

PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (PAR)

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1. PROJECT NO. 524-11-110-057, 2	2. PAR FOR PERIOD: 7/1/70 TO 8/15/71	3. COUNTRY Nicaragua	4. PAR SERIAL NO. 72-2 4p.
5. PROJECT TITLE			

Agricultural Institutional Development

6. PROJECT DURATION: Began FY 58 Ends FY 71	7. DATE LATEST PROP 9/17/69	8. DATE LATEST PIP -	9. DATE PRIOR PAR 9/2/70
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10. U.S. FUNDING	a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: \$ 1,987,000	b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$ -	c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: \$
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11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Contractor, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)

a. NAME US Department of Agriculture	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO. LA (AJ) 46-00
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i. NEW ACTIONS PROPOSED AND REQUESTED AS A RESULT OF THIS EVALUATION

A. ACTION (X)			B. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
USAID	AID/W	HOST		
			This activity was terminated August, 1971.	

D. REPLANNING REQUIRES REVISED OR NEW: <input type="checkbox"/> PROP <input type="checkbox"/> PIP <input type="checkbox"/> PRO AG <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/T <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P	E. DATE OF MISSION REVIEW September, 1971
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PROJECT MANAGER: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE Carl D. Koone	MISSION DIRECTOR: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE William R. Haynes 9/31/71
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II. PERFORMANCE OF KEY INPUTS AND ACTION AGENTS

A. INPUT OR ACTION AGENT	B. PERFORMANCE AGAINST PLAN							C. IMPORTANCE FOR ACHIEVING PROJECT PURPOSE (X)				
	UNSATISFACTORY		SATISFACTORY			OUT-STANDING		LOW		MEDIUM		HIGH
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
1. USDA					X							X
2.												
3.												

Comment on key factors determining rating

The participating agency provided above average caliber personnel to service the project requirements; however, performance was limited by inadequate funding of the project by the host government and by the relatively low level of professionalism attained by extension staff.

4. PARTICIPANT TRAINING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
				X						X		

Comment on key factors determining rating

USAID funded approximately 30% of training costs. More was financed through such organizations as the National Extension Foundation. The cooperative extension service of the U. S. A. etc. The average academic level of training of extension agents remains low.

5. COMMODITIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5

Comment on key factors determining rating

N. A.

6. COOPERATIVE COURTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
				X								X
		2										X

Comment on key factors determining rating

a. Extension has good personnel; however, some are poorly motivated and lacking in knowledge of basic agr. cultural production and marketing techniques, hence the average rating.

Project support funds for travel, vehicle maintenance and repair, office supplies and demonstration material have been grossly inadequate.

7. OTHER DONORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
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Comment on key factors determining rating

II. 7. Continued: Comment on key factors determining rating of Other Donors

CARE - contributed vegetable seed and hand tools for garden projects.
CARITAS - Provided flour and cooking oil for school lunch program.
Nic. Private Sector - contributed fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides for demonstration purposes and cooperated with execution of demonstration projects.

III. KEY OUTPUT INDICATORS AND TARGETS

A. QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS		TARGETS: (Percentage/Rate/Amount)					END OF PROJECT
		CUMULATIVE PRIOR FY	CURRENT FY		FY ____	FY ____	
			TO DATE	TO END			
4-S Club membership	PLANNED	7,500	7,500	7,500			7,500
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	7,500	7,500				
	REPLANNED						
Professional Personnel trained X	PLANNED	70	70	70			70
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	70	70				
	REPLANNED						
On Farm Result Demonstration	PLANNED	4,000	4,000	4,000			4,000
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	4,000	4,000				
	REPLANNED						
School Gardens	PLANNED	250	513	513			513
	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	513	513				
	REPLANNED						

B. QUALITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS

- 4-S Clubs
 COMMENT: Members have a better understanding of 4-S Club work, have more individual projects, field days, recognition and achievement days, etc. Variable between extension agencies depending greatly on desire and motivation of extension personnel.
- Training of professional personnel X
 COMMENT: 25 (of a total of 70) have received some training abroad during last 3 years. All receive in-service training. All are somewhat better trained and are gradually realizing position responsibilities.
- On farm result demonstrations X
 COMMENT: Generally successful as a means of teaching value of improved seeds fertilizer and good cultural practices.

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IV. PROJECT PURPOSE

1. Statement of purpose as currently envisaged. 2. Same as In PROP? YES NO
To strengthen and upgrade agricultural extension programs and to improve the technical competence of Nicaraguan Agencies responsible for supplying leadership necessary for sound accelerated development of the agricultural sector.

B. 1. Conditions which will exist when above purpose is achieved

A sufficient number of Nicaraguans will be better trained so that they can plan and execute programs which will benefit the rural sector and the entire economy.

2. Evidence to date of progress toward these conditions. ✓

- a. Approximately 1/3 of the technical personnel have received an average of 4 man-months of training abroad during the past 4 years.
- b. Better programming.
- c. New activities initiated - hogs, potato improvement, bee keeping, and rabbit production.
- d. Specialists and supervisors more active.
- e. No. of 4-S members quadrupled over last 4 years.
- f. Quality of club work greatly improved.
- g. Closer cooperation with other government and private entities.

V. PROGRAMMING GOAL

A. Statement of Programming Goal

To develop agricultural programs and policies which will lead to more efficient agricultural production and marketing and a general increase in the level of living of rural people.

B. Will the achievement of the project make a significant contribution to the programming goal, given the magnitude of the national problem? Cite evidence.

Achievement of the project purpose would make a significant contribution to the programming goal. Considerable progress was made in the development of extension programs to promote use of improved production methods including use of improved seeds and agricultural chemicals, production of gardens and diversifying agricultural production. Further progress has been greatly restricted by inadequate budgetary support and the relatively low priority given this project by the central government.