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ACTION MEMORANDUM TO ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA

FROM: AAA/AFR/DR, John Koehring *JK*

SUBJECT: Zambia: Refugee Support (AFRICARE): 690-0201
Extension of the Expiration Dates of the PAAD
and Grant Agreement.

Problem: Your approval is requested to extend the term of PAAD No. 78-4 by one year, to March 31, 1982. This PAAD was approved September 24, 1978, by the AA/AFR, under Project 690-0201, Refugee Support, and provided for a program grant to AFRICARE for its program of assistance to refugees in Zambia. (A copy of the PAAD) is attached, Tab A).

Discussion: In September, 1978, the AA/AFR approved a PAAD authorizing a program grant of \$1 million to AFRICARE to assist in financing that organization's program of refugee assistance, specifically its program for agriculture, health, education and commodity assistance to the Meheba refugee community in north-western Zambia. The focus of the program was on food production, with emphasis on practical agricultural instruction in the primary schools, and secondarily among non-school youth and farmer leaders. The estimated delivery period of the services cited in the PAAD was to be from September 1, 1978 to March 31, 1981.

Implementation of the grant was delayed at the outset and did not begin until March 31, 1979 when an agreement between the Ministry of Home Affairs and AFRICARE was signed. In a letter dated December 5, 1980, the Zambian Commissioner for Refugees in the Ministry of Home Affairs requested AFRICARE to extend the term of the agreement by one year, to March 31, 1982. AFRICARE, by its letter dated January 16, 1981, requested A.I.D. to extend Grant AID/afr-G-1468 for the identical period. (copies of these letters are attached, Tabs B and C). AID/Zambia concurs in the extension request (Tab D).

A mid-project evaluation (Tab E) was conducted in July 1980, by the Zambian Commissioner for Refugees, the AID Representative in Zambia, the AFRICARE Representative, and others. The most significant achievement reported in the evaluation was that Meheba has achieved basic self-sufficiency in food production at an accelerated pace, due in considerable measure to the AFRICARE program. Satisfactory progress has been made in health and education. Refugees are benefitting from the provision of medical

supplies which were unobtainable in the past, and the assistance in education has enhanced the efficiency of the two primary schools.

A one-year extension of the PAAD and the corresponding Grant Agreement will permit AFRICARE to assist the Government of the Republic of Zambia to phase out international assistance for the Meheba Refugee settlement, to strengthen the refugees' self-sufficiency in food production, and generally to help the refugees to manage their own affairs. Because of the initial six-month delay in implementation of the grant, the actual implementation period is increased by only six months, from two and one-half years to three years. No additional funding is required.

Recommendations: That you authorize a one year extension of the delivery period of PAAD 78-4 and the terminal date of the Grant Agreement AID/afr-G-1468 from March 31, 1981 to March 31, 1982. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Approved: W. W. Haven North

Disapproved: _____

Date: 19 MAR 1981

Attachments: As stated

Clearances:

GC/AFR;TBork	Date	3/9
AFR/SA:LPompa	Date	12/19/81
AFR/SA:MVDagata	Date	3/13/81
AFR/DR/SA:WWolff	Date	3-11-81
AFR/DR:NCohen	Date	3/17/81
AFR/HA;HFarnham	Date	1/3/81
DAA/AFR (Acting) RStacy	Date	11/18/81

AFR/DR/SA:AHarding:rcj:3/9/81