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TO : Mr. Joseph W. Jacobs, Project Manager

DATE: May 4, 1979

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Project Report: January, February, March 1979
Malaria Component, Endemic Disease Control Project 660-11-531-058

Project Purpose

The overall purpose is to strengthen the GOZ institutional capacity for monitoring and controlling communicable diseases during a five-year period. Malaria component outputs are:

1. Establishment of a model malaria control program in the Kinshasa region
2. Development of a cadre of GOZ health workers competent to deal with insect-borne diseases and environmental health, and the organization and infrastructure to support these activities.

Accomplishments

1. Following lengthy discussions with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, and Customs a permit for the duty-free entry of off-shore commodities was received.
2. Most offshore commodities have been received except vehicles.
3. Geographical reconnaissance was delayed in Ndjili Zone during all of January and most of February because of the lack of counterpart funds for necessary purchases. Results of one week in February and all of March were: 7,449 properties visited, which included 10,523 houses and 61,581 persons. Of the 36,573 children under 15 years of age seen, 2,027 complained of fever and 7,932 tablets of chloroquine distributed.
4. Two training sessions were conducted by Mr. Daniel Valery, WHO Engineer, as personal contributions to the program and not as a WHO assignment.
5. Additional program material for personnel training has been prepared by the AID Malaria Advisor and program staff.
6. A request, drafted for the Minister of Health's signature, asking for WHO staff assistance for our program, has been sent to the Ministry of Health.



Discussion

1. The lack of counterpart funds, as noted, has slowed program activities. Problems of successive currency devaluations and reorganization of the counterpart funds office have contributed to this delay.
2. The concept of scheduled events is a new one to the cadre of the malaria organization. Thus, much time is necessary to teach, to encourage and implement the program.
3. The program is generally on schedule.
4. Prospects for receiving transport adequate for program needs before June are not encouraging. Additional trucks were ordered in July 1978. Program now has only one rapidly aging pick-up truck.