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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA

FROM: AAA/AFR/DR, John W. Koehring

SUBJECT: Gambia Community Development Services Training Center
(Sahel AIP 625-0937)

Problem: Your approval is requested to authorize an extension of the Project Assistance Completion Date (PACD) for the subject project from March 19, 1982 to July 19, 1982.

Discussion: The subject project provides support to the Community Development Services Department, an arm of the Gambian Ministry of Economic Planning and Industrial Development. The project is part of a broader effort to rationalize community development as a national activity and to move its organizational and administrative focus away from the capital (Banjul) area. The project consists principally of building a training center made up of a dormitory block, classroom, library and kitchen-dining room. Total cost of the project, which was approved on August 24, 1977, is \$380,000.

Certain construction has been delayed due to problems encountered during and after the attempted coup in The Gambia in July, 1981 as well as the need to certify financial procedures for local currency projects. The finishing work on the kitchen, dining room library building, fence and purchase of library commodities is all that remains to be completed and The Gambia Mission believes that this work and associated disbursements can be completed by July 19, 1982.

Justification: The PACD extension herein is essential to the successful completion of this project. Without this additional time, the center will not become operational and efforts to train community development personnel would be severely inhibited.

Recommendation: That you approve the extension of the PACD from March 19, 1982 to July 19, 1982 to permit completion of the Community Development Services Training Center in The Gambia.

Clearances:

DAA/AFR:WHNorth _____
AFR/SWA:FGilbert _____
GC/AFR:LDeSoto _____
AFR/DR:NCohen _____

AFR/DR/SWAP:JMcCabe _____
AFR/SWA:HWoods _____
AFR/DP:SSharp _____
AFR/DR/ENGR:Tummarello _____

Drafted by: AFR/DR/SWAP:JSchlesinger:fn:3/22/82

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PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT

COUNTRY: The Gambia

PROJECT: Community Development Services Training Center

PROJECT NUMBER: 625-0937

1. Pursuant to Section 121 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Community Development Services Training Center Project was authorized on August 24, 1977. That authorization is hereby amended as follows:

- a. The Project Assistance Completion Date is extended from March 19, 1982 to July 19, 1982.

F. S. Ruddy
Assistant Administrator .
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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA

FROM : AAA/AFR/DR, ^{John W. Koehring} ~~John W. Koehring~~

Problem: Your approval is requested to authorize an additional \$125,000 for completion of the Community Development Services Training Center in The Gambia. (Sahel - AIP - 625-0937)

Discussion: The project agreement for construction of the Community Development Services Training Center was signed on March 20, 1978. A copy of the proag is on file in AID/W, however, the AIP itself is not.

The project provides support to the Community Development Services (CDS) Department, an arm of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Industrial Development (MEPID). CDS has promoted community development in The Gambia for over 17 years, an activity that is accorded priority within the five-year Development Plan currently in progress.

Specifically, the project forms part of a broader effort to rationalize community development as a national activity and to move its organizational and administrative focus away from the Capital (Banjul) area. Construction of a Training Center will enable the CDS to embark upon a long-term program for periodic training of 40 current community development workers, 15-20 new personnel, and up to 120 village and other leaders.

Funds made available under the project agreement totaled \$255,000, and were itemized as such:

Horticulture technical assistance	\$ 15,000
Dormitory Block	123,900
Classroom	33,500
Kitchen-dining room	65,200
Library	<u>17,400</u>
Total (including furnishings)	\$ 255,000

The MEPID contracted the work to local masons, painters, etc. in accordance with Government-sanctioned local construction practices, and the GOTG provided transport, materials, stores and special tools. CDS reports that the classroom and dormitory are expected to be completed by late June, 1980. Completion has been held up pending arrival of roofing materials.

However, the project is in need of additional funds to complete the kitchen, dining room, library complex, without which the center cannot become fully operational. The supplementary funds requested total \$125,000 bringing total

project costs to \$380,000. This request for supplementary funds is due to initially underestimated construction costs which have been worsened because of fluctuations in the exchange rate and inflation-induced raises in labor and material costs.

The Congressional Notification for this supplementary funding activity expired on May 10, 1980.

The Project Officers responsible for this activity are:

Mr. Joel Schlesinger
AFR/DR/SFWAP

Mr. Anthony Funicello
OAR/The Gambia

Justification: The funds herein requested are essential to the successful completion of the project. Without these funds, the center would not become fully operational and efforts to train community development personnel would be severely inhibited.

Recommendation: That you approve this amendment to the project authorization increasing total life of project funding by \$125,000, from \$255,000 to \$380,000, to permit completion of the Community Development Services Training Center in The Gambia.

Clearances:

DAA/AFR:WHNorth *WH*
AFR/DR/SFWAP:JRMcCabe *JRM*
AFR/SWA:GMacArthur (draft)
AFR/SWA:JShampain (draft)
GC/AFR:GLEce (draft)
AFR/SWA:JJohn (draft)
AFR/DP:JAnderson (draft)
AFR/RA:EYates (draft)
AFR/DR:NCohen *NC*
AFR/DR/ENG:FZobrist *FZ*

Drafter:AFR/DR/SFWAP:JSchlesinger:dc:7/9/1980

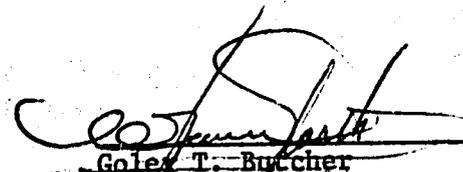
PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT

Name of Country: The Gambia

Name of Project: Community Development
Services Training Center

Number of Project: Sahel - AIP - 625-0937

1. Pursuant to Section 121 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Community Development Services Training Center Project was authorized on August 24, 1977. That authorization is hereby amended as follows:
 - a. The AID life-of-project budget total is increased by \$125,000, from \$255,000 to \$380,000.
2. The authorization cited above remains in force except as hereby amended.


Goley T. Butcher
Assistant Administrator
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