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ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT #1

ACTIVITY TITLE: Vegetable Gardening Activity (VGA)

ACTIVITY NO: PIO/T 677-0041-3-30013

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I. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

This relief and rehabilitation activity in the Chari-Baguirmi Prefecture of Chad has as its overall goal the amelioration of conditions in the agricultural sector in Chad which has been devastated by drought and war. The specific purposes of the activity are to:

- 1) promote the timely rehabilitation of CAMAN (Agricultural Cooperative of Vegetable and Fruit Growers in N'Djamena);
- 2) distribute relief food through Food For Work;
- 3) increase agricultural production in Chad;
- 4) serve as a pilot project collecting baseline data which will allow for possible future development and expansion of CAMAN's activities, including improved marketing;
- 5) test agricultural technologies;
- 6) help maintain the Africare country office which will allow funding of other related agricultural, relief and development projects.

The sites for the Vegetable Gardening Activity are Miskine and Mailao. Miskine is located about 20 kms west of N'Djamena. The garden site is 8 hectares and will have 80 workers. Mailao, located about 70 kms south of N'Djamena, will have 120 workers for a 12 hectare plot.

II. IMPLEMENTATION:

The proposed implementation schedule for this activity has been set forth in the AJP proposal (pp. 25-28). For October 1983, the implementation plan was:

- 1) agricultural equipment ordered,
- 2) Agriculture Officer named by CAMAN,
- 3) Africare service vehicle and CAMAN mobylettes ordered,
- 4) finalize FFW logistics with WFP and AID,
- 5) office supplies for Africare and CAMAN ordered,
- 6) two Extension Agents named by CAMAN,
- 7) weekly N'Djamena market availability/price surveys conducted by CAMAN,
- 8) monthly status report submitted,
- 9) meetings with cultivators organized to discuss work plans.

During October 1983, the following activities did take place on schedule:

- 1) Agriculture Officer named by CAMAN,
- 2) Africare service vehicle ordered,
- 3) weekly availability/price surveys begun,
- 4) Monthly Status Report submitted,
- 5) initial meeting with village leaders.

The following activities were begun but not completed:

- 1) ordering of agricultural equipment (reason: lack of funds),
- 2) finalization of Food For Work (reason: delays in organizing workers, scheduling of meetings),
- 3) ordering of office supplies (reason: lack of funds).

The following activities did not take place as planned:

- 1) naming of Extension Agents for each site (this is now expected in November),
- 2) ordering of mobylettes for CAMAN (reason: lack of funds).

III. OBJECTIVES/TARGETS:

The activity has begun to contribute in a small way to the meeting of the VGA objectives of:

- 1) Promoting the rehabilitation of CAMAN - It should be noted that this activity is the first significant project which CAMAN has undertaken since the war. The fact that an activity has begun has raised the morale of the CAMAN office since "instead of designing projects on paper, real activity is now taking place".
- 2) Collecting data - The CAMAN weekly market survey taken this month is attached (see Attachment 1). Note, it is our intention to improve the format as soon as a scale is available to accurately weigh produce.
- 3) Maintaining the Africare office, thus allowing the development of other projects - In October 1983, the Africare office signed a 500,000 CFA accord with the Ministry of Health for the re-equipping of the Anti-TB dispensary in the Central Hospital in N'Djamena. Also in October, Africare signed two additional projects with USAID: Abeche Rural Development Project Design Proposal (648-650214) and Heavy Equipment Road Rehabilitation Activity (677-0041-3-20022).

At this early date, the project has yet to begin food distribution, increased agricultural production, or testing of agricultural technologies.

IV. PHYSICAL PROGRESS:

No physical work has yet taken place at either site.

V. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL PURPOSES:

- 1) Visits to each site have re-established contacts with the local leaders (see Attachments 2-4, Site Visit Reports).
- 2) CAMAN has named Rolta Passale as the Agricultural Officer. Mr. Passale received a "Diplome d'Ingenieur" in 1970 from "l'Ecole d'Ingenieurs Allemande pour l'Agriculture des Pays Etrangers a Witzenhausen".
- 3) Also see p. 3, III. OBJECTIVES/TARGETS.

VI. DELAYS AND BOTTLENECKS:

Full project implementation is being delayed as Africare Washington awaits receipt of the Federal Reserve Letter of Credit. Upon receipt of the FRLC, funds to purchase the necessary equipment and gardening supplies to begin the work will be sent to Africare Chad. To date, Africare Chad has not received any of these funds and this has delayed the ordering and/or purchase of equipment and supplies. At present, most businesses in Chad do not take orders without at least a 50% advance. Through borrowing from other Africare project monies available in-country, the financing of a few start-up activities and purchase of a few basic supplies have taken place. Africare/W has been in contact with AID to pursue receipt of the FRLC.

VII. NON-AID INPUTS:

- 1) GOC/CAMAN - CAMAN was recently assigned a vehicle by the GOC. This has allowed us to visit each site. CAMAN still lacks an operating budget for fuel, office supplies, etc. and its employees receive half salaries (as do most GOC employees). CAMAN's inputs are overall on schedule and most supportive.
- 2) WFP/PAM - Meetings with the PAM representative have laid the groundwork for needed information to commence FFW distributions. A review of quantitative work objectives is anticipated in November.

VIII. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

N° d'ordre	NOMS	Prix en détail		Prix en gros	
		Quantité	Prix	Quantité	Prix
1	Ail	8 boîtes	50F	I Koro	à 650 F
2	Aubergine	4 fruits	100	II	
3	Carotte	4 "	200		
4	Céleri	8 pieds	25	1/2 boîte	
5	Chicorée frisée	1 pied	15		
6	Echalotte	10 bulbes	50		
7	Concombre local	1 fruit	10-25		
8	Concombre	1 fruit	75		
9	Courge locale	1 fruit	400-500		
10	Epinard	1 poignée	50		
11	Gombo	3-4 fruits	50		
12	Karikade feuille	10 feuille	10		
13	Haricot vert nain	5 rames	50		
14	Haricot vert à rames	5 "	50		
15	Laitue	1 pied	150		
16	Navet	1 "	50		
17	oignon	1 "	-	I Koro	400 F
18	Pastèque	1 fruit	200		
19	Piment " YAMARI "	1 "	5		
20	poivron	4 "	100		
21	poireau	4 "	200		
22	Voandzou	-	-	I Koro	200 F
23	Pomme de terre	1 kg	250	I sac	15 000 F
24	Patate douce	-	25-100		
25	Maïs	4 tubercules	50		
26	Tetragone	1 kg	200		
27	Tomate	4 grosses	500		
28	Arachide	-	-	I Koro coques	225-250
29	Moulouguié	1 poignée	25		
30	Ignace	1 tubercule	250 - 350		
31	Manioc	1 - " -	50-100 F		
32	Persil	10 bractées	50	1/2 boîte	

Fruits

1	Mangue	1 fruit	15-75
2	Banane	1 "	30
3	Goyave	1 "	10
4	Lime (citron)	1 "	15
5	Orange	1 "	75
6	Mandarine	1 "	25
7	Noix de coco	1 "	75-100
8	Panplemousse	1 "	1 000
9	Pomme caramelle	1 "	100
10	Avocat	1 "	50