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FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT

Grant No # 99

COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

FARM TRACTION MANAGEMENT IN FARAH

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Target Area(s):

Farah Center (21-01)	Khake Safaid (21-02)
Qalai Kah (21-08)	Jowain (21-011)

Grant Period:

June 1, 1993 to November 15, 1993

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I. Summary of project

A. General Outcome :

Five tractors, three threshers, two trollies and other accessories of agricultural machinery were purchased and transported to Farah Center. The transportation was considerably delayed and completed by the end of October according to the radio message received.

The availability of farm machinery is being publicized in Farah Center and other districts of Farah.

Staff has been recited and the tractors were being used as field test of equipment. General outcome of the project can only be assessed in course of time and when field reports are received.

B. Major Events Affecting Implementation :

Transporting heavy agricultural machinery was a challenging assignment. Delays and wait period due to security and other problems were unavoidable. Non availability of experienced drivers also affected the outcome of the project.

C. Community Contribution :

Yet to be ascertained.

II Project Achievements

A: Goal :

To establish a financially sustainable farm power cooperative that provides local farmers with labor saving farming technology, increase farming efficiency during critical periods in agricultural cycle, and generate US \$ 15,000 annually to support the project, salary and staff and implement a pilot credit-lending scheme in Farah province.

Objective One:-

By the end of project period 875 families will utilize 1500 hours of tractor time to till and plough 2250 jeribs of land in four districts of Farah where 622,715 Jeribs would be cultivated in subsequent years.

Activities:

The transportation of tractors was considerably delayed and was completed in October. As a result the objective could not be achieved at the time of writing of this report. The activity was restricted to Farah Center only and that too on a small scale which may be considered as training and for gaining experience.

Objective Two :

By the end of project period Rs 100,000 of revenue would be generated through 1500 rent-hours of tractor time. In subsequent years an income of Rs; 393,750/= per year will be generated to sustain the farm traction program and contribute towards a local credit scheme.

Activities :-

The program has since been delayed, the objective has yet to be achieved.

III Unanticipated Activities

Nothing in particular.

IV Obstacles

A 1. Unsuccessful or Uncompleted Activity.

a Problem (s) :

While transporting the tractors and other machinery, security along the route via Kandahar posed serious problems.

To find transporters from Chaman to Farah at reasonable rates was

difficult.

The people in Farah are not in a position to pay hiring charges of tractors readily for ploughing their fallow land.

b Action(s) Taken :

Proper armed guard was arranged from Spin Buldak to Kandahar and a different group from Kandahar to Farah Center.

The problem of transportation also was carefully handled and executed on competitive charges.

B. General Difficulties

Initial reports from the field indicate that villagers wish to cultivate their fallow land but they are financially weak to pay the hiring charges of tractors. At the time of writing this report none of the tractor was sent for utilization outside Farah Center into other districts.

V Conclusions

The drivers have been recruited and the less experienced drivers are being trained by other competent drivers of tractors and CHA's mechanical engineer.

Due to delay in transportation of tractors the project has not been fully implemented the periodic field reports are awaited.

VI Project Monitoring

A joint monitoring is expected by IRC and CHA. The dates have not yet been finalized. At present CHA has received brief radio messages from Farah.

VII Evaluation

A. Project Impact:

Farm power is now available in at least four districts of Farah where most of the cultivable land was not being utilized due to shortage of man power. Prospects of utilization of fallow land have improved in the years to come. The publicity for availability of farm power is expected to show positive results.

B. Methods and Criteria for valuation:

The project has recently been completed and the field reports have not been received as yet.

SUMMARY TABLE

Description of Input	Unit Measure	Quantity Purchased	Unit Cost (Rs.)
Tractors	Item	5	225,500
Threshers	Item	3	50,000
Trolleys	Item	2	45,000
Tractor Accessories 1 (c) to 1.(h)	Item	As per budget	278,000 (total cost)
Fuel Cost	Liters	3,750	5
Lubricants (as per budget)	-	-	1,500
Spare Parts	Items	As per budget	6,000 (total cost)
Salaries	Month	As per budget	As per budget
Field Office Cost	As per budget	As per budget	218,000 (total cost)

N.B. Details of expenditure from the field have not been received.