

CLASSIFICATION
PROJECT EVALUATION SUMMARY (PES) - PART I

Report Symbol U-447

PROJECT TITLE Agribusiness RSSA	2. PROJECT NUMBER 931-1398.11	3. MISSION/AID/W OFFICE DS/AGR/AB
4. EVALUATION NUMBER (Enter the number maintained by the reporting unit e.g., Country or AID/W Administrative Code, Fiscal Year, Serial No. beginning with No. 1 each FY)		
<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR EVALUATION <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL EVALUATION		
5. KEY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DATES A. First PRO-AG or Equivalent FY _____ B. Final Obligation Expected FY <u>79</u> C. Final Input Delivery FY <u>80</u>	6. ESTIMATED PROJECT FUNDING A. Total \$ <u>130,000</u> B. U.S. \$ <u>130,000</u>	7. PERIOD COVERED BY EVALUATION From (month/yr.) <u>October 78</u> To (month/yr.) <u>May 79</u> Date of Evaluation Review <u>June 5, 1979</u>

8. ACTION DECISIONS APPROVED BY MISSION OR AID/W OFFICE DIRECTOR

A. List decisions and/or unresolved issues; cite those items needing further study. (NOTE: Mission decisions which anticipate AID/W or regional office action should specify type of document, e.g., algram, SPAR, PIO, which will present detailed request.)	B. NAME OF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	C. DATE ACTION TO BE COMPLETED
1. Design Plan of Work for Continuation of Project including PP (short form) PAF and PIO/T	DS/AGR/AB	June 30, 1979
*This is an ongoing project which is funded until there is no longer a need for the assistance it provides. (Project Number changed from 931-0060)		

9. INVENTORY OF DOCUMENTS TO BE REVISED PER ABOVE DECISIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation Plan e.g., CPI Network <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Plan of Work</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PIO/T <input type="checkbox"/> Logical Framework <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Project Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P	10. ALTERNATIVE DECISIONS ON FUTURE OF PROJECT A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Project Without Change B. <input type="checkbox"/> Change Project Design and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Change Implementation Plan C. <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue Project
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11. PROJECT OFFICER AND HOST COUNTRY OR OTHER RANKING PARTICIPANTS AS APPROPRIATE (Names and Titles) William L. Rodgers <i>WLR</i> DS/AGR/AB Mary Mozynski <i>MM</i> DS/AGR	12. Mission/AID/W Office Director Approval Signature <i>John R. Wilson</i> Typed Name John R. Wilson Date June 6, 1979
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13. The Agribusiness Division has utilized this USDA-RSSA primarily to secure capable agricultural economists and agribusiness specialists who would not otherwise be available to assist the Division in its project design and field support activities. This project has enabled the Agribusiness to better respond to Bureau and Mission requests for technical support in project design, review and evaluation and to design an increasing number of mission-responsive projects.

The USDA has assigned well-qualified personnel from its resource pool of talented agribusiness specialists familiar with all aspects of agricultural development to the Agency in an expedient manner. It has continually proven to be effective in providing experts with very little advance notice for both overseas and Washington work. Tasks have been carried out in various countries in Latin America, and the Near East and favorable reports concerning the quality of the expertise provided have been received. Therefore the objectives of the project design were met and the purpose of the RSSA was achieved. No major problems were encountered.

14. Evaluation Methodology

This is a regular annual evaluation by the project officer which assesses the procedures and accomplishments of the RSSA personnel in relation to the tasks assigned.

15. External Factors

The Division has received a considerable increase in the number of requests for assistance during the period covered by this evaluation. The regional Bureaus and field Missions have increased their demands on Agribusiness to provide technical support in project review, design and evaluation.

16. Inputs

The USDA has assigned very capable, output-oriented personnel to work with the Division and has demonstrated significant flexibility in identifying qualified short-term technicians for AID work. Therefore, the USDA has increased the Division's ability to provide AID field Missions and regional Bureaus with short-term USDA personnel for Washington and TDY assignments as well as enabling DS/AGR/AB to improve and expand its project design activities.

Furthermore, the USDA inputs have provided significant assistance in speciality areas in which AID has no permanent capability. The USDA has carried out an extensive program in research and outreach on a continuing basis and maintains a permanent staff of professionals. The RSSA enables the Division to tap these qualified professionals on an intermittent basis.

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17. Outputs

The outputs achieved during this evaluation year have exceeded previous years in both quality and quantity. Specialists provided by the USDA have prepared technical reports, designed and evaluated projects in Washington and at the AID field missions. Tasks have been undertaken in a number of countries in Latin America and Near East, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Paraguay and Morocco. The Division has received excellent reports concerning the quality of technical work it has been able to provide through the USDA-RSSA and from its own staff.

18. Purpose

The RSSA is designed to make available to AID field missions, regional offices and Washington-based support units agricultural economists and specialists having expertise in agribusiness rural area planning, policy analysis, project design and evaluation. This purpose has been effectively realized during the period of evaluation. A significant number of project design and evaluation tasks as well as special studies have been performed in Latin America, Near East and Washington. The USDA has successfully provided qualified, knowledgeable and efficient personnel to the Agency in speciality areas in which AID has a considerable shortage.

19. Goal/Subgoal

The ultimate goal is to improve the income and welfare of LDC rural people. This project contributes to the achievement of this goal through the provision of personnel who work with DSB and mission projects designed to address the economic and social conditions of the rural population, especially small entrepreneurs and through linkages to small farmers. The actual effectiveness of goal achievement will be determined in the future from conditions within the LDCs which have developed from these projects. It is noted that a number of external factors including the level of AID funding will also influence goal achievement.

20.. Beneficiaries

This project provides assistance in the review and design of AID projects, programs and policies. Considerable effort is made to develop activities which will be utilized to benefit the LDC rural poor. The personnel provided through this RSSA have been sensitive to the ultimate goal of AID project work and have executed their task responsibilities accordingly.

21. Unplanned effects

None

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22. Lessons Learned

The selection of the personnel in this project is very important. Professionals detailed to the requested tasks should have a familiarity with AID's goals and procedures to execute their assignments effectively and be familiar with the role of the private sector and its relationship to agricultural development.

23. Special Comments

This project has been highly effective in providing personnel in AID's shortage speciality areas. It has provided ready access to a pool of talented agricultural technicians familiar with all aspects of agriculture and development on very short notice. Therefore, sufficient flexibility exists to currently respond to the changing conditions of Bureau, Mission and Division support and the project should continue with no major modifications.

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