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NOTICE OF RECORD

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CORRECT PROJECT NUMBER IS: 017-0129

CORRECT PROJECT TITLE IS: West Nile II

VERIFIED BY: *Cole*
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CHIEF, AFR/PD/IPS.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA

From: *for* AFR/PD, Timothy J. Bork *MB*

Subject: West Nile Community Self-Reliance Project 

Problem: Your approval is requested for ad hoc delegation of authority to the Director, USAID/Uganda (or to a person acting in that capacity) to approve funding for a \$3,000,000, 5 year operational program grant, entitled West Nile Community Self-Reliance Project (617-0129). This project will continue the effort of USAID/Uganda to provided assistance to redevelop and rehabilitate the war ravaged area in Northern Uganda. This project will be implemented by CARE following the successful completion of the West Nile Agricultural Rehabilitation Project (617-0109).

Background: As a result of the Uganda civil war in 1979-80, thousands of refugees fled to Sudan and Zaire for their safety. When the current government came to power in spring 1986, many of these refugees began to return to their homeland. In May 1986, A.I.D. provided a \$4,300,000 grant to CARE to carry out a program in agricultural rehabilitation for refugee resettlement in two districts of West Nile. This project was the West Nile Agricultural Rehabilitation Project (617-0109). A final project evaluation in March 1990 concluded that WNARP has made a valuable contribution to agricultural development and recommended that it be extended for 2 to 3 years. The evaluation team also recommended that priority in the future should be given to agricultural development activities which have a community agricultural production focus. Based upon the team's recommendations, the Mission extended the PACD from September 31, 1990 to March 31, 1991, to allow CARE to complete on-going activities. The proposed new project would be a follow-on project to WNARP.

Discussion: The purpose of the proposed new grant is to increase the income and improve the health status of some 5,000 farm families in the Arua and Nebi districts of Northern Uganda. This project will rely on community mobilization as the basis of project implementation. CARE will train community development representatives selected from each community to assist communities in developing community action plans and implementing project activities. Communities will be mobilized to implement health projects which will include drilling of wells, protection of springs and the organization of water user committees and related training in basic health procedures. Community groups will also focus on agricultural and forestry activities to improve on-farm grain storage using locally available materials, soil and water conservation, grain production and milling, on-farm nurseries and woodlots, and the dissemination of market information. In addition, farmers will be trained at the District Farming Institute

and at on-farm trials and demonstrations. GOU agriculture and health field staff will work closely with community representatives to design assistance packages tailored to the needs of specific villages. Through the process of local planning and helping implement projects, village organizations will be strengthened to carry out village improvement activities with limited outside assistance.

The Government of Uganda is encouraging donors to provide developmental assistance to the north, including the Nile region. This project supports Uganda's strategy of encouraging local communities to become self-sufficient and allowing them to play a key role in the developmental process. This project has been included in the Government's National Five Year Plan and is in line with the GOU's policies for agricultural and water development. Concerning other donors, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will continue, as it currently does under the WNARP Project, to provide rural water supply equipment and supplies to CARE in the implementation of this project. The project is designed to address the most vulnerable rural communities in the project area by assisting them to increase their income and obtain secure food supply from their land. In particular, women will be assisted in improving their farming systems and in organizing and planning their own activities. The project falls well within the statutory areas of emphasis and the critical sectoral priorities (including agricultural production, health and income-generating opportunities) relative to the Development Fund for Africa.

If the new project achieves its goal, it is expected that: (1) some seventy-five (75) participating groups will be capable of prioritizing problems, planning and carrying out developmental activities; (2) 2000 farm families will have incorporated new crops into their farming systems, developed their own private woodlots, or will have undertaken other conservation measures; (3) 500 farm families will have been involved in agro-business such as oil-seed processing and grain milling; (4) agricultural-based income will have increased by 25 percent for farmers adopting project supported interventions; (5) GOU service agents will be fully trained, equipped and able to plan and deliver support to community self-help projects; (6) 100 springs will have been protected, 2000 wells rehabilitated and 50 new boreholes will have been installed; and (7) finally, 10,000 farm families will know the causes of preventable water-related diseases and will have adopted measures for prevention.

Recommendation: That you delegate authority to the Mission Director, USAID/Uganda (or to the person acting in that capacity) to approve funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 for Mission to proceed with an Operational Planning Grant (OPG) to CARE.

Approved: Langdon

Disapproved: _____

Date: 1/10/91

Clearance:

GC/AFR:KO'Donnell _____ (DRAFT) _____ Date 12/26/90
AFR/PD:PGuedet _____ JPG _____ Date 1/8/91
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