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Dr. Carlyle Guerra de Macedo
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Subject: Interamerican Conference on Society, Violence and
Health, Grant No. 598-0000-G-00406100

Dear Dr. Guerra de Macedo:

1. I have the honor to refer to your letter request of June 15, 1994, relating to an Interamerican Conference on Society, Violence and Health.
2. I am pleased to inform you that, pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Government of the United States of America, acting through the Agency for International Development (hereinafter "USAID") hereby grants to the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization (hereinafter "PAHO" or "Grantee"), the sum of \$50,000 to be used for support of the Interamerican Conference on Society, Violence and Health to be held in November 1994. The Conference objectives are to call attention to the need to give increased priority to the problem of violence and its impact on society and health; to build consensus among national and international institutions on the most effective means to support democratic values and respect for human rights in societies without violence; to launch a grass-roots regional movement to build non-violent communities; and, to encourage the governments of the hemisphere to commit individually and through international organizations sufficient financial resources to reverse the trend of increasing violence.
3. USAID's total contribution to the Conference will be \$50,000.
4. This Grant is effective and obligation is made as of the date of this letter and shall apply to expenditures made by the Grantee in furtherance of Conference objectives as set forth in Attachment 1 paragraph D.

5. This grant is made to the Grantee on condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Attachment 1 (Schedule); Attachment 2 (letter request including conference agenda and proposed total conference budget); and Attachment 3 (Standard Provisions); all of which have been agreed to by your organization.
6. It is understood that financial records, including documentation to support entries on accounting records and to substantive charges to this Grant shall be maintained in accordance with the Grantee's usual accounting procedures, which shall follow generally accepted accounting practices. All such financial records shall be maintained for at least three (3) years after final disbursement of funds under this Grant.
7. It is understood that the funds granted hereunder shall be disbursed as set forth in Standard Provision 12., "Payment (Letter of Credit)."
8. The Parties agree that this Grant and the activities financed therewith shall be managed by the Grantee in accordance with its established policies and procedures. The proposed budget for this grant is provided in Attachment 1 paragraph D.
9. The Grantee shall prepare and submit to USAID the required financial and technical reports in accordance with Attachment 1 paragraph E.
10. This Agreement may be terminated in accord with Standard Provision 4., "Termination Procedures."
11. Present statutory and other authorities prohibit the use of USAID funding for programs in certain countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. One country which may not receive USAID funding under this agreement is Cuba. USAID will inform PAHO in writing of other countries which may, because of statutory or other prohibitions, become ineligible to receive USAID funding during the life of this project or of countries to which statutory or other prohibitions no longer apply.
12. PAHO shall obtain written concurrence from each appropriate USAID/Mission's HPN officer for the selection and travel of each participant traveling with funds provided under this grant.
13. USAID co-sponsorship of this conference does not imply endorsement of a specific "Declaration" calling upon the heads of state of the American republics to confront violence and to mobilize human and financial resources for its prevention and control. Any "Declaration" drafted as part of this conference will need to be endorsed by USAID as a separate action, apart from this Grant.

14. Please indicate your acceptance of this grant by signing the original and eight (8) copies of this letter in the space provided below and returning the original and six (6) copies to the Grant Officer. Two copies may be retained for your files.

15. The USAID Technical Office responsible for monitoring this Grant is the Health, Population and Nutrition Division, Office of Regional Sustainable Development, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (AID/LAC/RSD/HPN), Room 2247A-NS, Washington, D.C. 20523-0010.

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BY: 
Kenneth Ellis

TITLE: Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator
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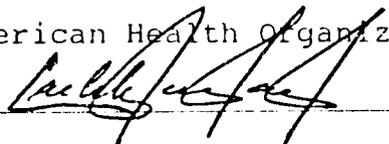
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Attachments:

1. Schedule
2. Letter of Request with Attachments (Program Description and Proposed Budget)
3. Standard Provisions

ACCEPTED:

Pan American Health Organization

BY: 

TITLE: Director

DATE: August 24, 1994

Appropriation No. 72-114/51021.1
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Attachment 1

SCHEDULE

A. Purpose of Grant

The purpose of this Grant is to provide support for the Interamerican Conference on Society, Violence and Health, as more specifically described in Attachment 2 (request letter with attachments - program description and budget) of this Grant.

B. Period of Grant

1. The effective date of this Grant is the date of this letter. The estimated expiration of this grant is May 31, 1995.

2. Funds obligated hereunder are available for program expenditures as described in Attachment 2 (request letter with attachments - program description and budget) from the date of this letter to May 31, 1995 as shown in the grant budget below.

C. Amount of Grant and Payment

1. The total amount of this Grant for the period shown above in B.1 is \$50,000.

2. Payment shall be made to the Grantee in accordance with procedures set forth in Attachment 3 (the Standard Provisions.)

D. Grant Budget

The following is the Grant Budget.

\$50,000 - Primarily for Travel and Per Diem Expenses for approved representatives from Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica to participate in the conference.

Remaining funds to be used for conference services and preparation of conference proceedings.

E. Reporting and Evaluation

1. The Project Officer at AID/LAC/RSD/HPN shall be a member of the coordinating committee in charge of planning and monitoring the preparation and execution of the conference.

2. All co-sponsoring institutions will be identified by their logo and name in all correspondence and public information literature.

3. A final Conference report will be submitted no later than May 31, 1995.

4. A preliminary (not Audited) financial Statement will be submitted no later than May 31, 1995.

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June 15, 1994

Mr. Ramon Daubon
Deputy Assistant Administrator
for Latin America
United States Agency for International
Development
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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Daubon:

We were pleased to learn that USAID has accepted our invitation to co-sponsor the Interamerican Conference on Society, Violence and Health, which will be held at our Headquarters on 16 and 17 November. The attached documentation, which describes objectives, agenda items, and criteria for the selection of participants should provide you with the details that you require to make a final decision regarding the level of the Agency's contribution.

The Conference will address and hopefully reach consensus on very broad issues, which should orient, not just PAHO's future technical cooperation policy and efforts in the area of prevention and control of violence, but those of co-sponsoring agencies and Member States alike.

All co-sponsoring institutions will be identified by their logo and name in all correspondence and public information literature, and their presence and visibility will be ensured during the inaugural session and throughout the Conference. In addition, we would like a representative from USAID to participate in the coordinating committee in charge of planning and monitoring the preparation and execution of the Conference.

USAID's contribution to the Conference will be mostly earmarked to guarantee the attendance of the Agency's priority countries within the Region (Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica). The Conference's overall budget and proposed share allocation amongst sponsors is part of the enclosed documentation. Disbursements could be made in two parcels, fifty per cent by August 31 and the balance by November 1. You should receive the final report of the Conference and a preliminary (not audited) financial statement by 31 May 1995.

If the information provided herein is insufficient for the Agency to make a decision, please feel free to contact Dr. Helena Restrepo, who is directly responsible for the Conference, or Dr. Irene Klinger, who is responsible for establishing contacts, and mobilizing resources on behalf of the Organization for this and other initiatives.

With continued best wishes,

Carlisle Guerra de Macedo
Director

Attachments
Booklet/Budget

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***INTERAMERICAN CONFERENCE
ON
SOCIETY, VIOLENCE AND HEALTH***

**16-17 November 1994
Washington, D.C.**



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BACKGROUND

Violence is a historical phenomenon related to very particular social conditions. In regions and cities of the Hemisphere, where violence has become a way of life and a means of survival, entire populations have been desensitized to the worth of life and to the practice of mutual respect. Thus creating a milieu, where violence is considered a normal part of life.

Deaths and injuries caused by acts of violence are increasing in the Region of the Americas at an alarming rate. Young male adults are affected principally by armed confrontations, social and labor unrest, and situations of poverty and inequity. Children who have been displaced from their homes; those left orphaned, wounded, or mutilated as a result of armed conflicts; street children, those who work, and those denied adequate care and protection; children who are subject to physical and sexual abuse. They are the least able to defend themselves against violence. The physical, verbal, and symbolic assaults against women not only affect their physical and emotional integrity, but also infringe upon their rights and perpetuate inequality in gender relations. The large number of victims and the significant physical and emotional consequences of these acts, make of violence a high priority public health problem.

THE CONFERENCE

The Interamerican Conference on Society, Violence and Health responds, in part, to a call made by the Pan American Health Organization to its Member Governments to examine the impact of violence on the lives of the peoples of the Americas, and to initiate activities to develop non-violent societies for the XXI Century.

OBJECTIVES

- ISSUE A DECLARATION CALLING UPON THE HEADS OF STATE OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS TO CONFRONT VIOLENCE AND TO MOBILIZE HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR ITS PREVENTION AND CONTROL.
- Build a consensus among national and international development institutions on the most effective means to support democratic values and respect for human rights in societies without violence.
- Launch a grass-root regional movement to build non-violent communities.
- Encourage the governments of the Hemisphere to commit individually and through international organizations sufficient financial resources to reverse the trend of increasing violence.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

First Day

Registration

Inaugural speeches

Key Note Address

FIRST PANEL

- ***Violence as a Public Health Issue***

The panel will address the impact of violence in society and in health, and the promotion of public policies as a means of stimulating the development of non-violent communities.

SECOND PANEL

- ***Towards a Democracy without Violence***

The panel will address State, political and social violence. It will emphasize the importance of respect for human rights, democracy, the rule of law, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

THIRD PANEL

- ***The Political Economy of Non-Violence***

The panel will address the social, economic and political dimensions of violence. The panelists will examine the problems of violence and their impact on national planning and municipal development, and the importance of this topic in socio-economic development in general.

Second Day

FOURTH PANEL

- ***A Culture of Peace for the XXI Century***

The panel will discuss the most important cultural aspects that contribute to violence, and the possible contribution of artistic expression to non-violence.

FIFTH PANEL

- ***Building Non-Violent Social Relations***

The panel will address violence related to gender, child, family and ethnic and other minorities and their impact on society and culture. Special attention will be given to promoting tolerance and peaceful conflict resolution.

PLENARY SESSION

Presentation of the Declaration of the Conference.