PD-AAJ-797
ISN 1388

Moffett → File: Peacock Monthly Reports

153

QUARTERLY REPORT

CONTRACT

GOb/AID 511-93

RESETTLEMENT ADVISOR, PROJECT CHA E/PRAY SAN JULIAN

LOA #511-T050

October 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

Submitted by:
Harry Peacock

1.0 Resumey of activities-

1.1 During the first half of October the trips to S.J. had the objective of verifying headway on the opening of roads, well drilling and activities of the Orientation Program.

a) The work on infrastructure was favored by better weather although it was hindered by lack of an adequate attention to necessic l problems.

b) As for the orientation program, work in nucleus 5 and 6 showed a continual progress in the material aspect; the community organization gave evidence of being ahead of what is normally expected. These two groups presently possess a capacity in organization that permits them to manage a group credit.

1.2 a) During the trip to La Paz in the second half of October, the urgency of being able to count on buildings for storage, housing and shops was considered. Mr. Hoover of AID, suggested the possibility of acquiring prefabricated buildings at a reduced cost, from "Excess Property" in the United States.

b) With the representation of the INC, the Banco Agricola, USAID and the advisor, the theme of Agricultural Credit was discussed. Points of the credit program have been established.

c) The need to establish the boundaries of the private properties that are in the colonization zone was once again noted.

d) The date of the inauguration of the study trail was set, for a commission composed of representatives of USAID, INC and BCL.

e) Details related to the location and functioning of the Agricultural Centers were defined.

f) I was introduced to the USAID technicians who will participate in an agro-socio-economic investigation on a national level, collaboration with government personnel.

1.3 During the second half of October, in the Santare area, the programmed meetings with the technicians from USAID, mentioned above were carried out.

1.4 Meetings were held with personnel that is developing programs for the training of future rural professionals, to apply new models of rural education in the area of L.J.

1.5 During this period, visits to the San Julian area, permitted the observation of the fact that the condicionnes, positive and negative, verified on previous visits presisted. Also it is pointed out that the hepatitis that attacked Mark Epp in the month of July, continues.

1.6 a) During the first half of November, with the arrival of the comission above mentioned in (d) of point 1.3 of this report, the projected inspection was attempted. In the end the inspection was not possible because of a serious mechanical imperfection suffered by the vechicle(1). The commission arrived to inspect the first 20 km. including the zone where the first two settled nucleus in the study trail area.

b) During Juan Steer's visit ample consideration was given to the maintence needs of the heavy equipment as well as the location of the future Technical Agricultural Investigation Center. Representatives from CIAT formed part of the Commission that couldn't accomplish it's objective.

c) Upon leaving the zone, on November 9 and 10, meetings were held with Dick Harrell, director of the British Mission who is advisor to CIAT. The limitations of the organization were noted, taking into account the fact of it's recent formation and the magnitude of the task it is assumming.

1.7 During the second half of November, a group of nurses in training from Santa Cruz worked in the area, as auxiliary nurses. They received prior orientation, on the importance of the colonization project, both in it's economic and social aspects. The antipaternalistic philosophy of the

---

(1) The Chevrolet pick-up was out of order from November 3 to 20, due to multiple mechanical deficiences.

project was explained to them as was the objective of forming dignified and self-sufficient producers. The nurses were backed up in their immunization work for polio and measles. The nurses stay was for the duration of 1 month.

1.8 During the week of November 22 - 26, only one DC tractor worked on the opening of community centers due to mechanical disorders.

1.9 November 25 and 26 meetings were held with Hans Gerber to discuss the possibilities of the future development of programs of technical support in the San Julián-Chanché/Hiroy zone. Mr. Gerber showed favorable disposition to investigate the incorporation of German resources, both through government channels and private agencies.

1.10 At the end of November the distribution of plants was carried out: "platano, garlic, guineo," and citrus were given to the nucleus at the opportune time to take advantage of the optimal conditions for transplanting. It is the first time that plants have been distributed in a general form and in the quantities (5 plants of each species) per colonist. The citrus were produced in the INC seed beds and the banana plants bought from colonists already established in the area.

1.11 The arrival of the commission composed of representatives from INC, SEC, DGRD and the General Contrlor's Office of the Republic was on December 1, entering the same day to the study trail and continuing the inspection on the 2. The objective of reaching km. 100 of the trail was not achieved because of a great number of trees that had fallen approximately from km. 60 on, at which place it was necessary to turn back. Never the less the inspection was positive.

1.12 December 3 I held a meeting with Mr. Hover in regard to the construction of the building for the shop.

1.13 December 5 a meeting with personnel from CIU and LIC Bolivia to discuss different aspects of the future N.DEFA, especially the planification of the urban center corresponding to each one. The contract was possible.

1.14 December 5 another meeting with personnel from the CIU to plan the training program for new personnel for 1977.

1.15 The following week and interview in Santa Cruz with Dr. Amy Clexton, representative of the Heifer International Project, respecting it's participation in the area.

1.16 Preparation of reports on December 6 and 9, following a period of vacations for the advisor from December 10 through the end of the year.

2.0

A. Problems

B. Recomendations

2.1 A. The project is in danger of sacrificing fundamental goals to give priority to implementation strategies. Difficulties which have resulted in the retardation of the project during the past two years should not at this point be projected upon the new colonists. Recrutment programs stimulated in order to catch up with projected figures will in the long term be counter productive. People should not be used to serve the ends of the project. It is worth keeping in mind that the normal flow of colonists will increase in proportion to the successful settlement of colonists in the San Julian area.

B. It is recomended that the implementation plan be adjusted in order to achieve the best possible balance between (1) receiving the normal flow of colonists without overt recruting, and (2) projecting the number of colonists to be settled each year on the basis of two times the number of nucleos ready to recieve colonists by Dec. 1 of the preceiding year.

2.2

A. It is essential that boundaries of priviate properties in the colonization zone be established in order to avoid future conflicts between ranchers and colonists

B. The authorized commissions should funtion on an on going basis beginning April 1 and continuing in the field until the job is finished.

2.3

A. In the event it is not possible to construct the entire 100 kms. of gravel access road as proposed in the project, the extent of road to be built should take into consideration the location of central nucleos and junctions with existing lateral roads at km. 82 +100 and km. 96 +168.

B. The proposed distribution of nucleos shows the possible location of a central nucleo at km. 78 + 200. However, if the gravel road were to be terminated at that point, access to the area beyond would be serverly handicaped by a "cañada" five meters deep at km.79 + 400 and a swampy area between km. 80 and km. 82. At km. 82 +100 there is a junction with the lateral road leading from the Frerking sawmill to the Rio Grande crossing, "Puerto Baneges". If there is a cutback in the length of the proposed road, km. 82 +100 should be the minimum length of all weather surface.

2.4

A. The project area is generaly flat with considerable extensions subject to seasonal flooding. It is established that as natural cover is cleared the run-off rate is increased. Ditches along roads may also increase the rate of drainage to the lower areas. It is unlikely that the main access road will serve to trap water since it runs in the general direction of the natural fall of the land and is designed with apparently ampel culverts, however, there does exist the possibility that lateral roads could serve in some cases to obstruct natural drainage patterns.

B. It is advised that the services of an engineer, specialized in drainage, be employed to point out potential problems and to suggest measures that should be taken to reduce future drainage difficulties.

2.5 A. During 1976 there was at times confusion as to lines of responsibility for those persons paid by the INC and assigned to work in the Orientation Programed directed by the United Church Committee. Likewise, the heads of the agricultural and health departments in the San Julian area encountered some frustration in defining their responsibilities with regard to activities being carried out in hea lth and agriculture in the Orientation Program.

B. It is recomended that during the month of May, as part of the general staff training program, administiative personell of INC from the La Paz office directly related to the San Julian Project, administrative personell from the INC office in Santa Cruz, field administrators assigned to the zone office at Los Cafes, and administrators along with those persons charged with responsibilities for leading the technical teams in the Orientation Program, meet together for a two day planning session. At this time specific job responsibilities should be defined and steps for further integration of the Orientation Program into the administrative structures of the National Institute of Colonization should be outlined. If possible it would be helpful to have as participants in this planning period representatives from USAID Rural Development Division and from ALDE.

3.0 Projected Trips and Expenses

3.1 January, 1977

DATE	PLACE	MODE OF TRavel	COST	PER DIEM
1 Saturday				
2 Sunday				
3	Montero			
4	Santa Cruz	Official		
5	San Julian	Official		$ 18.00
6	San Julian	Official		18.00
7	San Julian	Official		18.00
8	Montero			
9 Sunday				
10	Montero			
11	Santa Cruz			
12	San Pedro	Official		18.00
13	San Pedro	Official		18.00
14	San Pedro	Official		18.00
15 Saturday				
16 Sunday				
17	Montero			
18	Santa Cruz			
19	San Julian	Official		18.00
20	San Julian	Official		18.00
21	San Julian	Official		18.00
22 Saturday				
23 Sunday				
24	Montero			
25	Santa Cruz			
26	San Julian	Official		18.00
27	San Julain	Official		18.00
28	San Julian	Official		18.00
29 Saturday				
30 Sunday				
31	Montero			
		Totals - - - - - - - -		$216.00

4.0 Projected Trips and Expenses

4.2 February, 1977

DATE	PLACE	MODE OF TRAVEL	COST	PER DIEM
	66			6
1	Santa Cruz	Official		
2	Montero			
3	La Paz	LAB	$35.	$32.00
4	La Paz			32.00
5	La Paz			32.00
6	La Paz	LAB		32.00
7	La Paz - Santa Cruz		35.00	18.00
8.	Montero			
9	San Julian	Official		18.00
10	San Julian	Official		18.00
11	San Julian	Official		18.00
12	San Julian - Montero	Official		9.00
13	Montero			
14	Montero - San Julian	Official		18.00
15	San Julian	Official		18.00
16	San Julian	Official		18.00
17	San Julian	Official		18.00
18	San Julian	Official		18.00
19	San Julian	Official		m18.00
20	Montero			
21	Montero			
22	Montero			
23	Santa Cruz	Official		
24	Santa Cruz	Official		
25	Santa Cruz	Official		
26	Santa Cruz	Official		
27	Sunda y			
28	Santa Cruz	Official		
		TOTALES	$70.00	$317.00

3.0 Projected Trips and Expenses

3.1 March 1977

Date	Place	Mode of Travel	Cost	Per Diem
1	Santa Cruz	Off9cial		
2	Montero			
3	San Julian	Official		18.00
4	San Julian	Official		18.00
5	Saturady			
6	Sunday			
7	San Julian	Official		18.00
8	San Julian			18.00
9	San Julian			18.00
10	San Julian			18.00
11	Montero	Official		
12	Saturday			
13	Sunday			
14	San Julian	Official		18.00
15	San Julian			18.00
16	San Julian			18.00
17	San Julian			18.00
18	San Julian			18.00
19	Saturday			
20	Sunday			18.00
21	San Julian			18.00
22	San Julian			18.00
23	San Julian			18.00
24	San Julian			18.00
25	San Julian			18.00
26	Saturday			
27	Sunday			
28	Montero			
29	Santa Cruz	Official		
30	Chané	Official		18.00
31	Chané	Official		18.00
		TOTALS		$342.00

4.0 Projected Activities

4.1 January 1 - 6 Vacation

4.2 January 10 - 21 preperation of material for staff training to include CIU and INC.

4.3 January 24 - 28 Developing budgets for staff training and work programs for INC personell assigned to CIU during the months of Dec. - March.

4.4 Feb 1 - 2 Meetings with CIU administrative staff for project planning.

4.5 February 3 - 8 Trip to La Paz to turn in Quarterly reports, discuss project development, and consult on procedures for settlement in 1977.

4.6 February 9 - 19 Training program for "Orientadores" and chain saw operators.

4.7 February 21 - 23 Evaluation of exicuted training program and preperation for conference with administrative and technical leadership.

4.8 February 24 - 28 Conference for Administrative and technical leadership.

4.9 March 1 Meeting of administrative personell in Santa Cruz. To include INC, CIU, AID & ALDE.

4.10 March 2 - 4 INC and AID personell to San JULian

4.11 March 7 - 31 Training program in San JUlian for Orientation Program field staff.