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August 26, 1983

Ms. Dorothy Garrison  
Permanent Representative  
for Niger  
Africare  
B. P. 10534  
Niamey, Niger

Subject: Grant No. AID-683-0245-G-SH-0001

Dear Ms. Garrison:

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "A.I.D." or "Grantor") hereby grants to Africare (hereinafter referred to as "Africare" or "Grantee") the sum of \$750,000 to provide support for the procurement of goods and services under the Tara II Rural Irrigated Agriculture Development Project as described in the Schedule of this Grant and Attachment 2 entitled "Program Description."

This Grant is effective and obligation is made as of 31 August 1983 and shall apply to commitments during the period beginning with the effective date and ending 30 August 1986.

This Grant is made to Africare on condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in Attachment 1, entitled "Schedule," Attachment 2, entitled "Program Description," and Attachment 3, entitled "Standard Provisions," which have been agreed to by your organization.

In addition, the following Conditions Precedent will be fulfilled by Africare prior to the disbursement of any funds under the Grant:

1. Prior to any disbursement, or the issuance of any commitment documents pursuant to which disbursement will be made, Africare shall furnish to USAID/Niger, in form and substance satisfactory to USAID/Niger, evidence that Africare and the GON have agreed that Africare is authorized to undertake the activities as described in the Program Description, Attachment 2 to the Grant Agreement, for the Tara II Rural Irrigated Agricultural Development Project, including agreement to provide such GON inputs as detailed therein.

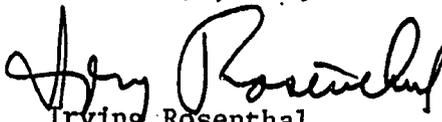
2. Prior to any disbursement, or the issuance of any commitment documents pursuant to which disbursement will be made, Africare shall submit to USAID/Niger, in form and substance acceptable to USAID/Niger, evidence which reflects Africare's agreement with the Government of Niger (GON) that (a) Action has been taken to assure that the method for delivery of water to the irrigated perimeter has been resolved and that a reasonably sufficient volume of water is available in the dry season for irrigated agricultural purposes; (b) ONAHA will make its technicians available to maintain pumps and canals on a cost reimbursement basis; (c) that meteorological data will be collected by the meteorological station at Gaya; (d) that close ties will be maintained with INRAN in conducting applied research trials and the project financed soils survey; and (e) that sales of goods by individual farmers participating in the project will not in any way be tied to official quotas.

3. Prior to any disbursement, or the issuance of any commitment documents pursuant to which disbursement will be made, Africare will submit to USAID/Niger, in form and substance acceptable to USAID/Niger, a detailed budget and implementation plan for the project which sets forth specific, time-phased activities to be undertaken and identifies responsible action agents.

In addition, Africare hereby covenants (a) to continue working with the GON to determine corrective measures necessary for Tara's irrigation system as described in the 12 October 1982 letter from Africare to the Minister of Rural Development and (b) to maintain an account in which participating cooperatives deposit funds required to pay for maintenance costs of pumps and canals which provide them water.

Please sign the original and seven (7) copies of this letter to acknowledge your receipt of the Grant, and return the original and six (6) copies to me.

Sincerely yours,

  
Irving Rosenthal  
Mission Director  
USAID/Niger

Attachments:

1. Schedule
2. Program Description
3. Standard Provisions

ACKNOWLEDGED:

AFRICARE

BY: Dorothy P. Garrison  
TITLE: Residente Permanent  
DATE: 29 August 1983

Appropriation :	72-11X1012
Budget Plan Code:	GSHX-83-21683-KG13
Project No.:	683-0245
Total Estimated Amount:	\$750,000
Total Obligated Amount:	\$750,000
IRS Employer Identification No.:	23-7116952
Funding Source:	USAID/Niger
Project Officer:	Lance Jepson

SCHEDULE

A. Purpose of Grant

The purpose of this Grant is to support the Tara II Rural Irrigated Agriculture Development Project by financing the procurement of goods and services required to implement the Project.

B. Period of Grant

The effective date of this Grant is August 31, 1983. The date through which commitments can be made on this Grant is August 30, 1986.

C. Amount of Grant and Payment

1. AID hereby obligates the amount of \$750,000 for purposes of this Grant.

2. a. Payment shall be made to the Grantee in accordance with procedures set forth in Attachment 3, Standard Provision 7A, entitled "Payment--Federal Reserve Letter of Credit (FRLC) Advance."

b. The total obligated amount column under Section D to this Attachment, "Financial Plan," represents the total funds authorized to be expended by the Grantee during the period indicated.

c. Financial reports shall be submitted to the Project Officer listed on page 2 of the Grant Letter. The final "SF-269, Financial Status Report" shall include an attachment that shows expenditures for the Grant by line item.

D. Financial Plan

The following is the Financial Plan for this Grant. Revision to this Plan shall be made in accordance with Standard Provision 6 of Attachment 3 to this Grant, entitled "Revision of Financial Plan"

U.S.A.I.D.

1. Personnel and Fringe Benefits	\$	313,470
2. Travel and Allowances		141,803
3. Equipment and Supplies		73,000
4. Construction		21,000
5. Training and Other Costs		76,573
6. Indirect Costs (Overhead)		124,140
Sub-Total		749,986
Rounded To:		750,000
<u>Grantee/Other Donors</u>		617,362
Grand Total	\$	1,367,362

¶. Reporting and Evaluation

1. In accordance with the approved Project Paper for the Tara II Rural Irrigated Agriculture Development Project, implementing agents of the Project Grant will submit quarterly Activity Program Reports to the USAID/Niger Project Officer. In conformance with this requirement, Africare will submit quarterly reports to the Project Officer in the following format:

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ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT

ACTIVITY TITLE:  
ACTIVITY NUMBER:  
EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION:  
DEPARTMENT:  
CERTIFYING OFFICER:

I. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

This section should describe briefly the activity and its overall purposes. It should relate the activity specifically to the problem it is intended to address.

II. IMPLEMENTATION:

Specifically, with respect to the Implementation Schedule set forth, how well is this activity meeting target dates? In which areas is the activity behind or ahead of schedule? Why?

III. OBJECTIVES/TARGETS:

How well is the activity meeting its objectives? Targets and objectives which are quantifiable should be indicated and a brief outline provided of the major steps involved in reaching them.

IV. PHYSICAL PROGRESS.

Describe the state or stage reached in the physical execution of the activity (amount of work completed, state of work in progress, as applicable) and relationship to accomplishment of quantitative targets and objectives.

V. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL PURPOSES:

Describe fully.

VI. DELAYS AND BOTTLENECKS (IF ANY)

Describe the nature and causes; what were the remedial actions taken or to be taken?

VII. NON-A.I.D. INPUTS:

What other essential inputs are involved in this activity (Government, private organization, religious, etc.)? Are their inputs on schedule? Are there delays or problems involving other donor inputs/Activity which relate to this activity? What is the nature of them?

VIII. OTHER COMMENTS:

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2. One copy of each report shall be submitted to the USAID/Niger Project Officer indentified in the cover letter to this Grant. In addition, two copies of each report shall be submitted to the Office of Development Information and Utilization, Bureau for Development Support, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C.20523. The title page of all reports forwarded shall include the grant number, project number, as set forth on the second page of the Grant letter, and project title.

F. Standard Provisions

The Standard Provisions for Grants with Non-Profit Organizations (dated February 1982 and attached as Attachment 3) constitute the Standard Provisions of this Grant.

G. Special Provision

The following Standard Provisions are hereby deleted from this Grant:

- 5B. Negotiated Overhead Rates--Nonprofit Organizations Other Than Educational Institutions
- 7B. Payment--Periodic Advances
- 7C. Payment--Reimbursement
- 10A. Procurement of Goods and Services Under \$250,000
- 13B. Title To and Care of Property (U.S. Government Title)
- 13C. Title To and Care of Property (Cooperating Country Title).

H. Overhead Rate

In conformance with the Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement of August 3, 1982 between A.I.D. and Africare, Africare's provisional indirect cost rate is 21.45 percent of personnel, travel, training and other direct costs, plus 10.70 percent of supplies, equipment and construction. This rate has been audited by AID/Washington and is to be applied to all Africare grants and contracts until such time as the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement is amended.

I. Title To Property

Upon termination of this contract, title to all commodities purchased with A.I.D. funds under this contract shall be retained by Africare for implementation of its ongoing development assistance program to Niger for as long as Africare shall remain an actively operational private voluntary organization in Niger. In the event that it should cease using the commodities for their intended general purposes, title to the commodities shall be turned over to an appropriate agency of the Government of the Republic of Niger. No property financed under this Grant, however, may be transferred to another party prior to termination of the Grant without prior written approval by the USAID/Niger Project Officer.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### A. BACKGROUND

In August 1975, at the request of the Government of Niger, Africare investigated the feasibility of establishing an irrigated agricultural program at TARA on the Niger River. Based on these studies, a \$3.5 million program was prepared and implementation begun in September 1975. The project was predicated on the notion that maximum participation by the people of TARA in the organization, management and implementation of project activities would achieve maximum results.

Phase I consisted of twelve major components: dike and irrigation system installation, rice production and research, cooperative development, credit, fisheries development, adult literacy, poultry production, appropriate rural technology production, community development, a farm-to-market road, primary health care training and agricultural extension. In July 1981 an evaluation team visited the TARA Project and concluded that a Phase II development plan should be pursued. In October 1982 Africare submitted to A.I.D. a proposal for a Phase II project. A "PID-like Document" was prepared on the basis of this proposal and approved by AID/W on July 12, 1983.

### B. OBJECTIVE

The project, which is to be implemented over a three-year period, seeks to increase the productive capability and economic opportunities of the villagers of the TARA community. This is to be accomplished through the support of village-level interventions such as exploitation of the existing irrigation system to increase rice production, the development of self-management and economic independence of local cooperative groups, and practically-oriented technical training for producers, artisans, women and cooperatives.

The project has three basic features which establish it as an effort consistent with A.I.D.'s institutional development strategy. The first revolves around the concept that the Project will be executed principally by Nigeriens themselves through their cooperatives, with foreign assistance oriented toward reinforcement of their institutions and their capacity to fully implement the project. The second feature is the integrated nature of the project which addresses the prominent aspects of rural development. In addition to strategies for increasing agricultural production, the project will address improved research, transportation, health and education.

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Finally, the third feature embraces village participation in every aspect of the project, i.e., food production, organization and management. More importantly, the project will serve as one of Niger's more visible models of river basin development projects for the long term. The role of Africare will be to provide technical assistance and intensive training to TARA's producers and cooperative members. Total A.I.D. funding to be provided for the project is \$750,000. The project has been formally requested by the Government of Niger.

### C. PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES AND OUTPUTS

Direct program beneficiaries will consist of those families participating directly in the project, primarily the people of TARA and certain members of neighboring villages. Through technical assistance and training, irrigated rice production is expected to increase by approximately seventy percent over the life of the project. Two hundred fifty-two families (about 1,800 people) will increase their incomes through the sale of rice they will produce on the TARA irrigation scheme. Eighty fishermen and their families will benefit from the adoption of modern fishing practices and increased marketing efficiency. One hundred twenty women and their families will receive income from raising poultry for meat and eggs. Twelve artisans will receive income from the production of animal traction equipment and hand tools.

Indirect beneficiaries of the program include villagers in the surrounding area who will benefit from the increased availability of food and services generated by the project. Local peanut and millet farmers will be able to market their goods in larger markets as a result of the Tara-Gaya road and transport services provided by farmers with ox-carts. They will also benefit through increased yields and reduction of labor requirements in dryland farming by taking advantage of contract plowing services offered by ox-plow owners. Area families will improve the quality of their poultry flocks by purchasing fertilized eggs of superior breeds from the poultry cooperative at TARA. Rice, eggs, chicken and fish produced under the project will be made available on the markets in and around Tara, Gaya and Dosso, thus contributing to the overall economic development of the region by providing markets for associated goods and services and by creating demand for other consumer goods. Finally, the increased availability of foodstuffs on the market as a result of the project will improve the nutritional status of the region's population.

#### D. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Africare will perform a coordination and technical assistance role in the design, implementation and evaluation of project activities. Subgrants will be made by the Project Director to the relevant GON services based upon approved proposals, implementation plans and budget forecasts.

The Project Director is an Agricultural Officer of the Department of Agriculture under the Ministry of Rural Development (MDR). ONAHA will assist the Project Director through direct supervision of the irrigation systems.

In addition to the full-time Agronomist, Community Development Specialist and Project Director and his staff provided by Africare, technical assistance will also be provided by several GON offices and agencies, as follows:

1. ONAHA (Niamey Department): Responsible to the MDR for accounting, purchasing and general management of the regional irrigation activities, and for coordination of the various seasonal plans and input needs of the irrigated schemes and for construction and maintenance of irrigation facilities.

2. Waters and Forest Service (including Game and Fish): Responsible for implementation of the fisheries component, excluding cooperative organization.

3. Livestock Service (Gaya): Responsible for poultry production, veterinary services and purchase and training of work oxen.

4. Animation (Extension): Responsible for training and motivating villagers while introducing concepts; conducting preliminary surveys; and laying the groundwork for other government services in the area of animation.

5. UNCC (Dosso): Responsible for review and approval/denial of requests for credit; collection of debt payments; and cooperative organization and development, including training.

6. INRAN: Responsible for assisting with applied field research and soil surveys.

(The structure for providing the above, with the exception of the Agronomist who will be brought onboard within 30 days of meeting the Conditions Precedent, is already in place as Africare is already working in the Project area.)

7. Public Works: Responsible for supervision of all repairs to the Tara-Gaya road.

8. Agriculture: Responsible for training farmers in new cropping techniques and for overall coordination of project activities.

Each of the above GON services, with the exception of Animation, will be responsible for providing their own personnel.