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THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE LAND USE SYSTEMS; PHASE II

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This quarterly performance report is submitted as described in Section IE.2.(C) of grant no. LAG-4198-G-00-2033-00.

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL VS. ACCOMPLISHED GOALS (see section 1E.2.c.1)

The goal of this project is to contribute to the development of more sustainable land use systems. The purpose of the project is to increase the effectiveness of policy-making institutions, NGOs working with local communities, and national agricultural research institutions by facilitating information exchange among the individuals and institutions actively involved in the development of sustainable land use systems. The projects outputs will be:

1. development of an institutional partnership among national focal point institutions in different countries
2. development of a communications methodology integrating electronic and print media (e.g. electronic and printed digest)
3. electronic conferences on specific sustainable land use topics

The Project Implementation Plan and first year work plan submitted in December, 1992 divides the project activities into three subsets: administration, information exchange process, focal point development. Quarterly reports (beginning with the first report for the period October - December, 1992) are organized by these categories.

As a point of reference, to compare actual and planned activities, the Time Frame that was attached to the original workplan is included as Appendix I. The activities specifically noted in the Time Frame that were planned for this quarter as well as other activities not specifically mentioned are described below.

Project Administration

The only activities specifically noted in the workplan for this quarter under this category were submission of an annual report and year 2 workplan and submission of quarterly reports. The new year 2 workplan is summarized in Appendix I of this report. One of the conclusions based on the Annual Report for Year 1 was that the project should revise its strategy and organizational structure. These changes are summarized below.

a) project strategy

An important result of the electronic conference of the 8 publishers involved in this project was the development of the concept of a

Profiling the entire list of BBs under SSTIE, the user sees:

- 1: "REGION" (5 notes).
 - 1: "POLICY" (0 notes).
 - 2: "MARKETS" (0 notes).
 - 3: "INFRASTRUCTURE" (0 notes).
 - 4: "WATERSHEDS" (0 notes).
 - 5: "IRRIGATION" (0 notes).
- 2: "COMMUNITY" (4 notes).
 - 1: "INSTITUTIONS" (0 notes).
 - 2: "HOUSEHOLDS" (0 notes).
 - 3: "RANGE" (0 notes)..
 - 4: "AGROFORESTRY" (1 notes).
- 3: "FARM" (7 notes).
 - 1: "LIVESTOCK" (0 notes).
 - 2: "TREES" (0 notes).
 - 3: "GARDENS" (0 notes).
 - 4: "PONDS" (0 notes).
 - 5: "IMPLEMENTS" (0 notes).
- 4: "FIELD" (2 notes).
 - 1: "CROPS" (0 notes).
 - 2: "PASTURE" (0 notes).
 - 3: "SOILS" (0 notes).
 - 4: "WATER" (1 notes).

These BBs are now functional on INFORUM's computer. Online access to these BB is being tested by the participating institutions. (e.g. an agroforestry report was sent in from the Philippines). As noted in the workplan in Appendix I, electronic mail mediated access is currently being tested.

Development of Focal Point Capabilities

No activities were planned this quarter specifically targeted towards the development of Focal Point capabilities.

Why Goals Were Not Met If Applicable (see section 1E.2.c.2)

All goals were met.

Financial Status (see section 1E.2.c.3)

See attached standard forms 269 and 272. These forms were submitted in a separate report on October 15 to the Office of Financial Management of USAID.

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INFORUM								
a) project administration								
1. provide financial support for focal point communication costs	*****							
2. coordinate quarterly plans with the Exchange Coordinator	*		*		*		*	
3. submit quarterly reports to AID Washington	*		*		*			
4. submit final report to AID Washington								*
b) set up Electronic Exchange								
1. define preliminary topic matrix for the relay topics	*							
2. set up focal point institutions as contributors and users					****			
3. test processes for contributing to and use of the relay					*****			
4. advertise the availability of the Exchange								*****
5. assist contributors and users from non focal point institutions								*****
c) focal point institutions								
1. participate in definition of topic matrix	**							
2. submit articles to 2 or more topics in the matrix					*****			
3. submit recommendations regarding future management of the Exchange								***