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Dr. Joseph Kennedy
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1601 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington D.C. 20009

Grant No. AID/afr-G-1690

Subject: Specific Support Grant
PIO/T No. 685-0247-3-00024

Dear Dr. Kennedy:

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "A.I.D." or "Grantor") hereby grants to AFRICARE (hereinafter referred to "Grantee") the sum of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$211,344) to provide support for the project, "Village Woodlot Firewood Production," to be performed in the Region of Diourbel, Republic of Senegal as more fully described in the attachment to this Grant entitled "Program Description."

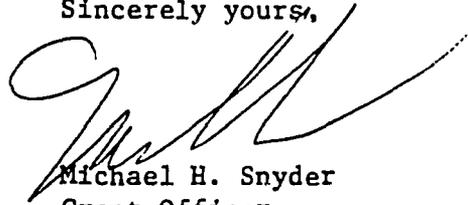
This Grant is effective and obligation is made as of the date of this letter and shall apply to commitments made by the Grantee in furtherance of program objectives through December 31, 1982.

This Grant is made to AFRICARE on condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in Attachment A entitled "Program Description," and Attachment B entitled "Standard Provisions" which have been agreed to by your organization.

Please sign the Statement of Assurance of Compliance, enclosed herein, and the original and seven (7) copies of this letter to acknowledge your acceptance of the conditions under which these funds have been granted.

Please return the Statement of Assurance of Compliance and the original and six (6) copies of this Grant to the Office of Contract Management.

Sincerely yours,



Michael H. Snyder
Grant Officer
Regional Operations Division, Africa
Office of Contract Management

Attachments:

- A. Program Description
- B. Standard Provisions
- C. Assurance of Compliance

ACCEPTED:

AFRICARE

BY: Joseph C. Kennedy

TYPED NAME: Joseph C. Kennedy

TITLE: Director of International Development

DATE: September 5, 1980

PIO/T No.-685-0247-3-00024

Appropriation No. -72-11X1012

Allotment No. -812-50-685-00-69-01

Amount Obligated - \$211,344

ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGULATION UNDER TITLE VI
OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Africare, Inc.

(hereinafter called the "Grantee")

(Name of Grantee)

HEREBY AGREES THAT it will comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Regulation of the Agency for International Development (22 CFR Part 209, 30 FR 317) issued pursuant to that title, to the end that, in accordance with title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under and program or activity for which the Grantee receives Federal financial assistance from the Agency; and HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Grantee by the Agency, this assurance shall obligate the Grantee, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is so provided, this assurance shall obligate the Grantee for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. In all other cases, this assurance shall obligate the Grantee for the period during which the Federal financial assistance is extended to it by the Agency.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Grantee by the Agency, including installment payments after such date on account of applications for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Grantee recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the United States shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Grantee, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Grantee.

Africare, Inc.

(Grantee)

BY (Signature)

Joseph C. Kennedy

TYPED NAME

Joseph C. Kennedy

Director of

TITLE International Development

DATE September 5, 1980

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

ATTACHMENT A

A. Background

The country of Senegal is one of the areas below the Sahara where trees are quickly becoming a scarce and precious commodity. Over the years, thinning and eliminating trees in order to increase the land used for food production has left many villages with greatly depleted forestry reserves. Intensive cultivation has contributed to the depletion of soil quality. The removal of vegetation from marginal land not suitable for agriculture has led to the gradual loss of permanent ground cover in many areas, resulting in soil erosion; and in less firewood available for local consumption.

The Government of Senegal (GOS) has begun to study problems, needs and potentials in order to undertake a national program of reforestation. Under the Ministry of Rural Development, Service of Waters and Forests (SWF), the GOS has made reforestation an area of emphasis, and has proposed local woodlot projects to deal with the problem at the village level. The SWF is training persons to support village woodlot programs, and villages are increasingly interested in participating. Start-up costs for materials, supervisory technical assistance and developing organizational and land-use management strategies are needed and will be provided as a part of the following proposed project.

B. Specific Objectives

AFRICARE/Senegal will assist the GOS and the inhabitants of rural areas to establish individual woodlots at the rate of 9 hectares or 5,625 trees per year in each of 40 participating villages. The project will begin in 8 villages the first year and include 32 additional villages during the second year, so that after five years, approximately 270,000 trees will have been planted. Planting will continue annually over a five-year period, so that each village will have a woodlot of approximately 15 hectares or 9,375 trees of which 15 to 20% will be harvested annually. The project is part of a program being undertaken by SWF to check and replenish seriously diminishing forestry reserves. The Government has already initiated a public information campaign and the SWF has done preparatory work with certain villages. The woodlots will be prepared with and turned over to village quasi-cooperatives that contribute labor and land on a self-help basis. The members of the cooperatives will be trained by the SWF and U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers in all activities necessary to plant, raise and harvest the trees. A land-use plan will be developed by AFRICARE for each participating village and an agreement on the distribution of benefits will be signed by each village cooperative and the SWF prior to planting any trees.

C. Administrative Personnel

AFRICARE will assist in meeting initial expenses of village woodlot development by providing funds for land preparation, seedling production, woodlot protection, extension assistance, and transportation. During the first year of the project, the village quasi-cooperatives will be organized

and their members trained in all woodlot production activities. Over subsequent years, the SWF will continue to provide technical guidance on woodlot maintenance, including yearly planting and controlled harvesting. SWF personnel assigned to the project will be one senior engineer as project manager (20% of time) and two field forestry technicians (50% of time during first two years and 33% of time thereafter). These officials are already serving with SWF in the Diourbel Region as the Regional Director and Departmental Field Technicians, respectively. No new SWF personnel are required for the project.

The Peace Corps will provide qualified technical personnel as Volunteers (PCVs) to reinforce SWF extension activities. Eight PCVs are expected to work for the project as village extension agents. They will encourage village participation, transfer skills in woodlot creation and management, assist in planning and data gathering activities, and act as on-site evaluators to signal changes needed to improve the project.

AFRICARE will be the primary administrator and manager of external aid being committed to the project. AFRICARE will coordinate the activities of the SWF and Peace Corps volunteers and provide for technical assistance consultancies as needed. As general project administrator, AFRICARE will be responsible for disbursement of funds, purchasing of commodities and technical inputs, implementation monitoring, reporting, project data compilation and evaluation. This will be handled by AFRICARE's representative to Senegal, technical assistance consultants, and AFRICARE's development team and administrative staff.

D. Project Implementation

The SWF regional office in Diourbel has selected 25 villages in two areas as possible project sites. The Peace Corps will survey these villages with the SWF and will select 8 villages to which the PCVs will be assigned. Four of the villages will be in the Department of NGoye and use a plantation woodlot approach and four of the villages will be in the Department of NDindy where some of the woodlots will use dispersed planting with intercropping of peanuts and millet. The village selection will be made from the following list:

Department of NGoye

Bakaponne
Mbelkhaoul I
Mbelkhaoul II
NDeck
Ndoudol Oualoff
Ndoudol Sessene
NDoudol NGoye
NDiemmann
Baback NDioudouf
Baback Ndioudior
Barry NDondol
Sessene
Bata
Zock Diadji
Keur Kao

Department of NDindy

Loumene
Diongo
NDindy
NDindy Gouye
Zhyssé Kelimann
Keur NGolgou
Keur Massaer
Palene
Zhiendieyne
NDailopp

The implementation of the project will be handled by the Diourbel Regional office of the SWF. After the selection of the eight initial project villages, arrangements for PCV service with SWF will be finalized. The PCVs will arrive in Senegal in mid-July and have language, technical and cultural training for 3 to 4 months. The PCVs will be assigned to project villages in November, upon completion of their training.

The project is divided into two parts, a plantation reforestation system and an intercropping reforestation system. Four PCVs and one SWF agent will be assigned to each system. Each SWF agent will work with and supervise four PCVs to accomplish the objective of this implementation plan. The reforestation plots will be prepared in advance of planting by the villagers under SWF and PCV supervision. The plantation plots will be plowed by a tractor to loosen the soil prior to transplanting the seedlings. This approach will provide better water penetration and therefore increase growth and a better survival rate. Village labor will also be used to clear the site and to prepare the land.

The village quasi-cooperatives are the primary mechanisms for village participation. The PCVs and SWF agents will work closely with village authorities and local government administrators to ensure the collaborative involvement of local populations in establishing and maintaining the reforested areas. The distribution of work, the timetable for site preparation planting, maintenance and harvesting, and the division of benefits will be collectively decided upon by the villagers and the SWF. This process is primarily an internal function of the village with the SWF performing role of outlining the necessary steps for implementation and the desired level of participation by the villagers.

Under this project, woodlots will be initiated in a total of 40 villages (8 during the first year and 32 more during the second). After five years of planting, each village should have a woodlot of 9,375 trees and an annual harvest of 15-20% of the trees or approximately 30-45 m³ of wood. The species to be used will be Eucalyptus camaldulensis, Azadirachta Indica (neem) and Acacia Albida. Depending on the land-use and planting system chosen by the villagers with PCV and SWF recommendations, one or a combination of these species will be used in each village. In addition to fuelwood species, other species may be incorporated to supply products for construction, food, grazing, live fencing, windbreaks, and other purposes. These would include species such as Prosopis juliflora, Pithecellobium dulce, Cassia Siamea, Anacardium occidentale (cashew), and others.

Implementation schedule - years 1 and 2:

November 1980	PCVs arrive at villages.
January 1981	PCVs and SWF agents start village organizational activities.
	Villages land-use plans developed, nursery and planting sites chosen.
	Vehicles and first-year supplies procured.

Feb. - May 1981	Continue village organization Prepare nurseries, site clearing, hole placement, boundary making. Site visits and monitoring; consultant assistance, as needed.
June - August 1981	Distribution and planting of seedlings Organization of village protection, including livestock control committees.
September - December 1981	Protection and maintenance of trees-weeding, guarding, nursery development. Procurement of second-year supplies. Site visits and monitoring; consultants as needed. First year evaluation.
January - February 1982	Organization of 32 new villages, Village land-use plans developed, nursery and planting sites chosen. Continued protection and maintenance of first year trees; determine survival rate and replacement needs. Site visits and monitoring - consultants as needed.
March - May 1982	Organize planting preparations; continue nursery activities Site visits and monitoring; consultants as needed.
June - August 1982	Distribution and planting of seedlings Organization of village protection and maintenance.
September - December 1982	Protection and maintenance of trees. Procurement of supplies for continuing project activities. Site visits and monitoring; consultants as needed. End of PCV service Project evaluation; end of AFRICARE assistance.

In the event that less than 8 PCVs are recruited by the Peace Corps, the volunteers will be split in two groups and the project will continue as planned, although in fewer villages. Additional volunteers will be recruited the second year of the project, so that the materials and administrative needs of the project will remain unchanged.

E. Project Evaluation

The Grantee will establish an evaluation program as an integral part of the project. A first year evaluation will occur in November-December 1981 and an in-depth final evaluation will be held in November-December 1982. Evaluations will be made by project staff and consultant assistance under the general guidance of the USAID Evaluation Officer, and will use the reports and informations collected for the project by the SWF and Peace Corps. The purpose of the evaluations will be to determine whether project objectives are being met and to judge the advisability of expanding the project. After

five years, when the first harvest occurs, USAID will conduct another evaluation to determine the effectiveness of village cooperative groups and the magnitude and distribution of project benefits.

F. Commodity Procurement

AFRICARE will be responsible for all project procurement, which will be done in accordance with good procurement practices and pursuant to AID regulations; Procurement includes one small pick-up truck, ten motorbikes, spare parts for vehicles, nursery supplies and equipment, and plantations hand tools.

Unless authorized by AID, in writing prior to procurement, all equipment and supplies purchased under the project shall have their source and origin in the United States or in Senegal.

G. Reports

AFRICARE will prepare semi-annual technical and financial reports which will show progress in achieving the goals of the project. As a minimum the reports will detail:

1. Technical

- a) AFRICARE personnel working on the project during the reporting period and the time each was available to the project.
- b) Peace Corps Volunteers working on the project and their principal activities.
- c) SWF personnel working on the project, their principal activities and time spent on project activities.
- d) Information on woodlot activities, including number of seedlings, raised, land prepared, trees planted by species and location, survival rate of trees, etc.
- e) Information on village participation in project activities like nursery work, site preparation, planting, maintenance and protection.
- f) Commodities purchased during reporting period and status of delivery and use of commodities.
- g) Problems encountered and remedies initiated or prepared.
- h) Outline of work to be carried out during next reporting period.

2. Financial

- a) Total funds received, disbursed and accrued, according to line items as contained in the Project Budget.
- b) An estimate of GOS contributions to the project.

A format for reporting on AID provided funds is provided below. The first report will be due December 31, 1980. The original and 2 copies of the report should be submitted to USAID/Senegal and 2 copies shall be sent to AFR/DR in AID/Washington with one copy to the AID/W Contracting Officer.

Financial Report

AFRICARE VILLAGE WOODLOT FIREWOOD PRODUCTION

Budget Item	Amount Authorized	Amount disbursed during Reporting eriod	Cumulative Disbursements
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A. Personnel			
Consultants			
Forestry			
Agents			
B. Commodities			
Pick-up truck			
Motorbikes			
Spare Parts			
Nursery			
Materials			
C. Other Costs			
Fuel			
Tractor Costs			
Contingency			
Costs.			
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Total			
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H. Amendments to the Grant Agreement

Negotiations for amendments to the Grant Agreement between AID and AFRICARE or to the Implementation Letters may from time to time be issued pursuant to the terms of the Grant.

I. Conditions

Prior to any disbursement of funds under the grant, AFRICARE will submit to USAID/Senegal, in a form and substance satisfactory to AID, evidence of a project agreement between AFRICARE and the Service of Waters and Forests.

J. Budget

The funds provided herein shall be used to finance the following items:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>From: 9/1/80 To: 8/31/81</u>	<u>From:9/1/81 To:8/31/82</u>	
Consultants	\$6,000	\$6,600	\$12,600
Travel	4,300	4,730	9,030
Allowances	13,250	14,350	27,600
Equipment, Vehicles, Materials & Supplies	38,040	29,640	67,680
Other Direct Cost	8,160	42,000	50,160
Overhead (26.5%)	<u>18,484</u>	<u>25,790</u>	<u>44,274</u>
	\$88,234	\$123,110	\$211,344

Within the total amount, the Grantee may adjust individual line items in an amount not to exceed 15% within prior written Grant Officer approval.

K. Alterations to Standard Provisions

1. Add Attachment 2 (Supplement) dated August, 1978.
2. The following provisions found in Attachment 2 are hereby deleted.
 - a. Standard Provision 7B - Payment, Periodic Advance
 - b. Standard Provision 7C - Payment, Reimbursement
 - c. Standard Provision 12B - Title to and Care of Property (U.S. Government Title)
 - d. Standard Provision 12C - Title to and Care of Property (Cooperative Country Title)