



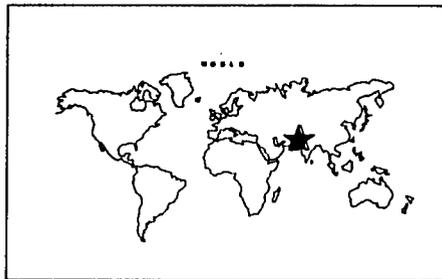
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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

RONCO's phase-out of the Commodity Export Program (CEP) project began in earnest during the Fourth Quarter FY 1993 with the incorporation of the Phase-Out plan into the contract as Modification #34 in September. Although on track with the plan, there is little visible evidence of an organization phasing out as RONCO's transportation, logistics, and logistics services activities are as intense as those experienced at any other point in the contract.

There is the greatest amount of material in storage. These stocks include excess USAID project property turned in as other projects phase out, DoD excess, DAP/wheat seed, and CEP commodities.

Of the approximately 83,850 items of excess property and household furnishings handled, 18,850 items have been redistributed as directed by USAID and approximately 65,000 items remain in storage in RONCO facilities in Peshawar, Quetta, and Islamabad. Other projects will continue to turn over excess items until 15 December. There are 5,909.62 MT of DAP fertilizer remaining stored under RONCO control, 1,000 MT which were transferred from Quetta storage facilities to Peshawar to be distributed to Non-Government Organizations (NGO's) according to USAID guidance; and, at the end of the quarter, 980 MT of wheat seed remain in storage in Kabul and Jalalabad. There were 1,500 MT of CEP foodstuffs issued from warehouses in Peshawar and Quetta.

RONCO began conducting USAID property disposal sales for the first time, completing during the quarter two of 19 planned sales to be held in Islamabad, Peshawar, and Quetta. There were 276 bidders in these first two sales and a total of Rs. 1,237,752 were received. With the concurrence of USAID, a third warehouse was leased in Islamabad for the purpose of conducting sales and the transportation and logistics office staff developed a computerized program which streamlined the processing of bids.

Two ARF's and one DoD surface shipment were received, processed, and transshipped. The DoD shipment that was received late last quarter was cleared and transshipped in July.

The Bank of California and USAID/Washington approved the reduction in the amount reserved for use under the Letter of Commitment from \$5,694,804 to \$4,794,804. A contract amendment was issued and the first local funds thus freed were advanced by USAID/Bangkok. This allowed the payment of transportation charges under the ASSP 204 portion of RONCO's contract. Of the \$900,000 freed for local use, approximately \$250,000 will be used under ASSP 204 and the remainder under CEP 205.

The procurement office processed seventy procurement requests valued at \$227,000, \$190,000 in Purchase Contracts were issued, and there were \$325,500 worth of commodities and equipment received and issued.

There are presently 91 Mine Detection Dogs (MDD's) in the Mine Detection Dog Program (MDDP). During much of the period there were as many as 74 dogs and 157 handlers and support personnel deployed into 15 Afghanistan provinces. Demining results included the detection and destruction of 4,470 anti-personnel and 140 anti-tank mines; 234,437 unexploded ordnance and fragments were discovered and determined to be safe. Significant areas were declared clear or marked with warnings that mines were present.

For the first time, the MDC was able to successfully deploy teams to Herat Province which borders Iran. Initial reports of their progress have been favorable.

In preparation for the transition of the MDC to the United Nations on 31 January 1994, severance benefits were invoiced, severance accruals were stopped as of 31 August 1993 and contract amendments were made to all MDC personnel contracts to put the new contract terms in effect. It is expected that the benefits will be paid in early November. The remaining accrued severance benefits will be invoiced at that time to enable RONCO to pay these liabilities prior to the completion of the contract on 28 February 1994.

Regrettably, John McHale, the Area Logistics Officer in Peshawar died unexpectedly on or about 2 September. A memorial service was held in Peshawar on 21 September. John made a significant contribution in support of USAID's humanitarian aid program in behalf of the people of Afghanistan.

COMPONENT #1 PROCUREMENT.

1. *Introduction.* RONCO processed 72 Procurement Requests valued at \$227,089, issued \$180,777 in Purchase Contracts, and received \$325,545 worth of commodities and equipment which were delivered to contractors. Outstanding Procurement Requests from the second and third quarters of FY 1993 and their respective Purchase Contracts are in process.

2. *Progress to Date.* The following is a synopsis of the more significant procurement activities that occurred during the quarter.

a. This table summarizes RONCO procurement activity for the fourth quarter:

PROJECT	PROCUREMENT REQUEST	LINE ITEM	VALUE \$	CONTRACT ISSUED	VALUE \$	AMOUNT RECEIVED
1-CEP	56	150	99,843	55	87,519	101,090
2-MDC	12	40	81,235	10	29,458	49,873
3-CCSC	1	1	8,768	4	21,555	63,637
4-MSH	-	-	-	-	-	7,173
5-VITA	-	-	-	-	-	95,808
6-UNO/MOE	3	3	37,243	2	42,245	7,964
TOTAL:	72	194	227,089	71	180,777	325,545

- 1 - Commodity Export Program
- 2 - Mine Dog Center
- 3 - Construction Control Service Corporation
- 4 - Management Services for Health
- 5 - Volunteers in Technical Assistance
- 6 - University of Nebraska at Omaha

b. *Dog Food.* On 3 August the MDC received 20,000 lbs. (500 bags) of Hill's Science Diet high-performance dog food. An additional 37,800 lbs. were ordered on 8 September and are expected to be shipped from the United States in early November. The dog food should arrive at the Port of Karachi on or about the third week of December. With receipt of this shipment in December, the MDC should have sufficient supplies on hand for use through 1994.

c. Generators 5 Kw. Against a source/origin waiver issued by the USAID Director on 11 August, RONCO procured six 5 Kw generators from the local market and delivered them to MDC/P on 17 August.

d. Printing Material. A PR from UNO requested the procurement of 16 different line items of the printing material, 10 of which were of the source of origin of 935 countries. The other 6 items met the authorized source/origin requirement and were procured and delivered to UNO. Authorization was obtained on 17 August to procure the remainder of the items which were delivered to UNO on 26 August.

3. *Unanticipated Activities.*

a. In April RONCO received ten PR's from UNO for various items, including, computer equipment, television & VCR, motorcycles, overhead projectors, generators, copiers, and vehicles. Before RONCO procured from the outside, we requested that USAID verify that the requested items were not available from project excess stocks.

Meanwhile, RONCO obtained prices for the items and provided the analysis to UNO for their review and approval. UNO was successful in getting a few of the requested items from the excess stocks and requested RONCO to keep PR's for remaining items on hold pending further instructions. RONCO is now keeping the following PR's in our active files but, as instructed, has withheld any further action:

PR #:	ITEM DESCRIPTION:
UNO-0004	Television and VCR
UNO-0005	Motorcycles
UNO-0006	Refrigerators and Stoves
UNO-0007	GE Mobile Radios
UNO-0008	Overhead Projectors
UNO-0009	Copy Machine
UNO-0010	Mini-Trucks

b. Against two of UNO's PR's, UNO-0006 & UNO-0011, RONCO formally solicited bid prices from U.S. suppliers for three units of generators and six units of pick-ups. All relevant information pertaining to these bids was provided UNO for their review. Up to the last validity date of the bids, UNO was unable to decide if they would allow outside procurement or wait for availability from excess project stocks. With UNO and Contracting Officer concurrence, RONCO canceled both Invitations for Bid.

4. *Constraints Identified and Solutions Proposed.*

a. 100 MT Gabion Wire. RONCO placed an order with Newage Cables, Lahore, for the supply 100 MT of gabion wire to VITA/P. There was an initial postponement of delivery due to unacceptable quality and production problems at Newage. The final delivery was completed to VITA/P in the first week of August.

b. Codan Radios. On 29 August the Project Officer approved a PR from the MDC for six units of Codan Radios with the condition "Provided these radios are delivered to MDC by Nov. 30, 93".

RONCO previously attempted to locate (but could not find) a U.S. manufacturer that could meet the required or equivalent specifications. The only manufacturer that could be found to meet the specs was an Australian company. On 21 September, after obtaining the best and final prices with delivery period (10 days after receipt of order) from the manufacturer, RONCO requested authorization of a sole source waiver for this procurement. It is anticipated that the waiver will be approved early in the next quarter.

5. *Work Plan for Next Quarter.* RONCO's major procurement activities will be phased out as of 31 October. Two procurement staff members will remain employed through the end of the contract to handle remaining procurements in process.

COMPONENT #2 TRANSPORTATION, LOGISTICS, AND LOGISTICS SERVICES.

1. *Introduction.* During this quarter we have received 2 DoD ARF's, 1 DoD surface shipment, 4 commercial surface shipments and 5 commercial air shipments.

2. *Progress to Date.* The following outlines the more significant transportation, logistics and logistics services activities that we have achieved this quarter.

a. Two ARF's (#115, 116) were received. Both were C-5 Aircraft. We discharged the cargo and transported it to our Islamabad warehouse. The two flights contained 64 pallets, consisting of clothing (77,985 items). ARF 116 was the last DoD flight to be received and we hosted a dinner for the crew in recognition of this phase being completed. USAID plans currently are to receive the same amount of material once a month by surface shipment. This will be done through November 93, which will be the final shipment. These shipments are planned to be containerized, which will make their handling easier at Karachi. Upon arrival in Islamabad, the containers will be "destuffed" and returned to Karachi.

b. The DoD surface shipment that arrived on 26 June was discharged in July. The shipment contained tents, tent poles/ pins, and medical supplies. The tents and poles/pins were transported to warehouses in Peshawar and Quetta. The medical supplies were transported to warehouses in Islamabad.

c. Customs clearance was completed and payment of port charges were made for the 10 shipments, and in-country transportation to our warehouses was arranged.

d. We are providing data to the property management unit from our data base to assist in the management and disposition of excess project stocks.

e. We have continued to pay our utility bills, but still have not been successful in getting arrears removed from our phone bills. These arrears are for periods before we were made responsible for the payment of utility bills and GSO, USAID is attempting to get this resolved.

f. We picked up five truck loads of office furniture and equipment as the O/AID/Rep annex was closed out. (June 93)

g. We assisted AED by loaning them a truck to move supplies/equipment from Peshawar to Quetta. (June 93)

h. The Coaster Bus was loaned to GSO-USAID for use in Peshawar for use when VIP's were there in July. (July 93)

i. Transported 1,000 MT of DAP from Quetta to Peshawar (September 93) which will be issued to NGO's there according to the USAID distribution plan.

3. *Unanticipated Activities.* None.

4. *Constraints Identified and Solutions Proposed.* As previously reported, we have not been able to get road permits in Balochistan for cross border shipments. As the quarter ends, we believe the reason has been identified and we are hopeful that road permits will be obtained in October. There seems to have been a "turf-battle" between the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Interior. In the past, the Home Secretary, Balochistan, issued permits based on Interior's approval. However, Commerce has allegedly said that anything exported requires an export permit and those are controlled by Commerce. Thus, previous permits issued without their approval have been illegal. As a result the Home Secretary will not issue the road permit without Commerce's approval. We have obtained the name and position of the officer in Commerce for Afghan Field Operations/USAID, who will prepare a letter requesting permission to move DAP from Quetta/Chaman to Afghanistan. Hopefully, this will be favorably received and we will be able to get permits in the future. It is critical if we are to distribute DAP/wheat seed next quarter. We are not experiencing this problem in Peshawar.

5. *Work Plan for Next Quarter.* Continue to manage transportation requirements, support DoD shipments, obtain exemption certificates and customs clearances, and provide logistics services. The principle transportation activity will be the distribution of DAP/wheat seed (Afghan Field Operations/USAID wants distribution completed by October 93) and the distribution of DoD material.

COMPONENT #3 DEPOT OPERATIONS (RECEIPT, ISSUE, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

1. *Introduction.* Our warehousing operations (stocks on hand) have increased significantly. We have the largest amount of material on hand that we have ever had. However, Afghan Field Operations/USAID is making a concerted effort to reduce these stocks. We generally have four categories of material on hand in our warehouses. These are excess project property (turned in as projects close down), DoD material, DAP/wheat seed, and CEP (foodstuffs/non-foodstuffs).

2. *Progress to Date.* Normal operations of receiving, inventorying, storing and issuing stocks have continued, although distribution has been at a reduced level. There are generally three reasons for stocks not being issued: first, the security situation inside Afghanistan; second, the difficulty in getting road permits in Quetta; and, third, the lack of disposition instructions for the CEP items. These are not necessarily in order, but are obviously related. For example, even if instructions were received, the security situation inside Afghanistan might prevent recipients picking up the material from our warehouses, and if the security situation were not a problem, road permits are not available in Quetta. This situation is covered under Transportation Constraints.

a. In anticipation of distributing DAP, Admin/Fiscal began coordinating with Afghan Field Operations/USAID and RONCOW to have money reduced from L-Comm's in U.S. banks and transferred to Pakistan for funds to pay for transporting approximately 2,500 MT of DAP from Quetta to Peshawar. After this was accomplished, we began to move DAP to Peshawar. We had a self imposed limit of 1,000 MT of DAP in the Peshawar warehouse as we were not allowed to lease additional space. During September, we moved 1,000 MT of DAP to Peshawar and issued 555 MT from there. We expect the remainder to be moved to Peshawar and USAID's goal is to have all the DAP/wheat seed distributed by the end of October. The chart under warehousing depicts our status at the end of the quarter.

b. Receipt of excess project stocks has continued in Quetta and Peshawar. We have received 65 line items from VITA in Peshawar and 139 from O/AID/Rep in Quetta. We are also advised that CCSC will turn in some 147 items of heavy equipment in Peshawar. In Islamabad, we picked up all the project funded office furniture and equipment from the AID/Rep annex and received the household furniture from RONCO employees who departed station (Jaime Reibel/ David Morid). While we do not know quantities, we are expecting additional property to be turned in during the next quarter as contracts close down.

c. We received and distributed many DoD items during the quarter. The charts under warehousing shows our activity. We expect to receive DoD Surface shipments through November and will attempt to have distribution made by Jan 15, 1994 of all material on hand.

d. We received authority to lease an additional warehouse for additional storage space to handle increasing amounts of material on hand (DoD and excess project property) and to use as a sales facility for disposing of excess project property. A change was encountered when USAID did not manage the sales and handle the receipts (cash). We assumed responsibility for conducting the sales and depositing the cash with the USAID cashier. We visited the offices of USAID personnel who conduct sales and were shown the process they use (July 93). A cashier visited our offices and explained the process for handling the money from bidders. Our personnel developed an excellent computer program that supports the sales and takes the "stubby pencils" from the process. We have conducted 2 sales in Islamabad this quarter (29 August and 20 September). We have had good participation (276 bidders) in these sales. We have sold 153 lots of material for 1,237,752 rupees. These sales take approximately 2 weeks to prepare the property, advertise in newspapers, prepare the bid packages, and conduct the sale. The sale takes 4 days (First day for inspection and submission of bids with 25% deposit; second and third days for opening bids, entering data, verifying data and producing reports; Fourth day for notifying successful and unsuccessful bidders, collecting funds due from successful bidders and returning funds to unsuccessful bidders, and pick up of sold material. During the first and fourth days we arrange for additional guards and armored car service. The workforce has adapted well and does an excellent job. Many complimentary remarks have been received about the appearance of the property and the general conduct of the sales. (See Tentative Sale Dates list on page 13.)

e. Distribution plans for the remaining CEP stocks has not been received, but is expected in October. Once received, distribution will be made.

f. Due to low level of distribution, our monitors have not been as active as previously, but 15 trips inside Afghanistan were made to observe the issuing of PL-480 wheat, CEP items and DoD material. More activity is expected during the coming quarter as disposition is received for the balance of stocks we have on hand.

3. Warehousing.

a. Space Available.

LOCATION:	WAREHOUSES (#'S OF):	SQUARE FEET:
Islamabad	2	23,270
Peshawar	4	33,323
Kabul	1	6,480
Jalalabad	1	6,080
Quetta	4	24,536
Chaman	3	11,200
TOTAL:	15	104,889

b. PL-480 Wheat. We continue to have a recorded balance of 301.4 MT of wheat in Kandahar at the Unilog warehouse. Of this, 64.2 MT has been hijacked and efforts through the Governor of Kandahar still have not been successful. Disposition from Afghan Field Operations/USAID is anticipated during the next quarter for the remaining on hand balance.

c. CEP foodstuffs (Emergency Stocks). Amounts given are in metric tons.

COMMODITY:	PESHAWAR			QUETTA	
	BALANCE:	ALLOCATED:	ISSUED:	BALANCE:	ISSUED:
Chick Peas	55.800	25.100	262.100	14.300	22.000
Dal Channa	48.055	25.100	270.996	8.000	23.200
Dal Moong	154.200	143.000	27.800	-	-
Ghee	10.525	10.525	94.865	-	-
Rice	624.500	58.800	705.100	17.600	49.900
Salt	47.300	1.150	11.550	-	-
Sugar	100.400	13.100	19.100	-	2.550
Tea, Black	46.915	1.655	6.496	-	2.600
TOTAL:	1,087.695	149.730	1,398.007	39.900	100.250

d. CEP Non-Foodstuffs (Emergency Stocks).

ITEM:	PESHAWAR		QUETTA	
	BALANCE:	ISSUED:	BALANCE:	ISSUED:
Blankets	954	77,721	18	475
Shovels	-	400	-	780
Axes	1,700	100	101	449
Hoes	1,300	300	366	334
Wheelbarrows	150	100	5	283
Plastic Sheets	106	-	144	110
Buckets	2,200	-	-	-
Tarpaulins	525	340	956	524
Bamboo Poles	3,200	200	1,600	-
Boots	3,360	3,240	3,400	-
Jerry Cans	-	-	1,253	209

e. General Commodities.

(1) Air Shipments:

SHIPMENT:	ITEMS:	CONSIGNEE:
1	Vehicle Engine	MDC/P
2	Veterinary Supplies	MDC/P
3	Tool Sets	CCSC
4	Computer Equipment	RONCO
5	Computer Equipment	RONCO

(2) Surface Shipments:

SHIPMENT:	ITEMS:	CONSIGNEE:
1	Welding Equipment	CCSC
2	Tires/Tubes	CCSC
3	Bending/Cutting Machine	CCSC
4	Dog Food	MDC

f. DoD Material.

(1) Air Shipments. During this quarter, 2 ARF's (115, 116) were received. Both were C-5 aircraft and carried 64 pallets, weighing approximately 160 tons.

(2) Surface Shipments. We received one DoD surface shipment of excess tents and poles which also contained medical items. The medical items are shown on the table below.

COMMODITY:	RECEIVED		ISSUED		CONSIGNEES: (# OF)	BALANCE ON HAND	
	LINE ITEM:	ITEM:	LINE ITEM:	ITEM:		LINE ITEM:	ITEM:
Clothing	24	77,985	113	57,234	18	57	140,278
Medical	1,267	12,471	-	-	-	1,652	344,381

g. Excess Project Stocks. We have received excess project stocks in Islamabad, Peshawar, and Quetta. The balance of items on hand is approximately 65,000 and some 18,846 items have been redistributed as directed by O/AID/Rep.

h. DAP/wheat seed. The following chart shows status as of the quarter's end. Afghan Field Operations/USAID's goal is to have all quantities distributed by 30 Oct.

(1) DAP.

LOCATION:	OPENING BALANCE:	SHIPPED:	RECEIVED:	BALANCE:	ISSUED:	ALLOCATED:	REMAINING BALANCE:
Chaman	2,046.05	-	-	2,046.05	-	-	2,046.05
Quetta	3,069.20	1,000	-	2,069.20	-	-	2,069.20
Peshawar	214.30	-	*999.75	1,214.05	435	1,407.03	779.05
Kabul	232.57	-	-	232.57	-	232.57	232.57
Jalalabad	782.75	-	-	742.07	-	742.07	782.62
TOTAL:	6,344.87	1,000	*999.75	6,344.62	435	2,382.57	5,909.62

* Vehicle in accident. Loss deducted from transportation invoice.

(2) Wheat Seed.

LOCATION:	OPENING BALANCE:	ISSUED:	ALLOCATED:	REMAINING BALANCE:
Kabul	235.05	-	235.05	235.05
Jalalabad	743.30	-	705.30	743.30
TOTAL:	978.35	-	940.35	978.35

4. *Unanticipated Activities.* None.

5. *Constraints Identified and Solutions Proposed.* See discussion of road permits under Transportation, Logistics, Logistics Services, paragraph 4.

6. Work Plan for Next Quarter:

- a. Distribute all DAP/wheat seed.
- b. Distribute DoD material and process new receipts.
- c. Receive excess project stocks and conduct sales of excess property.
- d. Distribute remainder of CEP stocks.
- e. Continue work on phase down plan.

Tentative Sales Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Q</u>
Aug 29, Sun	X		
Sep 20, Mon	X		
Oct 4, Mon		X	
11, Mon	X		
18, Mon		X	
25, Mon	X		
Nov 1, Mon		X	
8, Mon			X
15, Mon		X	
22, Mon			X
29, Mon		X	
30, Tue			X
Dec 6, Mon	X		
13, Mon		X	
20, Mon	X		
27, Mon		X	
Jan 3, Mon	X		
10, Mon	X	X	

COMPONENT #4 MINE DOG CENTER (MDC).

1. *Introduction.* During the quarter as many as 74 MDD's were deployed into 15 provinces within Afghanistan. Registration of the MDC as an NGO with the Government of Pakistan (GOP) was nearly completed at the quarter's end. Required documents were sent to the GOP through the Afghan Commissioner. Furthermore, registration as an NGO with the Government of Afghanistan (GOA) was also pursued.

2. *Progress to Date.*

a. MDD Activity. A summary of MDD activity for the quarter is given below.

ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES	ANTI-TANK MINES	UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE /METAL FRAGMENTS	AREA CLEARED/MARKED (square meters)
4,470	140	234,437	34,144,810

b. Afghan Trainers. The Afghans performed their training duties well during the quarter. They conducted refresher training continuously without any problems occurring and also received english lessons. Most of the Afghan trainers can now read and write english, and some are able to speak it quite well.

Gul Amin, Chief Afghan Instructor, MDC/P trained a Belgian Malinois from scratch this quarter. The MDD performs well during practice and training and is ready for deployment.

c. New Trainees. On 11 September four prospective candidates were interviewed for MDD handler positions. Three were selected and are undergoing training. A former MDC/Q Cook completed handler training on 15 September.

d. Deployment to Herat. For the first time in the history of the MDDP, the MDC was able to send MDD teams to Herat Province. Herat is in western Afghanistan on the Iranian border. Accessibility to the area is limited to travel through mountains in Afghanistan, by land through Iran (neither of which is feasible for the MDC), and by air. The UN was able to provide an aircraft enabling MDD teams to be deployed to the area. Reports received from the group leader deployed in Herat are very good.

e. Veterinary Field Visits. Veterinary staff made regular visits to the field to check the health of the MDD's and to provide cholera vaccines to all personnel.

f. MDD "Rex-1". On 29 August MDD "Rex-1" was sent to the Lahore Veterinary School for diagnosis of a neurological disorder. He was displaying symptoms of a disorder and had become a hazard to himself and MDC personnel while performing mine detection duties. The school was unable to satisfactorily make a diagnosis and approval was sought to send "Rex-1" to Holland for a thorough check-up.

g. 1994 Budget. The MDC prepared its budget for the first time and submitted it for approval to UNOCHA and USAID. It was approved by both agencies during the quarter.

h. Salary Study and Anticipated Reduction. During the quarter the MDC/P conducted a salary study and submitted it to RONCO/I. There will be no change in salaries until 31 January 1994, however, an across-the-board salary reduction is anticipated after transfer to UNOCHA.

i. Logistics/Transportation. During the quarter the MDC received 9 generators and some large tents for bases located in Afghanistan and 500 bags of dried dog food.

A formal approval was received from the Kabul Traffic Department allowing road travel for MDC vehicles in various areas and provinces.

3. *Constraints Identified and Solutions Proposed.* ACBAR Committee distributed a letter during the quarter notifying all concerned agencies that due to the unstable security situation in Ningarhar Province, all personnel working in Jalalabad should be withdrawn until the situation becomes "normal".

4. *Unanticipated Activities.*

a. While working with ATC in Parwan Province MDD "Tika" found 6 TC-6 mines in a single day. The ATC supervisor gave his handler Afs. 3,000 as recognition of his excellent mine detection work.

b. There were two personnel and two MDD's injured during the quarter.

(1) On 14 July an MDD handler was injured when a passenger bus in which he was travelling in fell from the road. While several passengers were killed, he survived with serious injuries. While this was not a job-related injury, it did remove one handler from the field for some time, thus affecting operations. By the end of the quarter his health had improved sufficiently to enable him to return to work.

(2) On 29 September an MDD handler was injured while performing duties in Ningarhar Province. While detecting mines his foot slipped into a ditch excavated by a previous regime as a defense line and detonated a mine. He was transported by ATC's ambulance to CMH Hospital in Peshawar where his left leg was amputated above the ankle joint and he received treatment for injuries sustained to his left eye. The doctor reported that, while he received shrapnel wounds over his entire body, they were not serious. It is also reported that his health is improving daily. The MDD involved in the incident, "Remco", received only minor injuries and was treated at the MDC/P.

(3) MDD "Rambo-2" died during the quarter due to injuries sustained when he jumped from a moving shower truck while en route to Afghanistan. The MDD chewed through a wire (that had been placed on his cage door as a precaution after he had opened his cage on a previous occasion), opened the door, and jumped into Peshawar road traffic. At the time of the incident he was still alive and was rushed to the MDC/P for veterinary treatment. "Rambo-2" was dead upon arrival at the MDC/P.

5. *Work Plan for Next Quarter.*

a. Progress was made during the quarter in registration of the MDC as an NGO with the GOP, however requirements have been cumbersome. For example, it is required that names, addresses, and photos of all MDC personnel be submitted. This was accomplished, but involved a great deal of effort. Next quarter the MDC will continue to pursue registration with the GOP, making every effort to comply with their requirements.

b. An effort will be made to continue to deploy as many MDD's as possible into Afghanistan.

c. Emphasis on maintaining harmonious relations with UNOCHA and other demining NGO's will be continued.

COMPONENT #5 CLOSE-OUT ACTIVITIES/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

1. *Introduction.* This section includes items that deal with technical assistance and pertain to the phase-down of RONCO/Pakistan and Afghanistan operations. The contract completion date remains 28 February 1994, however, as of the close of the quarter, 16 percent or 22 of the Phase-Out Plan completion dates had been extended due to USAID guidance and workload.

The event completion dates in the Phase-Out Plan are targets or goals. Some should be expected to be completed early and the completion dates for others should naturally be expected to have to be extended. Extension of a completion date is not necessarily cause for alarm, at least not until they begin to be pushed up to or beyond the "Intensive Management Date" which is 16 January 1994.

2. *RONCO Phase-Out Plan.* The Phase-Out plan was accepted in the first week of September by USAID as Modification #34 to the RONCO CEP Contract No. 306-0212-C-00-9384-34. An updated Phase-Out plan was periodically submitted to the USAID Project Officer throughout the quarter.

a. The following occurred during the quarter.

(1) The untimely death of John McHale, ALO/P, occurred on or about 2 September. His personal effects were inventoried and a list provided to his next-of-kin for evaluation and shipping to the states. The transportation and logistics office is working with ALO/P personnel as well as the U.S. Consulate in handling this matter. It is anticipated that everything will be finalized during the next quarter.

(2) A phase down of procurement staff was begun during the quarter. Two employees will remain as the procurement staff after 31 October. (Item 1.1.6 on the Phase-Out Plan)

(3) The deadline for the last non-expendable procurement request to be accepted was July. Major activity has been completed, however, several exceptions remain in process. (Item 1.2.2)

(4) The deadline for the last offshore purchase contract to be issued for other projects was August. The original deadline was set for July but was subsequently postponed to the end of August and, again, several exceptions remain in process. (Item 1.3.3)

(5) The last ARF was received in July. (Item 2.1.1)

(6) A final disposition plan for excess project equipment in RONCO storage as of 30 June was received from USAID in August. (Item 2.3.2)

b. The completion dates for the following events were extended during the quarter.

(1) The deadline for the last local purchase contract for other projects was September, however this was not completed by the end of the quarter. It is anticipated that the deadline will be postponed until sometime in October. (Item 1.3.5)

(2) The deadline for the last payment voucher L/Comm for other projects was September 1993, however, this has been postponed to the end of October. (Item 1.5.2)

(3) The final ARF disposition plan was to be received from USAID by the end of August but the deadline was postponed to early October. (Item 2.1.2)

(4) ARF issues were to be completed by the end of September, however the deadline has been postponed to mid-November. (Item 2.1.3)

(5) The final disposition plan for CEP commodities was to be received from USAID by mid-August but was postponed until October. (Item 2.2.2.)

(6) The final issue of CEP commodities was changed from the end of October to mid-November. (Item 2.2.3)

(7) The deadline for the receipt of excess project stocks was postponed from mid-October to mid-December. (Item 2.4.1)

(8) The deadline for an inventory compilation of excess project stocks turned in after 30 June was delayed from mid-November to the end of December. (Item 2.4.2)

(9) The deadline for receipt of a final disposition plan from USAID for excess project stocks turned in after 30 June was delayed from the end of November to early January. (Item 2.4.3)

(10) The deadline for the final issue of excess project stocks turned in after 30 June was changed from the end of December to mid January. (Item 2.4.4)

(11) The deadline for the turnover of the balance (if any) of excess project stocks received after 30 June was postponed from the end of December to mid-January. (Item 2.4.5)

(12) The deadline for the turnover of the balance (if any) of USAID quarters furniture RONCO stored or in quarters was postponed from the end of December to mid-January. (Item 2.5.4)

(13) The deadline for receipt from USAID of a disposal plan for the balance of property remaining in storage was postponed from mid-October to the end of November. (Item 2.7.1)

(14) The deadline for the disposition of the balance of property remaining in storage (advertisement and auction sales) was postponed from the end of December to early January. (Item 2.7.2)

(15) The deadline for the departure of the last expatriate MDD trainer was completed in May, however an exception applies with the final deadline set for the end of October. See paragraph 3 below. (Item 3.1.2)

(16) The deadline for the payment of the last voucher L/Comm for other projects was met, as originally planned, by the end of September, however, a waiver or exception applies. The final deadline was postponed to the end of October. (Item 4.1.2)

(17) The deadline for the payment of the last property transfer shipment was postponed from the end of January to early February. (Item 4.2.5)

(18) The deadline for the payment of the last CEP project shipment was postponed from the end of January to early February. (Item 4.2.6)

(19) The deadline for the payment of the last property disposal shipment was postponed from the end of January to early February. (Item 4.2.7)

c. The following items were added during the quarter. The section entitled USAID Phase-In was added to the Phase-Out plan at the end of the quarter.

(1) Item 5.2.1, USAID Phase-In Plan is scheduled to begin November and be completed at the end of December.

(2) Item 5.2.2, USAID Phase-In Period is scheduled to begin in mid-December and to conclude at the end of January.

3. *Technical Assistance.* USAID approval was received during the quarter for Paul Brown, an expatriate MDD Trainer from Global Training Academy, to return to Pakistan for a 30-day period. He is to provide refresher training and evaluate the Afghan staff. He is due to arrive in-country on 1 October.

COMPONENT #6 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

1. *Introduction.* The Administration and Finance Office remained busy throughout the quarter. Many of the same reports and records must continue to be maintained as the project ends, regardless of the level of activity. With personnel losses already experienced, the Admin/Finance staff is busier than ever.

2. *Progress to Date.*

a. The impact of close-out activities on the Admin/Finance section is already being felt. As reported in last quarter's report, the process of closing RONCO accounts with other contractors has already begun. Three of the four contractors contacted have remitted outstanding amounts, and the fourth has agreed with RONCO as to the outstanding amount and is seeking approval to make payment. These amounts, while not large, nonetheless represent unfinished business, without a resolution of which the administrative burden of monthly statements and bank reconciliation procedures must continue.

The Bank of California and USAID/Washington approved the reduction in the amount reserved for use under the Letter of Commitment from \$5,694,804 to \$4,794,804. A contract amendment was issued and the first local funds thus freed were advanced by USAID/Bangkok. This allowed the payment of transportation charges under the ASSP 204 portion of RONCO's contract. Of the \$900,000 freed for local use, approximately \$250,000 will be used under ASSP 204 and the remainder under CEP 205.

b. A budget supporting the grant agreement between USAID and UNOCHA was prepared by the MDC and submitted, through UNOCHA, to USAID. Signing of the grant agreement is expected early in the 1st Quarter, FY 1994. The work of the MDC in preparing the budget was particularly important, as it has involved them in a process that will be critical after 31 January 1994: the periodic request for funds from UNOCHA, and a joint understanding of the levels that are expected. The advance of money to the MDC will apparently be controlled by UNOCHA by budget line item.

Work on the accounting system to be used by the MDC after it becomes an NGO continued during the quarter. It is not clear what reporting requirements to USAID may be required by the terms of the grant agreement. As mentioned in last quarter's report, RONCO believes the implementation of a simple, double-entry system is necessary to ensure full accountability and accuracy.

c. MDC severance benefits were invoiced, severance accruals were stopped as of 31 August 1993 and contract amendments were distributed to all MDC to put the new contract terms in effect. It is expected that the benefits will be paid in early November. The remaining accrued severance benefits will be invoiced at that time, to enable RONCO to pay these liabilities by termination of the contract on 28 February 1994.

3. *Personnel Administration.* A total of 6 FSN employees were appointed and 6 resigned during the quarter. A staffing summary as of 30 September is as follows:

LOCATION	PAKISTANI (# of)	AFGHAN (# of)	EXPATRIATE (# of)	LOCAL HIRE (# of)	TOTAL (# of)
Islamabad Office	30	-	4	1	35
Warehouse	16	2	-	-	18
Area Logistics Office					
Peshawar	11	16	-	-	27
Quetta	7	-	1	-	8
Mine Dog Center					
Peshawar	11	215	1	-	227
Quetta	-	47	-	-	47
TOTAL:	75	280	6	1	362

4. *Leases.*

a. Islamabad. The five RONCO facilities will continue to be needed for the immediate future. The main office must be returned to USAID at the end of January 1994. As a result, arrangements have been made with the landlord of Admin/Finance office to keep that space through 28 February 1994. The lease is due to expire on 30 November. An option will be exercised at that time for the remaining three months of the contract. The landlord indicated that he wants the remodeling work done by RONCO during the several years of tenancy to remain.

RONCO has received permission to pursue a negotiated settlement with the landlord of Warehouse #1, which was damaged in the fire. It is expected that the settlement will involve no claim of damages on either side. The facility will be needed through the end of the project. Warehouse #2, at plot #3-A, I-10/3, will also be needed and the rent has been paid for the six months ending 9 February 1994. Warehouse #3, at Plot #3, I-10/3, has been paid through 24 October. It may not be needed after that date depending on the volume of excess property received.

b. Peshawar. The lease for the Hayatabad warehouse was taken over by USAID as of 1 September 1993. Nasirpur warehouses #1 and #2 are paid on a month-by-month basis. They will be released when they are no longer needed for commodities. The MDC is in the process of moving its vehicle maintenance facility from Nasirpur to the main MDC office at Pabbi. The MDC lease expires at the end of November. The MDC is exploring a new lease with the landlord, and the new funding procedures through UNOCHA.

The leases in Kabul and Jalalabad are also maintained by RONCO/P. The rent for the Jalalabad facility was paid through the end of September. Again, the movement of DAP and wheat seed will determine how long the facility is needed. The rent for the Kabul facility has been paid through the end of the quarter, in accordance with the lease terms. It will be vacated by the end of October.

c. Quetta. As with Pabbi, the MDC/Q is exploring the possibility of transferring the lease for the main Quetta facility from RONCO to the MDC. The rent for warehouse #2 (ex DAI) has been paid through 15 October. It contains excess property and will be needed through the end of the year. It is expected that warehouse #3 (also ex DAI) will be returned at the end of October.

The rents for Chaman warehouses #1 and #2 have been paid up to 31 October 1993. It is anticipated that all DAP will have been removed by that date, and that the warehouse will no longer be needed. The same is true of the Chaman office.

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Analysis of Contracted funds Obligated & Expended

Commodity Export Program

Contract # 306-0205-C-00-9384

September, 1993

DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTED FUNDS \$	OBLIGATED FUNDS \$	EXPENDED FUNDS \$
Total Contract	40,364,533.00	38,227,500.00	34,733,553.00
Technical Assistance	15,295,571.00	15,163,690.00	13,586,644.00
Logistic Support	2,238,282.00	1,575,000.00	1,415,816.00
Total Program Funds	22,830,680.00	21,488,810.00	19,731,093.00
CEP - 205	17,916,680.00	16,574,810.00	15,131,463.00
ASSP - 204	4,400,000.00	4,400,000.00	4,125,113.00
AHR - 206	514,000.00	514,000.00	474,517.00

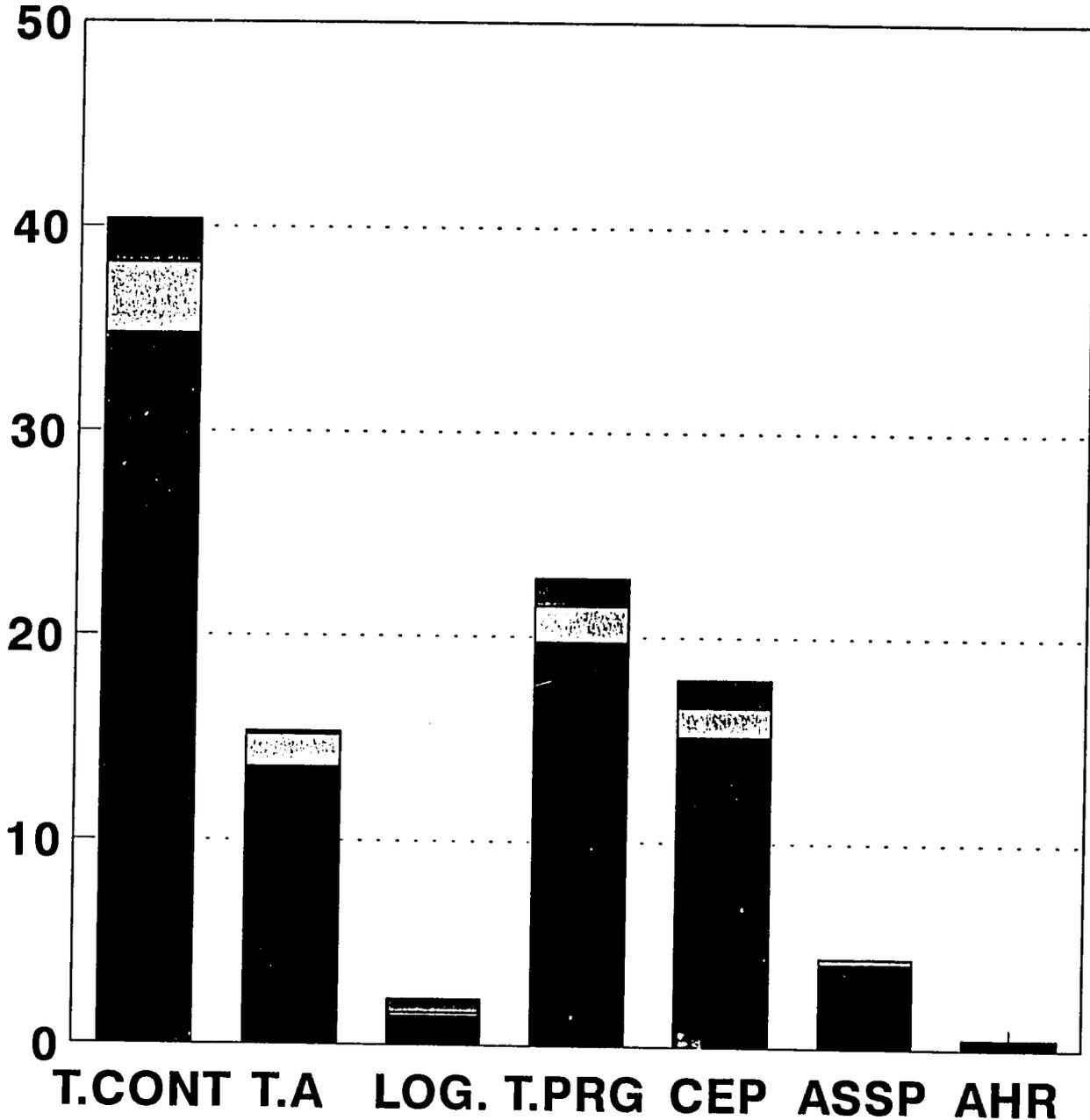
- Of the total Obligated Program funds of US\$ 21,488,810 , US\$ 4,794,804 is reserved exclusively for use under Letter of Commitment # 306-0205-01. Of this amount US \$ 4,688,750.00 has been used, including US\$ 750,330. procured for other projects. This figure is not reflected in the CEP figure.

	\$	\$	AMOUNT (\$)
Program Funds Obligated			21,488,810.00
Funds Requested & Received:			
- ASSP 204	3,483,185.00		
- CEP 205	11,505,521.56		
- AHR 206	405,730.49		
Sub-Total:	-----	15,394,437.05	
Letter of Commitment		4,794,804.00	
Total Program Funds Requested & Received		-----	20,189,241.05
Obligated Funds Available :			----- =====
			1,299,568.95

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CEP FUNDS ANALYSIS

September 1993



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PROJECT TITLE: COMMODITY EXPORT PROGRAM
 PROJECT NUMBER: 0306-0205-C-00-9384
 AID LOP FUNDING: \$ 40,364,533
 OBLIGATION TO DATE: \$ 38,227,500
 BALANCE: \$ 2,137,033

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 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY
 as of September' 1993
 (US \$)

ELEMENT/ACTIVITY	LIFE OF PROJECT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1993					PREVIOUS QTR REPORTED (03/01/93 TO 06/30/93)	CURRENT QTR REPORTED (07/01/93 TO 09/30/93)	NEXT QTR PLANNED (10/01/93 TO 12/31/93)	OBLIGATION REQUIRED FOR 1st QTR FY-94
	CONTRACT FUNDING	(AMD # 32) OBLIGATIONS	EXPENDED ACCRUED	COMMITTED	TOTAL (REPORTED)				
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT	2,238,282	1,575,000	1,415,816	0	1,415,816	87,422	58,394	75,000	(84,184)
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	15,295,571	15,163,690	13,586,644	0	13,586,644	878,200	1,024,026	1,208,300	(368,746)
PROGRAM	22,830,680	21,488,810	19,647,726	98,441	19,731,093	146,710	115,626	530,687	(1,227,030)
CEP 205 TOTAL	40,364,533	38,227,500	34,650,186	98,441	34,733,553	1,112,332	1,198,046	1,813,987	(1,679,960)
MANAGEMENT WITHIN CEP									
- ASSP 204	4,400,000	4,400,000	4,031,113	94,000	4,125,113	(6,000)	0	274,887	0
- AHR 206	514,000	514,000	473,150	1,367	474,517	4,016	51,355	70,800	31,317

PROJECT TITLE: COMMODITY EXPORT PROGRAM
 PROJECT NUMBER: 306-205-C-00-9384
 PLAN YEAR (MO/YR): February 28, 1994
 AID LOP FUNDING: \$ 40,364,533
 OBLIGATION TO DATE: \$ 38,227,500
 PIPELINE: \$ 2,137,033

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PROJECT FINANCIAL PLAN
(AID \$)

February '94

ELEMENT/ACTIVITY	AS OF SEPTEMBER 31, 1993			FISCAL YEAR 1994 PROJECTION:		TO CCD	AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)		PERIOD CONTRACT Addition Required	PERIOD Obligations Required
	LOP FUNDING	OBLIGATIONS (PROPOSED)	EXPENDED (LOP)	1st QTR Proj. (000)	2nd QTR Proj. Jan-Feb94	PERIOD TOTAL (C+D+E)	CONTRACT (A-F)	OBLIGATIONS (B-F)		
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)		
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT	2,238,282	1,575,000	1,415,816	75.0	50.4	1,541.2	697,066	33,784	(697,066)	(33,784)
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	15,295,571	15,163,690	13,586,644	1,208.3	499.7	15,294.6	953	(130,928)	(953)	130,928
PROGRAM : -CEP 205	17,916,680	16,574,810	15,131,463	185.0	91.0	15,407.5	2,509,217	1,167,347	(2,509,217)	(1,167,347)
TOTAL CEP 205 PROGRAM	35,450,533	33,313,500	30,133,923	1,468.3	641.1	32,243.3	3,207,236	1,070,203	(3,207,236)	(1,070,203)
MANAGEMENT WITHIN CEP PROGRAM										
-ASSP 204	4,400,000	4,400,000	4,125,113	274.9	0.0	4,400.0	0	0	0	0
-AHR 206	514,000	514,000	474,517	70.8	42.9	588.3	(74,271)	(74,271)	74,271	74,271
TOTAL RONCO COMMODITY EXP PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	40,364,533	38,227,500	34,733,553	1,814.1	684.0	37,231.6	3,132,965	995,932	(3,132,965)	(995,932)

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PROJECT FINANCIAL PLAN

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS OF CONTRACTED & OBLIGATED FUNDS

February '94

PROJECT TITLE: COMMODITY EXPORT PROGRAM
 PROJECT NUMBER: 306-205-C-00,9384
 PLAN YEAR: February 28, 1994

ELEMENT/ACTIVITY	Contract Itemized Budget	Contract Obligation	EXPENSES UPTO 09/30/93	FY'94 1st Qtr Proj	FY'94 2nd Qtr Proj	Planned Expenses to PACD	REMARKS
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT -----	2,238.3	1,575.0	1,415.8	75.0	50.4	1,541.2	
FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			822.5	747.5	697.1	697.1	
OBLG.FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			159.2	84.2	33.8	33.8	
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE -----	15,295.6	15,163.7	13,586.6	1,208.3	499.7	15,294.6	
FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			1,708.9	500.6	1.0	1.0	
OBLG.FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			1,577.0	368.7	(130.9)	(130.9)	
PROGRAM CEP-205 -----	17,916.7	16,574.8	15,131.5	185.0	91.0	15,407.5	
FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			2,785.2	2,600.2	2,509.2	2,509.2	
OBLG.FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			1,443.3	1,258.3	1,167.3	1,167.3	
PROGRAM ASSP-204 -----	4,400.0	4,400.0	4,125.1	274.9	0.0	0.0	
OBLG.FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			274.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	
PROGRAM AHR-206 -----	514.0	514.0	474.5	70.8	42.9	588.3	
FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			39.5	(31.4)	(74.3)	(74.3)	
OBLG.FUNDS AVAILABLE/(SHORTFALL)			39.5	(31.4)	(74.3)		

COMPONENT #7 MISCELLANEOUS.

1. *Introduction.* This section features activities which RONCO accomplished over and above those envisioned in the contract, unexpected events, meetings, and visitors.
2. *Unexpected Events.* John McHale, ALO/P, died on or about 2 September and was buried on 7 September in Peshawar. Due to short notice of the ceremony only Peshawar based personnel were able to attend. A memorial service was subsequently held on 21 September at the American Center, U.S. Consulate/P. In attendance were RONCO personnel from Quetta, Peshawar, and Islamabad, as well as USAID personnel and other expatriates and locals. Guy Bowen, Chief of Party, RONCO/I, was the main speaker. Others were allowed to address the gathering, if they wanted to do so.
3. *Meetings.* The following meetings occurred during the quarter.
 - a. RONCO/P.
 - (1) The ALO/P met with Charles MacFadden, Executive Director, ACBAR, on 22 July to discuss possible distribution of remaining CEP food and non-food items among their members. Several ACBAR members expressed interest in monetizing the fertilizer and wheat seed which is in storage in Afghanistan. ACBAR members were advised to write directly to USAID with their proposals.
 - (2) The ALO/P met with Barry McDonald, Asia Desk/DR/PD/AID/Washington on 5 August and showed supplies and commodities stored at the Hayatabad warehouse. The ALO/P explained the background of the CEP, DoD ARF program, and the current process of receiving and distributing excess USG property.
 - (3) The ALO/P and the SCS/P met with Mr. Sadique, Team Leader, and Robert McMakin, Deputy Chief of Party, VITA, to discuss the procedure for turning over excess property to RONCO for storage. Apparently, VITA discussed with USAID the possibility of turning over the bulk of their excess to local projects located within in Afghanistan and delivering some equipment to RONCO storage facilities in Jalalabad and Peshawar.
 - (4) The ALO/P met with Allen Brody, a representative of UNICEF, on 18 August to show him available DoD tents at the Hayatabad warehouse. UNICEF requested tents and other supplies from USAID to be used to treat victims of the recent cholera epidemic in Kabul.
 - (5) The ALO/P met with John Javed, Liaison Officer, USAID/P, on 22 August to visit the USAID/P warehouses to inspect excess USG furniture to be turned over to RONCO/P.

(6) The ALO/P met with David Weiler, System Planning and Computer Supervisor, UNO/P, on 23 August to discuss UNO's requirements for excess property.

(7) The Acting ALO/P met with Mr. Manzoor, Deputy Secretary, Home and Tribal Affairs Department, NWFP, on 14 September to discuss route permits for transportation of goods donated by the United States Government to Afghanistan. The ALO/P was assured that he would receive their full cooperation.

b. RONCO/Q.

(1) On 19 July the ALO/Q met with 15 visiting Fulbright scholars and gave a short presentation on the MDC's work in Afghanistan. As part of the presentation he showed the "RONCO MDD Movie" and answered questions. The visitors were very interested in the program and commented that they had no idea that the United States sponsored such a program in Afghanistan.

(2) The ALO/Q attended four meetings with MCI and WFP in reference to the distribution of emergency food items in Kandahar.

(3) The ALO/Q attended two monthly SWABAC meetings during the quarter. At the July meeting he gave a briefing on RONCO's phase-out and plans for the continuation of the MDC program as a separate NGO.

(4) The ALO/Q attended four semi-monthly demining meetings held at the UN demining headquarters/Q.

c. MDC/P.

(1) On 5 July the MDC/P Director and a member of the operations staff attended a regional demining meeting at the Hayatabad demining office.

(2) On 12 July Roger Guichard, Administration and Finance Officer, RONCO/I, Khushal Mohammad, AS, RONCO/P, and the MDC/P Director met with NWFP representatives, A. K. Safi, Additional Commissioner for Afghan Refugees, Gulzar Ahmed Khan, Home Secretary, and Sherin Khan, Additional Secretary, to discuss MDC registration with the GOP.

(3) On 4 August the MDC/P Director and Technical Advisor met in Islamabad with the COP to discuss the MDC's staffing levels and the proposed salary reduction plan.

(4) On 5 August the MDC/P Director and Technical Advisor attended the monthly UNOCHA demining conference held at UNOCHA offices in Islamabad.

(5) On 22 August the MDC/P Logistics Officer and Audio Visual Assistant went to Kabul to meet with GOA officials to pursue NGO status and to seek permission to obtain a kennelling and training area in Kabul. It is planned to move MDC operations to the Kabul area upon approval of USAID.

(6) On 23 August the MDC/P Director accompanied Lt. Col. McDowell, STA, UNOCHA/I, Capt. H. Jarvie, TA, and Sayed Aqa, Director, MCPA, on an observatory visit to demining operations in Gardiz and Logar Provinces.

(7) On 7 September the MDC/P Director and Technical Advisor attended the monthly UNOCHA demining meeting at the Quetta demining office.

(8) On 21 September the MDC/P Director, TA, and Operations Officer and the MDC/Q Manager, met with Graeme Membro, Regional Manager, UNOCHA to discuss proposed work limits set upon the MDC. The limits, proposed by Ian Mansfield will result in at least 50 percent of the dogs and staff remaining at the MDC/P at all times.

(9) The MDC/P Director and a team leader departed for Afghanistan on 29 September with the MDC/Q Manager to visit teams in Jaji District and Paktia and Logar Provinces. On 30 September they met with Graeme Membrey, Regional Manager, Demining Office/P, at the Kabul demining office to discuss various matters. While in Kabul they attended the monthly UNOCHA demining meeting at the Kabul demining headquarters on 2 Oct. Before this meeting all participants met with Kabul government officials to discuss UNOCHA's Afghanistan programs, the MDC's establishment and USAID's role in funding the MDC. Martin Barber, pointed out that the United States is the top donor country for the demining program in Afghanistan. GOA officials present at the meeting were the Minister for Rural Development Areas and Rehabilitation of Refugees, Minister for Agriculture, Deputy Defense Ministry, and other high level officials.

4. *Visitors.* The following people visited RONCO offices during the quarter.

a. RONCO/P.

(1) Harold Daveler, EXO, USAID/I, visited on 11 July along with Chris Jones, Field Support Officer, USAID/P, and Joe George, Transportation and Logistics Officer, RONCO/I, to see CEP commodities, DoD equipment, and heavy constructions equipment stored at ACLU.

(2) The AFO/I visited on 11-12 July to finalize banking arrangements with Habib Bank and Grindlay's Bank/P. He visited again on 15 August to discuss financial and personnel matters with the ALO/P.

(3) Captain Musa Khan, a leader in the former AIG and presently Chairman of the Food and Fuel Commission of the Islamic Government of Afghanistan, visited on 29 July to discuss the possibility of providing supplies to his commission. In addition to food assistance he requested tents to be used as schools, clinics, feeding centers and shelter for refugees from Kabul now living in Parwan. The ALO/P offered his assistance in preparing a proposal for submission to USAID.

(4) Qazi Saleem of SCA visited on 1 August to discuss transfer of VITA agriculture equipment now in place in Afghanistan. SCA's request was accepted by USAID.

(5) The Chief of Party visited on 22 September to inspect the Hayatabad (prior to first sale) and Nasirpur warehouses.

b. RONCO/Q.

(1) The COP, Sue Grosenick, Assistant Project Officer, USAID/I, visited 12-14 July. During the visit they toured the RONCO warehouse sites and UNILOG warehouse where RONCO has CEP foodstuffs stored. They discussed the transfer of the MDDP to UNOCHA and the close out of RONCO/Q offices in January.

(2) Dr. Basharat Ali, Supervisory, Special Projects Officer, USAID/I, visited 25-26 August to discuss the disposition of DoD surplus, CEP commodities, and DAI-USAID excess property. He also visited VITA, UNO, and MSH while in Quetta.

(3) The AFO/I visited 7-8 September in conjunction with the monthly demining meeting and to discuss admin/finance matters.

(4) Sue Grosenick, APO, USAID/I, and the MDC/P Director and TA visited 6-7 September to attend the monthly UNOCHA demining meeting held in Quetta. They also visited the MDC/Q offices and discussed the progress of making MDC activity independent of RONCO activity.

c. MDC/P.

(1) The AFO/I and the TLO/I visited on 11 July to discuss admin/finance and transportation matters. The AFO/I visited again on 15 August to review admin/finance operations and also visited CCSC offices with the MDC/P Director and TA to discuss ACLU's registration as an NGO with the GOP.

(2) Harold Daveler, USAID/I, Chris Jones, USAID/P, and the ALO/P visited on 11 July.

(3) Lt. Col. McDowell, STA, UNOCHA/I, visited on 11 July to discuss MDD operations with MCPA. Lt. Col. McDowell visited again on 20 September to discuss the MDC budget for 1994/95.

(4) Peter Davis, Asia/RPM/Washington, made an orientation visit on 16 August and spoke with the Director and TA. An MDD demonstration was given for him.

(5) Irshad Akhtar, SPO, RONCO/I, visited on 25 August to discuss procurement matters.

(6) Sue Grosenick, APO, USAID/I, visited on 22 September to discuss various factors concerning MDC's transfer to UNOCHA as an NGO and the grant agreement from USAID to UNOCHA.

(7) Graeme Membrey, RM, DO/P, made an orientation visit on 22 Sep.

(8) Andrew Standley, First Secretary, Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, visited on 31 July.