The United States Economic Assistance Program in the Federal Republic of Cameroon Administered by The Agency for International Development

Status as of December 31, 1965

The United States economic assistance program was formally initiated in the F[redacted]ith the signing of a bilateral agreement May 26, 1961.

A liaison officer was assigned to the United States Embassy January, 1961 by the International Cooperation Administration (ICA), predecessor of the Agency for International Development (AID), to assist in the program in Cameroon.

An aid mission was established August 1961, with the arrival of the first mission director. In September 1963, following the director's completion of tour, the mission, as such, was dissolved and the director's authorities were delegated to the Ambassador. AID Mission personnel were then assigned to the Embassy under the direction of the Ambassador, acting through the AID Affairs Officer. AID personnel in Cameroon on December 31, 1965 are listed in Annex C.

In fiscal years 1961-1965, the United States Government, through the Agency for International Development, approved the following amounts of assistance for Cameroon (expenditures are shown as of December 31, 1965):

($1.00 = 245 CFA)

	U.S. $ Millions		CFA Millions	
	Obligations	Expenditures	Obligations	Expenditures
Technical Assistance	7.4	5.2	1,811	1,278
Commodity Import Program	1.9	1.9	467	467
P.L.480, Title III Foods	.4	.4	88	88
Administrative Expenses	1.1	1.1	260	260
Development Loan	9.2	3.4	2,254	837
Total Assistance	20.0	12.0	4,880	2,930

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In addition, under Title III of Public Law 480, the U.S. Government has provided approximately 1,900 tons of powdered milk, corn meal, wheat flour and rice (valued at $358,000 - CFA 88 million). These food products were distributed without cost to Cameroonian hospitals, schools and regroupement centers. The shipment of the commodities from the United States and their distribution in Cameroon were arranged by UNICEF and the Catholic Relief Services. The ocean freight was financed by AID and the internal transport costs by the Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

The agreement for a loan in the amount of $9.2 million (2,254 million CFA) was signed on August 27, 1963. The loan will finance part of the construction costs of the 300 kilometer extension of the Transcameroon Railroad from Yaounde to Belabo. The railroad extension is being jointly financed by AID and the European Development Fund of the EEC. The latter has agreed to a grant of $17.3 million - CFA 4,226 million. In addition, the Government of France has already financed the engineering design and plans for the project and has agreed also to finance access roads, railway station installations and rolling stock. The value of the French contribution is expected to amount to about $8.9 million - CFA 2,190 million of grant funds plus a loan of $1.3 million - CFA 300 million. Construction of the railroad extension began in September 1964.

A loan of approximately $3.8 million for reconstruction of a section of the Kumba Mamfe road in West Cameroon was authorized in 1965, but an agreement covering the terms of this loan has not been signed with the Cameroon Government. The project calls for reconstruction of the northern 64 miles of the road. Reconstruction of this section will consist of widening the roadbed to accommodate two way traffic, realignment and regrading, improvement of the road foundation and drainage and surfacing with laterite or black top depending on the grade characteristics of the particular section.

Regarding the Technical Assistance funding noted in the table above, a brief description of individual projects is given in Annex A. Information on the Commodity Import Program is shown in Annex B.

ANNEX A

Part I

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

as of December 31, 1965

Fiscal Year (FY) 1965 is July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1965

1. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION

OBS: FY '62-'64: $188,000 (CFA 46 million)
FY '65 : $ 88,000 (CFA 22 million)

Purpose of Project

Assist the West Cameroon Government to diversify agricultural production and improve quality by expanding and improving its agricultural extension program. Provide three long-term specialists and several short-term consultants in poultry, marketing and livestock, as well as training grants and demonstration equipment. Under the project it is also planned to provide the services of an agricultural economist to C.I.D.E.P., the study bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs in Yaounde.

Status of Project

The Near East Foundation has sent an agricultural extension agent, horticulturalist, and poultry advisor to West Cameroon. The first of these three arrived in West Cameroon in November 1964. The agricultural economist is being recruited. Demonstration equipment has been provided and additional purchases are anticipated. Seven short-term participants have received training in the U.S. as well as two long-term participants who will receive degrees in Agronomy and Soil Sciences. Cumulative expenditures to December 31, 1965 were $79,000 (CFA 19 million).

2. COCOA DISEASE CONTROL

FY '64: $200,000 (CFA 49 million)
FY '65: $300,000 (CFA 74 million)

Purpose of Project

To assist the East Cameroon Government in its program to control the two major diseases of cocoa caused by an insect (capsid) and a fungus (brown pod rot). The funds are used for the purchase of portable sprayers, insecticides and fungicides which will be sufficient to treat approximately 125,000 acres (50,600 hectares) of cocoa plantings. $900,000 (CFA 225 million) will be provided by various agencies of the Cameroon Government for additional sprayers and insecticides for the current capsid control campaign. See also Annex B Counterpart funding.

Status of Project

"Zones Pilotes Americaines" have been set up in three different regions. A system of distribution and method of payment have also been set up by the Cameroon Government. The 1965/66 cocoa prices have been established and the spread between superior quality and standard grades has been increased from three to ten francs a kilo. Sprayers, insecticides and fungicides ordered from FY '64 funds have been delivered. Approximately $230,000 obligated from dollar and counterpart funds are currently blocked awaiting the establishment of the agreed upon special revolving fund. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $203,000 (CFA 50 million).

3. ELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT

FY '62-'64: $33,000 (CFA 8 million)

Purpose of Project

To assist the West Cameroon Electricity Corporation solve certain administrative problems, obtain technical advice on methods of expanding the power production of the Corporation, and provide training for Cameroonian technicians. AID financed two short-term surveys to provide technical guidance on questions of concern to the Electricity Corporation. Two scholarships for engineering study in the U. S. were also financed. Four additional Cameroonians were given a short-term (4 months) study tour of rural electrification in the U. S. (these four were financed under the Manpower Training Project). No further assistance in this area is anticipated. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $30,000 (CFA 7 million).

4. FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS

FY '62-'64: $550,000 (CFA 135 million)
FY '65 : $159,000 (CFA 39 million)

Purpose of Project

To furnish technical and material assistance to the West Cameroon ministries (Ministry of Cooperatives and Community Development and Ministry of Local Government) concerned with the construction and maintenance of secondary roads.

Under the Community Development Ministry's program, the people themselves build most of the roads. The Ministry provides financial assistance for purchasing materials not available in the area and AID contributes technical guidance, hand tools, culvert rings, cement and steel beams for bridges. AID-financed earth-moving equipment is used only for especially difficult sections of road projects. The AID contribution to the program of the Ministry of Local Government consists of four units of road maintenance equipment and technical assistance. Training of Cameroonian personnel is an important part of each activity. See also Annex B, Counterpart funding.

Status of Project

One engineer arrived in Cameroon in October 1962; a second in September 1963. In FY '65, the direct hire engineers were replaced by two contract engineers (DMJM). Road construction has been greatly assisted by five Peace Corps Volunteers. In FY '66 emphasis will be placed on maintenance of existing secondary roads rather than on new construction. Under the program, equipment costing $457,000 (CFA 112 million) was ordered from the United States and has arrived in Cameroon. An additional $26,000 (CFA 6 million) has been ordered from fiscal year 1965 funds. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $562,000 (CFA 138 million).

5. HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

FY '62-'64: $2,119,000 (CFA 519 million)
FY '65 : $ 456,000 (CFA 112 million)

Purpose of Project

a. Organize, within the Public Works Department, West Cameroon, a highway division to assist in the planning and improved direction of West Cameroon's program of road development and maintenance.
b. Accelerate the development of necessary Cameroonian skills related to activity (a) mentioned above, both in West and East Cameroon.
c. Provide laboratory equipment and assist in the establishment of laboratories at Yaounde and Victoria capable of analysing the relevant properties of soil, asphalt and concrete.
d. Increase the rate of road improvement carried out directly by the forces of the Directorates of Public Works of the two Federated States by providing each state with certain road construction and maintenance equipment.

e. Provide three area engineers for the West Cameroon P.W.D.

Status of Project

Laboratory workshop and road construction equipment in the amount of $1,438,000 (CFA 352 million) has been procured from the United States and delivered to the two Public Works Departments and an additional $85,000 is on order. Under the contract with the American firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall (DMJM), engineers and technicians for the West Cameroon Department of Public Works (including one for East Cameroon) are being provided. The first of these technicians arrived in September 1963 and a total of nine were on board as of December 31, 1965.

Three area engineers are being recruited and should arrive early in 1966. The contractor also provides a technician to carry out a training program for personnel of the East Cameroon Public Works Department. Seven employees of the Public Works Department are now in training in the U.S. Six are studying for Bachelor of Science degrees in engineering and the seventh is combining a year of graduate study with practical experience. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $1,788,000 (CFA 438 million).

6. KUMBA-MAMFE ROAD (Road Survey)

FY '62-'64: $205,000 (CFA 50 million)

Purpose of Project

The purpose of the project was to finance a contract with a qualified engineering firm to carry out a detailed technical and economic feasibility study for the construction of some 64 miles of the Kumba-Mamfe road in West Cameroon. The survey has been completed and the final report has been reesented to the Cameroon Government. See introduction regarding a loan for construction of the Kumba-Mamfe road. Cumulative expenditures on December 31, 1965 were $205,000.

7. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT SURVEY

FY '65: $50,000 (CFA 12 million)

Purpose of Project

To make a survey of highway maintenance equipment requirements of the Federal Government of Cameroon in order to determine the justification for providing additional units of equipment and upgrading the present road maintenance program. A team (Battelle Institute) is currently making the survey. No funds have been expended to date.

8. C-47 (DC-3) AIRPLANE

FY '62: $53,000 (CFA 13 million)

Purpose of Project

The purpose of the project was to provide the GFRC with a rehabilitated C-47 airplane to permit the government to improve its liaison with the various regions of Cameroon. The aircraft was delivered in Yaounde August 1963 and is currently in the service of the Cameroon Air Force. As of December 1965, all of the $53,000 has been expended.

9. MEASLES VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

FY '65: $565,000 (CFA 130 million)

Purpose of Project

To lower the incidence and mortality from measles, the most serious communicable disease in Cameroon among babies and children. The U. S. plans to assist the GFRC in vaccinating up to one million children (between the ages of six months and six years) during the next two and a half years. Assistance will be in the form of vaccine, mass innoculation equipment, (ped-o-jets) refrigeration trucks, and short-term professional personnel. Some equipment has arrived (two mobile clinics, vaccine and 12 ped-o-jets) and to date 200,000 doses of vaccine have been administered. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $173,000 (CFA 42 million).

10. WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY SERVICES

FY '63-'64: $29,000 (CFA 7 million)
FY '65 : $34,000 (CFA 8 million)

Purpose of Project

To assist the West Cameroon Department of Public Works develop a financial plan for the expansion of adequate safe water supplies in urban centers, to train Cameroonian technicians and administrators and to assist in the design and operation of water supply installations. Two short-term surveys were financed to assist in assessing problems and needs in the field of water supply development. An AID sanitary engineer who arrived in December 1963 spent a year and a half in West Cameroon with the Public Works Department. Laboratory equipment, drafting supplies, and a limited amount of survey equipment were procured for this project. The project has been terminated. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $59,000 (CFA 14 million).

11. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

FY '63-'64: $143,000 (CFA 36 million)
FY '65 : $ 92,000 (CFA 23 million)

Purpose of Project

To assist the Cameroon Government in the development, staffing and equipping of the College of Arts, Science and Technology - an institution in West Cameroon offering advanced level general certificates of education and one and two year terminal technical diplomas. See also Annex B, Counterpart funds.

Status of Project

A school administrator and a science advisor arrived in Cameroon in October and November 1963 respectively. The College has been transferred from Kumba to Bambui. Remodeling of existing buildings and construction of new buildings are underway. Laboratory and other equipment and supplies valued at $94,000 have been provided to the College. An addition-

al $18,000 of equipment and books, including that needed to give middle-level agricultural training, has been ordered. The College now enrolls 180 students, 59 of whom are in an Agricultural Staff Training Program. The teaching staff includes six PCV's. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $222,000 (CFA 54 million).

12. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, WEST CAMEROON

FY '63-'64: $233,000 (CFA 57 million)
FY '65 : $ 64,000 (CFA 16 million)

Purpose of Project

To provide a temporary principal for the Technical College at Ombe, West Cameroon, assistance in reorganizing the school's curriculae, training for teaching staff, and develop and expand West Cameroon's program of manual arts and sciences training in the primary schools. A U.S. technician became acting principal of Ombe in September 1962. Under the project, 20 students have been sent to the U. S. for long-term (more than one year) training and one for a short-term course. Six new Manual Arts Centres have been constructed and ten additional centres are being built. In recognition of the improved curriculum and facilities at Ombe, the Federal Minister of Education in June 1964 changed the name of the school from Trades Center to the Government Technical College. The U.S. technician departed in May 1965 and all but three of the trainees have completed their training and returned to Ombe. Except for the last trainee due to return in January 1967, the project is completed. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $243,000 (CFA 60 million).

13. ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING

FY '62-'64: $208,000 (CFA 51 million)
FY '65 : $ 31,000 (CFA 8 million)

Purpose of Project

To improve and expand the English language training facilities in Yaounde. The English Language Training Center offers teacher training for English teachers, intensive and semi-intensive English language training, serves as a library and exchange center for information relative to the teaching of English as a foreign language and carries out research in teaching techniques and applied linguistics. See also Annex B, Counterpart funds.

Status of Project

Under a contract with English Language Services, Inc., two specialists have been provided. Electronic equipment, including a 40 positions language laboratory, has been delivered and installed in the space provided for the Center in the Ecole Normale Superieure. The project was officially inaugurated by the Federal Minister of Education in June 1964.

To date some 450 students have attended classes at the Center. Cumulative expenditures on December 31, 1965 were $183,000 (CFA 45 million).

14. MANPOWER TRAINING

FY '62-'64: $107,000 (CFA 26 million)
FY '65 : $ 86,000 (CFA 21 million)

Purpose of Project

To finance short-term technical training and long-term college level training in fields (such as agriculture and other applied sciences) where the lack of trained manpower is a critical factor in economic development.

Status of Project

In fiscal years 1961-'65 thirty grants have been financed for periods of less than one year for participants in agriculture (12) various aspects of cooperative activities (8), teacher training (6) and in industrial development studies. In the same period thirteen long-term grants (more than one year) have been financed for degree training in agriculture, other applied sciences and teaching, together with post graduate studies in statistics/demography and business administration. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $113,000 (CFA 28 million).

15. PLANNING ASSISTANCE - WEST CAMEROON

FY '63-'64: $180,000 (CFA 44 million)

Purpose of Project

To finance an economic survey to serve as the basis for a regional development plan for West Cameroon as part of the Second five-year plan for the Federal Republic of Cameroon. The Stanford Research Institute of Menlo Park, California carried out the survey. The first members of the contract group arrived in June 1964, and the survey was completed a year later. The seven volume report is available in English and French at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Plan, Yaounde. Cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 1965 were $158,000 (CFA 39 million).

16. URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DOUALA

FY '61: $311,000 (CFA 76 million)

Purpose of Project

To assist the Government of Cameroon and the Municipality of Douala to construct and/or improve the streets and drainage facilities in the New Bell quarter. Equipment, vehicles and asphalt were turned over to the Government of Cameroon in March 1962. The project was partially implemented but original objectives were not reached. The project has been terminated and the special equipment has been retained by the

Municipality of Douala or transferred to the Cameroon Army Engineers and the Municipality of Yaounde. As of December 31, 1965, all funds ($311,000) had been expended.

17. RECONSTRUCTION

FY '64: $62,000 (CFA 15 million)

Purpose of Project

Assist the Cameroon Government in its program to improve the economic and social conditions in the troubled areas, particularly in the Bamileke Departments. The U. S. has made funds available for the procurement of supplemental equipment for classrooms and dispensaries being constructed with counterpart funds. It is anticipated that the equipment will come partly from U. S. Government surplus stocks and partly from other sources such as U. S. Army field hospital equipment. See also Annex B, Counterpart funds.

Status of Project

A small amount of the equipment has been delivered (beds) and the remainder should be delivered by June 1966. As of December 31, 1965, no funds had been expended.

18. SPECIAL SELF-HELP AND DEVELOPMENT

FY '65: $25,000 (CFA 6 million)

Purpose of Project

To provide assistance to one-time, low cost, constructive projects where speed is important and the emphasis is on self-help. Status: five projects have been chosen. Among these five, assistance to the Bamenda Handiwork Cooperative, has proved to be particularly effective. As of December 31, 1965, $6,000 (CFA 1 million) had been expended.

ANNEX B

COMMODITY IMPORT PROGRAM

Status of Counterpart Funds

as of December 31, 1965

Total funds originally granted for financing counterpart-generating imports were $2,180,000. Of this total only $1.9 million was actually utilized to generate counterpart funds totalling 467 million CFA.

To date project agreements totalling CFA 332.2 million ($1.4 million) have been signed for the counterpart projects described below. Additional project proposals are under discussion.

Counterpart Projects Approved to Date

		Obligated (CFA)	Released (CFA)
1.	RECONSTRUCTION IN TROUBLED AREAS	164,600,000	90,000,000

Construction of dispensaries, schools, maternity clinics, kindergartens and related structures in 25 towns in eight departments plus one secondary road.

2.	COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE	70,000,000	14,000,000

Renovation, improvement and construction of facilities at Bambui, West Cameroon, to permit the transfer of the College of Arts and Science from Kumba to Bamenda (Bambui).

3.	ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTER	3,000,000	3,000,000

Leasing of a building for the Center, purchase of classroom and office furniture and operating expenses until June 30, 1964.

4.	FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS	5,000,000	5,000,000

Purchase of cement for the construction of bridges and culverts and the financing of modifications to a trailer supplied by the U.S. for transporting bridging materials.

5.	COCOA DISEASE CONTROL	25,000,000	16,750,000

Finance the procurement of hand sprayers and fungicides to assist with the program to control brown pod rot in cocoa plantings.

		Obligated (CFA)	Released (CFA)
6.	DOMESTIC SCIENCE TRAINING	4,600,000	4,600,000

Finance twelve months of training for twenty West Cameroonian domestic science teachers at the University of Nigeria at Nsukka.

7.	TRANSCAMEROON RAILROAD	50,000,000	50,000,000

Finance a working fund to assist in the implementation of the transcameroon railroad project. Upon completion of the project the funds will revert to the special counterpart account for reprogramming.

8.	ELECTRIFICATION OF BAFANG	10,000,000	10,000,000

Assist the commune of Bafang to finance the installation of an electricity distribution network in the town.

	TOTAL	
	OBLIGATIONS	RELEASES
	CFA 332,200,000 ($1.35 million)	CFA 193,350,000 ($789 thousand)

ANNEX C

U.S. AID Personnel in Cameroon

on December 31, 1965

Name	Title	Location
(Direct Hire)		
Felix J. Lapinski	AID Affairs Officer	Yaounde
Donald L. Atwell	Program Officer	Yaounde
D. Ford Brown	Acting Controller	Yaounde
Donald B. Quintero	Supply/Training Officer	Yaounde
Cornelia Smith	Secretary	Yaounde
Alfred W. Ford	TDY (Program)	Yaounde
Joe Jones	AID Coordinator/Engineer	Buea
Irene Willwerth	Secretary/Admin. Ass't.	Buea
John Laird	Education Advisor	Bambui/Bamenda
Walter Holmlund	Education Advisor/Science	Bambui/Bamenda
Robert Peters	TDY (Auditor)	Yaounde
(Contract)		
English Language Services		
Elmer Fales	Chief of Party/Instructor	Yaounde
Richard Norton	Instructor/Equipment Specialist	Yaounde
Daniel, Mann, Johnson, & Mendenhall		
Chester G. Smith	Chief of Party/Engineer	Victoria
Paul M. McDonough	Materials Test Engineer	Victoria
Thomas Balent	Parts & Warehousing Specialist	Victoria
Rudy Aguilar	Heavy Equipment Specialist	Victoria
Clarence Frank	Heavy Equipment Specialist	Bamenda
Edward Jones	Heavy Equipment Specialist	Yaounde
Wallace Nyrop	Highway Design Engineer	Victoria
Douglas E. Scholen	Secondary Road Engineer	Kumba
Joaquin M. Capulong	Secondary Road Engineer	Bamenda
William Runge	Ass't. Highway Maint. Engineer	Victoria
Eleanor Ladd	Secretary/Office Manager	Victoria
Near East Foundation		
Leon O. Clayton	Chief of Party/Extension Adv.	Buea
Raiford Williams	Poultry Specialist	Muyuka
Josef F. Carlier	Horticulture Advisor	Bambui/Bamenda