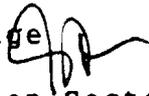


AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON DC 20523ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, BUREAU FOR  
ASIA AND NEAR EAST

FROM: ANE/AF: Gary Mansavage 

SUBJECT: Afghanistan--Education Sector Support Program  
(306-0202) Authorization Amendment

Action: We request your approval of an amendment to the Activity Authorization for the Education Sector Support Program to add \$900,000 to raise life-of-project funding to \$31.2 million.

Discussion: The Project was authorized on August 8, 1986 and included components in rural primary education, literacy training and a scholarship program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). On March 8, 1988, with AA/ANE concurrence, the Acting A.I.D. Representative amended the Activity Authorization to increase the life-of-project funding from \$8.9 million to \$14.3 million. The Office of the A.I.D. Representative prepared an Amended Activity Approval Memorandum (AAM) in November, 1988, proposing continuing activities in rural primary education, literacy training and the UNO scholarship program. The AAM Amendment also proposed new activities in manpower training and a new scholarship program based on providing support, in order to leverage scholarship contributions from U.S. colleges and universities. The AAM Amendment was reviewed by the Task Force on December 16, 1988.

All activities except the new scholarship activity were recommended for authorization (see the referenced Action Memorandum contained in TAB A). Task Force concerns included consistency with the Transition Strategy, uncertainty of placement after completion of studies and the relevance of study areas. In Islamabad 00835, the O/AID/REP requested that the decision to not approve new scholarship activities be reconsidered. The Task Force and the A.I.D. Representative reviewed the scholarship issues on January 25, 1989. While the Task Force concerns are still valid, the A.I.D. Representative convinced the Task Force of both the need for rebuilding the Afghan professional cadre drastically reduced by the ten-year war and the desirability of leveraging scholarships from U.S. colleges and universities by financing support costs. Priority for the scholarship aid should be given to those Afghans whose education was curtailed and whose degree work could be completed prior to December, 1992. Other concerns, i.e. study areas and placement, will be reviewed within one year, as part of the agreed-upon, overall project review.

Therefore, the Task Force recommends your approval of the support of U.S. college and university-offered scholarships, estimated to cost \$900,000. Project-financed support costs will include travel and per diem, English language training, other preparatory training, and, on a limited basis, some contribution towards room and board in those cases in which colleges and universities do not offer full room and board. In order to participate in the program, colleges and universities will have to contribute at least the tuition cost or its equivalent. This activity, along with other amended project activities will be carefully reviewed by mid-FY 1990.

In order to provide the O/AID/REP with flexibility in leveraging scholarships, the Task Force recommends that the PACD -- for this activity only -- be extended to December 31, 1995. The proposed extension does not involve any mortgage beyond the last year of currently planned obligations, i.e., FY 1991. However, it should be noted that any extension beyond December 31, 1992 is a policy decision.

New participant training (i.e. total costs assumed by the project), proposed in the AAM Amendment in the amount of \$1.8 million, is not recommended for approval at this time.

Recommendation: That you sign the attached authorization amendment (TAB B) increasing authorized funding by \$900,000 to \$31.2 million and extending the PACD for the activity to support college and university contributed scholarships to December 31, 1995.

Attachments:

1. Tab A: Action Memorandum and Amended Authorization, dated December 26, 1988
2. Tab B: Activity Authorization Amendment No. 3
3. Tab C: Outgoing authorization cable

Clearances:

DAA/ANE:TR Reese		Date: 2/16/89
ANE/AF:JMalick	<u>draft</u>	Date: 2/10/89
ANE/PD:RFVenezia	<u>1/2 for (see note)</u>	Date: 2/15/89
ANE/TR:BTurner	<u>draft</u>	Date: 2/14/89
ANE/DP:PBenedict	<u>draft</u>	Date: 2/9/89
GC/ANE:HMorris	<u>draft</u>	Date: 2/14/89
PPC/PB:MRugh	<u>draft</u>	Date: 2/14/89

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ACTIVITY AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT No. 3

Name of Country: Afghanistan

Name of Activity: Education  
Sector Support Project

Number of Activity: 306-0202

Pursuant to Section 904 of the International Security and Development Assistance Act of 1985, and the provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Education Sector Support Activity was authorized on August 8, 1986 with a life-of-activity funding of not to exceed Eight Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,900,000) in grant funds. The authorization was amended on March 9, 1988 to increase the life-of-activity funding to Fourteen Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,300,000). The authorization was amended again on December 26, 1988, to increase the life-of-activity funding to Thirty Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$30,300,000) and to extend the project assistance completion date to December 31, 1992.

Pursuant to Section 537 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY 1989, the authorization is hereby further amended to: (a) increase the life-of-activity by \$900,000 to a new total of not to exceed \$31,200,000 in grant funds, subject to the availability of funds in financing certain foreign exchange and local currency costs of the project; (b) approve the use of this \$900,000 solely to support a new activity component consisting of certain U.S. college and university-offered scholarships; and (c) to extend the project assistance completion date of this component alone to December 31, 1995.

All other items and conditions as provided for in the original activity authorization, as previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect, except as hereby amended.

  
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Bureau for Asia & Near East

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