

LIMITED SCOPE GRANT PROJECT AGREEMENT

Between the United States of America, acting through
the Agency for International Development (AID)

AND

The Nutrition and Janasaviya Division,
Ministry of Policy Planning and Implementation

(Grantee)

Grant No. 383-0499-G-00-3423-00

1. Project Title Project Development and Support: <u>Sri Lanka Nutrition & Health Survey</u>	2. AID Project Number 499-0000.83
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The above-named parties hereby mutually agree to carry out the Project described in this Agreement in accordance with (1) the terms of this Agreement, including any annexes attached hereto, and (2) any general agreement between the two governments regarding economic or technical cooperation.

3. Amount of AID Grant \$ <u>50,000</u>	4. Grantee Contribution to the Project \$ _____	5. Project Assistance Completion Date December 31, 1993
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6. This Agreement consists of this title page and
Attachment A - Project Description
Attachment B - Illustrative Budget
Attachment C - Standard Provisions

7. For the Grantee Typed Name <u>R.M.K. Ratnayake</u>	8. For the Agency for International Development Typed Name <u>William A. Jeffers</u>
Signature <u><i>Ratnayake</i></u>	Signature <u><i>William A. Jeffers</i></u>
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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3. This Project consists of:

I. Purpose of Study

A nutritional and health surveillance feasibility study was recently undertaken by USAID for the Government of Sri Lanka (GSL). The study outlined the components of a national survey system for monitoring nutritional and health status, for detecting changes in population over time, and for relating those changes to socioeconomic, demographic and agroecological variables. The recommendations of this study have been accepted by GSL, which will initiate the surveillance program in the current fiscal year with assistance from USAID.

The program calls for a small national survey to be implemented biannually to capture the influence of seasonal factors (rainfall, prices, food supply, infectious diseases, etc.) on nutritional and health status. GSL will commence this program in the fourth quarter of FY1993 and collect data from about 2,000 households randomly selected from a national sampling frame developed by the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS). The agency responsible for implementing the program will be the Nutrition and Janasaviya Division of the Ministry of Policy Planning and Implementation (N&JD/MPPI), with the assistance of DCS staff.

Through this Grant Agreement, USAID will collaborate with the N&JD/MPPI in implementing a survey of 2,000 households distributed throughout the country (except the North and East). The funds for implementing the survey and publishing the results will be provided by USAID. Foreign technical assistance will also be provided (through a Buy-in to a centrally funded project) to facilitate data analysis and report writing. USAID assistance will be provided for a one-off cross-sectional survey with the expectation that GSL funds will become available for continuation of this activity beyond FY 1993.

II. Background

The USAID Mission is the largest donor of food aid to Sri Lanka. Under the 1990 amendment to FL-480 legislation, a newly designed food for development (Title III) program was initiated, which by and large has replaced the former Title I program as the United States Government's (USG's) major instrument of food assistance. The principal

goal of the Title III program is enhanced food security. Increased emphasis is therefore being placed on the monitoring of this program's impact on human well-being in Sri Lanka.

PL-480 wheat as well as commercially imported wheat is processed into flour at a central milling complex located on the east coast (Trincomalee), from where it is transported to Colombo for island-wide distribution. It is therefore not possible to isolate the impact on PL-480 wheat on food security because it is not distributed through separate market channels. In any event, the monitoring of food security at the individual or family level will be a costly and time-consuming exercise because it will entail the regular collection of household food consumption and expenditure data. It is therefore more practical and cost-effective to monitor food security through proxy indicators, such as the prevalence of wasting and stunting among pre-school children, which can be estimated through simple anthropometric techniques. Through an appropriate survey system, GSL, USAID and other donors could monitor the impact of development programs on individual nutritional well-being, and thereby assess indirectly what impact these programs are having on food security.

GSL undertakes a benchmark nutritional survey once in 5-6 years, but does not have a mechanism for collecting data during the intervening years. In other words, there is no system for the serial monitoring of nutritional status in Sri Lanka. There are no other donors engaged in this activity, except for UNICEF, which is assisting the N&JD/MPPI in micro-level monitoring of GSL's poverty alleviation program in two selected districts.

USAID has developed a simple sampling design and methodology that will enable GSL to undertake smaller biannual surveys during the intervals separating the larger benchmark surveys. The survey data will be collected from all districts except the war-torn areas (i.e., the North and East). This macro-level monitoring program will complement UNICEF's micro-level program, as such the question of conflict or overlap does not arise. Moreover, both programs will be implemented by one and the same agency (the N&JD/MPPI), which is a distinct advantage to USAID and UNICEF, for it will facilitate coordination, communication and feedback between the two agencies.

III. Description of Project Activities

There are two components to be financed by USAID. One is survey implementation and publication of survey results, the other is technical assistance (one short-term consultancy

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for about five weeks) to facilitate the data summary, data analysis, and report writing financed under this Grant. This Agreement is limited to the first component with the second component being financed through a Buy-in to a centrally funded project.

The survey data will be collected, summarized and analyzed by the N&JD, which will also be responsible for publishing the survey results. The N&JD will be assisted by a short-term U.S. consultant in analysis of the data and preparation of the survey report (preliminary findings).

A. Specific Tasks

- i. Selection of sample of 2,000 households according to the procedure outlined in the Nutritional and Health Surveillance Feasibility Report (USAID), with the assistance of the DCS.
- ii. Training of enumerators.
- iii. Preparation and field-testing of questionnaire.
- iv. Design of computer program for data entry, verification and summary and for preparation of output tables.
- v. Data collection with the assistance of DCS staff.
- vi. Data entry and verification.
- vii. Data summary, tabulation and analysis.
- viii. Preparation of draft survey report.
- ix. Publication of final survey report.

B. Reporting Requirements

The N&JD/MPPI will submit a draft of the preliminary survey findings to USAID, followed (three days later) by a debriefing at USAID, which will be attended by

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relevant USAID and GSL staff. The preliminary results, observations, conclusions and recommendations will be presented and reviewed at this meeting. The N&JD/MPPI will incorporate comments of USAID and GSL staff and submit a revised report to USAID prior to the departure of the U.S. consultant from Sri Lanka. The N&JD/MPPI will publish the final survey report and submit at least ten copies to USAID within two months of the USAID debriefing.

IV. Implementation Schedule

The survey will commence in early July and be completed by around August 31, 1993. Data entry and verification will be completed by around September 30, 1993. Data tabulation and analysis and preparation of the draft survey report will be completed (with the assistance of the U.S. consultant) by around October 31, 1993. Publication of the final report will be completed no later than December 31, 1993.

V. Payment Procedures

Through this Agreement funds will be provided to the N&JD/MPPI for conducting a Nutrition and Health Survey in Sri Lanka and for delivering a specific product to USAID, namely the survey report. USAID will issue payment to the N&JD/MPPI in three installments, as shown below.

- a. \$15,000 to be paid as mobilization payment (i.e., 30% of total budget) for initiating survey activity upon signature of LSGA by grantee and submission by grantee of request for such payment.
- b. \$10,000 to be paid after N&JD/MPPI has completed data entry and verification and submitted a relevant computer printout to USAID.
- c. \$25,000 to be paid after N&JD/MPPI has published the final survey report and submitted at least ten copies to USAID.

**ATTACHMENT B
ILLUSTRATIVE BUDGET**

US DOLLARS

i.	Preparation and printing of 2,000 questionnaires	5,000
ii.	Training of 100 enumerators	3,500
iii.	Field-testing of questionnaire	2,500
iii.	Data collection (7 Provinces)	17,000
iv.	Design of computer program	3,000
v.	Data entry and verification	9,000
vi.	Data tabulation	5,500
vii.	Preparation of draft survey report	2,000
viii.	Publication of survey report (500 copies)	2,500

Total US\$ 50,000

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