target partnership. An increase in volunteer travel is anticipated as projects are implemented in the remaining 9 month period. Financial report is attached.

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Financial Report LAC-0793-G-00-2021
As of June 30, 1993

Prepared: July 20, 1993

Award: \$171,000
Obligated: \$171,000
Term: September 29, 1992 to March 31, 1994

Description	Budget	Inception To Date Expenses	Unexpended Balance
Partnership Reps	\$14,000	\$7,618	\$6,382
Regional Reps	5,000	3,233	1,767
Regional Center	27,000	11,216	15,784
Volunteer Travel	22,000	494	21,506
Staff Travel	8,000	6,150	1,850
Other Program Costs	40,000		40,000
Other Direct Costs	3,000	1,089	1,911
Small Grants	25,000	15,820	9,180
DIRECT COSTS	\$144,000	\$45,620	\$98,380
Indirect Costs	27,000	9,855	17,145
TOTAL	\$171,000	\$55,475	\$115,525

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Partners of the Americas, Inc. , with support from the Agency for International Development's Latin American/Caribbean Bureau of the Office of Women-in Development, will hold a three - day workshop for Citizen Participation program leaders and country team members of the U.S. & Central America Partnerships. The workshop is scheduled to take place in **Heredia, Costa Rica from November 15 - 17, 1993.**

PURPOSE:

- to review the plans and programs in Citizen Participation and Civic Education developed by each of the Central American committees ;
- to strengthen project leaders' skills in the democratic arts;
- to explore issues in civic education;
- to survey, build networks and collaborate with other organizations;
- to evaluate the resources and the impact of partnership led citizen participation activities.

PARTICIPANTS:

- A. Each committee in **Central America** will nominate two or more individuals who meet the following criteria:
- are members of the citizen participation program country team; at least one of the team must also be a member of Partners;
 - have experience in design and implementation of civic education projects;
 - are willing to lead a discussion or a training session for the workshop, for other leaders in their home country or for the Partners International Convention in San Jose (November 18 - 20, 1993).
- B. Each **U.S. committee** will nominate one or more individuals to attend who:
- is the partnership resource person or coordinator of the citizen participation program
 - has knowledge of activities of the partnership in citizen participation and/or experience in training, designing and/or implementing civic education projects.

All participants are encouraged to attend the Partners of the Americas annual International Convention in San Jose scheduled for November 18 - 20, 1993. Details are enclosed.

Please note **funds are available for round trip travel to Costa Rica and food and lodging for the workshop.** Those wishing to attend the Convention are responsible for the additional costs of registration, room and board.

PREPARATIONS:

In order to plan the workshop to meet the needs of the partnerships and the collaborating organizations, we ask that you fill out the attached questionnaire as a group/team. This is an interactive, participatory workshop. Some of the participants will be asked to present their projects highlighting various issues and skills related to civic education and the democratic arts. This questionnaire is intended to identify participants' interests as well as the skills they can share with the group.

Deadline for receipt of the questionnaire at NAPA is July 30, 1993.

GROUP PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

Citizen Participation Workshop

Costa Rica, November 1993

1. Participants:

List Partnership Nominees (this is not intended to be a final list; applications will be mailed in September). After each name write the role that the person plays in the citizen participation project, the partnership affiliation and/or other institutional ties:

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

2. Agenda: In addition to sessions on individual partnership projects and changes in the governance of Partners of the Americas, we are considering one or both of the following general themes. Please identify, in priority order, three activities within each theme that you want to see covered during the workshop. If there is an item not mentioned, please note that under "other".

2A. Skills Building

Advocacy _____

Problem solving _____

Negotiation and Mediation _____

Consensus Building and Group Decision Making _____

Dialogue; Feedback; Active Listening _____

Managing Democratic Organizations _____

Other: _____

2B. Citizen Participation Issues:

Education for Social Responsibility--practices in the field of education which are being used to promote greater awareness and commitment in young people for social causes.

Adult Learning Techniques _____

Managing Diversity _____

Women's Civic Movements _____

Networking and Communications _____

Moral and Values Education--the school as a social institution in charge of preparing future citizens to serve society _____

Other : _____

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2C. Skills and Issues - from the aforementioned list of skills and topics of discussion please consider those items in which you (1) could lead a discussion; (2) could train others. Who from your committee is able to lead that discussion or training session? **Further, does the project you are working on highlight any of these skills or issues? If so, please also note your project title and which of the skills and/or issues it addresses.** Please note the information in the space below.

3. Convention:

Are you interested in attending the Convention? Yes ___ No___ How many of the workshop participants from your partnership will attend ___?

Are you willing to participate in a panel or lead a discussion during the Convention on a particular topic related to citizen participation? Yes___; No____. If yes, who and what topic_____

If unable to stay at the Hotel Cariari, the official Convention site, will you need assistance with housing in San Jose ? Yes ___ No_____

4. Other comments:

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