

Trip Report
Campus Coordinator Support and Inspection Visit
July 14-19, 1983

Meeting with RDO/C (US/AID Barbados)

On July 14 I met with US/AID officials in Barbados to review project progress. Jim Hughes had recently returned from medical leave but was about to leave for six weeks of home leave. Bill Baucom had returned in mid-June from several weeks of home leave. Thus, it was an opportune time to refocus attention on CAEP because the key US/AID staff had been away for sometime. As noted in our March-June Quarterly Report to US/AID, no permanent US/AID staff participated in the RAEC meeting in St. Vincent during April. One of the items we discussed was the extent to which US/AID missed an opportunity in this regard.

Other items that were discussed were the evaluation proposal for Phase II; the format for certifying individual country progress in implementing National Extension Improvement Plans so that procurement can take place as required in Implementation Letter #1; the details of the St. Vincent loan scheme and US/AID requirements for such a scheme; the status of the CARDI Phase II proposal; and an agenda for the staff meeting to be held in Dominica.

Bill Baucom seemed pleased with project progress. I reported that we were on schedule with all aspects of the project. Jim Hughes had been invited to participate in our staff meeting, but would be unable to do so due to his home leave. Baucom reported that he would have two additional staff in the fall and with the addition of new staff, he hopes that RDO/C would be able to be more supportive of the project and more active in project activities.

Dominica Staff Meeting

All CAEP staff met in Dominica July 15, 16, and 17. George Saksa and Tom Henderson had developed a new format for the CAEP workplan. We went through that workplan item by item to fill in the details of all aspects of project progress and responsibilities. The new workplan format follows the items identified in the evaluation plan. Thus, each element of the evaluation is dealt with in the workplan.

Morale among all staff is very high. It has been a very busy time, but a productive time. As the quarterly report indicates, things are moving well in the project. It appears likely that five of seven countries will have sufficiently implemented their National Plans by the end of July the vehicle procurement can proceed.

One of the delights of the staff meeting was the high quality of interpersonal relationships among all of the staff. The Belize staff, both MUCIA and UWI, are getting along very well. The MUCIA team leader and UWI project director in Dominica are working well together. The UWI co-director and MUCIA communications specialist in Trinidad are working well together. As near as I can tell there are no areas of friction in interpersonal or working relationships. In addition, reports from MUCIA staff are that their families have settled in and are doing very well.

I wrote the Quarterly Report for submission to US/AID following this trip. That report provides the details of project progress so I won't repeat them in this trip report.