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INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

This report covers the thirteenth quarter from April through June 1985 - the final and the last phase II of FSP's operations under the USAID/ASIA G 492 - 1650 for the Program period January 1st 1982 - 31st December 1984.

Most of the activities undertaken are follow up visits, and on-the-job-training. The Small Commercial and Community Project staff have been given specific training on project planning proposal writing and communication skills.

During this period too the Energy Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources invited FSP field staff to assess the viability of establishing a charcoal making plant at New Koleula in Guadalcanal and at Bina in Malaita Province. The study has been submitted to the Ministry for inclusion as a part of proposals to be presented to the Commonwealth Energy Conference in Canberra by the Solomon Islands Government.

From the encouragement and co-operation of the FSP staff, the Agricultural Division of Western Province and the Livestock Development Authority have together established an Agriculture and Livestock Demonstration Training Centre in Gizo, in the Western Province. The Centre will provide practical and theoretical training for small and medium scale farmers on management, control and production. This is the 1st of its kind where an NGO, a statutory Corporation, and a Government Ministry all involve and partake.

The Coalition Government of Sir Peter Kenilorea has now produced a ~~common~~ manifesto embodying the general principles and policies of the Government. The document is helpful, as it helps to give direction in setting up our program.

At the time of reporting FSP/SI is awaiting for the approval of its new program July 1st 1985 - June 30, 1987.

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SECTION 1 WOMEN'S INTEREST PROGRAM

Activities # 1

Follow Up Visits.

Central Province - 12 women's clubs were visited by Elizabeth a FSP full time worker and Cecilia a part time worker. Two clubs were suspended because the women failed to work together, and in addition, the failure of not keeping proper financial records by the treasurer aggravated the situation. The rest of the clubs were reported doing well.

Gudalcanal Province - 9 women's clubs were visited by Ellen and Mary both part time workers. With the backing of the Gudalcanal Provincial Women's council, clubs in Gudalcanal are better organised and supervised. Most of them are self financing. The two part time workers spent at least ^a full day in each club demonstrating cooking, sewing, charcoal stove making and baking.

Western Province - Between Martina and Salvatore 6 women's clubs were visited. These clubs concentrated on small livestock development mainly poultry, and vegetable marketing. All six clubs reported doing very well, for they had the advantage of being regularly visited by the Provincial extension assistants and the Livestock Development Authority field assistants.

Makira Province - 9 women's clubs were reported to have been visited this period. In South Malaita the clubs diversified their activities, and one club Korukoru started furniture - making.

WOMEN'S INTEREST PROGRAM

FOLLOW UP VISITS

CLUBS	PROVINCE	MEMBERS	ACTIVITIES	VILLAGE POPULATION	FUNDS GENERATED	REMARKS
Nagotano W/C	Central (Gela)	30	Sewing	250	1700	New Club
Bokolona W/C	"	40	"	136	1300	
Olevuga	"	40	poultry	170	170	suspended
Toga W/C	"		poultry			
Guba W/C	"	24	weaving	44	20	
Tathi W/C	"		vegetables			
Kobuana	"		Poultry			Suspended
Koilovala W/C SSCP	"	21	Sewing	200	50	
Haerara	"		Poultry			Suspended
Leitongo WIP	"		Poultry			
Dende	"	30	Sewing/cooking	274	450	New Club
Isunavara Youth	Gudalcanal	31	Sewing		436	
Koria W/C	"	13	1st Meeting	100		New Club
New Koleula W/C	"	18	Sewing	60	82	
Vulughe	"	21	Sewing/Bakery	200	437	
Tovolea W/C	"	15	Sewing/gargening	100	130	
Mataruka	"	52	Gardening/Bible Studies	300	26	
Veramakuru	"	15	Weaving/gardening		39	
Land Breeze	"	60	Weaving		30	
Hato W/C	"	17	Sewing/gardening	70	329	
Kaogele W/C	Central (Savo)	18	Sewing/charcoal Stoves	200	112	
Peoro SSCP	Western		Poultry	NS	200	New Club
Ahia SSCP/WIP	Makira	44	Poultry/handicrafts	200	200	
Mwadoa W/C	Makira	14	Sewing/bazaars	250	530	New Club
Old Star W/C	Makira	25		300	203.50	
Ota W/C	Malaita (South)	NS	Bazaar/sewing	NS	662.17	New Club
Aerimuso	Malaita (")	16	Bakery	300	129	
Tarae	Malaita "	18	Sewing/gardening	NS	41.60	New Club
Korukoru	Malaita "	17	Furniture making	40	71.50	
Hunanawa	Malaita "	NS	Building club house		146.50	

WOMEN'S INTEREST PROGRAM

FOLLOW UP VISITS

CLUBS	PROVINCE	MEMBERS	ACTIVITIES	VILLAGE POPULATION	FUNDS GENERATED	REMARKS
Agnes W/C	Malaita (South)	NS	Bazaar	NS	239	
Tawaroi W/C	Malaita "	NS	Poultry		21	
Gwaunaoa	Malaita (North)	4	Sewing	NS	100	
Gwaunaru'u W/C	Malaita "	20	Sewing	NS	NS	
Peoro W/C	Western Prov.		Poultry	100	300	
	"		poultry	100	200	
Munda/Dunde	"	20	Veg./Marketing	100	200	
Nusa Roviana	"	22	" "	150	200	
Seghe/Patutiva	"	NS	Poultry	200	200	
Pipili	"	10	Poultry	50	200	

Activity # 2

New Clubs - Only 2 clubs were registered one in the Central Province, and the other in Guadalcanal, with a membership of 43 women. The one in the Central Province, at Nagotano has a semi-permanent club house.

Activity # 3

5 x Day Training Workshops - Training workshops were held during this period. 2 in Isabel Province, one in Guadalcanal Province, and the other in the Central Province. (see details on page) The workshops were organised by FSP field staff in conjunction with the Social Development Assistants of the respective provinces. Subjects were both taught in theory and practice. FSP/USAID contributed materials, some transport and some food to the total value of \$1350.

SUMMARY AND EXPECTATION

FSP has maintained a very successful Women's Interest Program all though the program period. In spite of some old clubs being closed down due to unforeseen circumstances, many more have joined. These newly established clubs show promise because the old and young women including husbands and the male folk generally have better understanding of the village needs, and the aims of the clubs. for instance in Nagotano and Bokolona the men helped to put up the club houses. Some men have to come all the way to Honiara to purchase sewing materials or equipments for clubs. National and provincial politicians have also given a lot of support and in North Malaita the National Member for Lau and Mbaelelea provided transports every month, to get women and youth together at Takwa for meetings and games.

As reported previously, the expectation of the program has been exceeded. However, what remains to be seen is how well these clubs will be in the upgrading of the village quality

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WOMEN'S INTEREST PROGRAMME

5 DAY TRAINING WORKSHOPS

CLUBS/VENUE	PROVINCE	ACTIVITIES	CONTRIBUTION		INCOME GENERATED	PARTICIPANTS
			USAID	FSP LOCAL		
Biluro	Isabel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repair/maintenance of sewing machines - Nutrition - Club Management/Organisation 	\$400.00	150.00		NS
Gove	Isabel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kitchen Improvement 	400.00	250.00		NS
Vatukolau	Guadalcanal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family Planning - Club Management/Organisation - (theory) - Mother & Child Care - Sewing - Kitchen Improvement 	400.00	250.00		43
Bellona	Central Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making charcoal - Vegetable/Theory and Practical - Nutrition " " - Cooking demonstration 	150.00	50.00		19

SECTION 2 THE SMALL COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Field Co-ordinators Salvatore, Lino and Eldon made several field trips to five provinces namely: Western, Isabel, Central Guadalcanal and Malaita giving advice and practical training to small livestock farmers and small village enterpreneuers.

Most of the project holders had undergone training at the FSP's Demonstration Training Centre at New Koleula, and had some basic knowledge and know-how to look after and market their products.

Some special features during the reporting period:-

Livestock Development

After the establishment of the Livestock Development Authority there has been big demand for poultry and piggery development throughout the country. FSP/USAID who is a pioneer in the promotion and establishment of family livestock farming has worked together with the Authority staff, in sharing their technical expertise and experience. In addition with the availability of grant funds from FSP, the program started off well. These small holders have now established a poultry association. New Koleula Centre has been very busy as a demonstration training centre as well as a transit bank for one-day-old chickens arriving twice weekly from New Zealand to be sent out to all provinces.

During this period, Lino together with Antony Carmel FSP Trainer/ adviser successfully negotiated with Livestock Development Authority and the Division of the Agriculture Department in the Western Province for the establishment of a Demonstration Centre in Gizo. The Centre would be jointly managed by all three organisations. The Centre would provide practical and theoritical training to Western farmers in the management, marketing and production of both livestock and agriculture including fruit trees.

Twenty four livestock and vegetable marketing projects were visited during the period. FSP/USIAD provided materials, seeds equipments to the total value of \$2,662.10.

Market Centre - This project is highly demanded, but as the land tenure system is complicated it takes, longer period to sort out the ownership from several land holding groups of land for any site. Two land sites, one in Guadalcanal and the other in Malaita were still being disputed at the time of reporting. The only one which was successfully established and opened is at Ugele in the Western Province. FSP contributed materials to the value of \$1200, and the community has put in \$2500. The Centre has served a population of more than 500, in the villages around, and 200 from inner islands ships calling in at Ugele every week.

Fishing Groups - Three small fishing groups have ~~have~~ ^{successfully} established, Mbokenibeti in Gela, Central Province, and Katou, Deve and Sons at Marau Sound in Guadalcanal. These fishing groups sell their fish in Honiara, or Marau twice a week. The fishing groups were jointly financed by FSP/USAID, ANZ Bank and the project holders themselves. The total outlay for groups was \$26037 of which FSP/USAID contributed \$3,000. FSP/SI continues to monitor and give management training whilst the fisheries officers of the Provinces concerned provide technical training and advice. This program is very successful.

Charcoal Stove Making - Most holders are individual villagers. Charcoal stoves are easy to make, and having accessible outlet being very popular in both villages as well as in Honiara, it is a quick source of cash. One such project holder was a Provincial Secondary School leaver, who came to seek employment from FSP. Instead of employing him, he was shown and trained to make charcoal stoves at New Koleula Training Centre. His stoves are sold in Honiara. He and his associates are seeking a piece of land in Honiara to set up a charcoal stove factory.

Cane Furniture Manufacturing - Hugo and his associates having had acquired skill, and some knowledge of management have moved from New Koleula Training Centre into Honiara where they have opened a small rattan workshop.

SMALL COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

FOLLOW UP VISITS

NS - Not Stated
AS - Application Assessed

PROJECT	PROVINCE	ACTIVITY	CONTRIBUTION	
			USAID	LOCAL
Maliae	Western	Piggery	119.70	300.00
Patupaele	"	Vegetable	100.00	400.00
Qomu	"	Fishing	AS	300.00
Rarumana	"	Fishing	AS	NS
Noro	Western	Poultry/Veg. Marketing	AS	NS
Ringi	"	Piggery	AS	NS
Busumata	"	Piggery	AS	NS
Ughele	Western	Market Centre	1200.00	2500.00
Eqolo	"	Fishing	AS	NS
Deve & Sons	Guadalcanal	Fishing	1000.00	6291.00
Katou	Guadalcanal	Fishing	1000.00	7446.00
Bokenibeti	Central Islands	Fishing	1000.00	9300.00
Kwafe	Guadalcanal	Boat-Building	11560.33	300.00
Fostemena	Malaita	Boat-Building	31245.12	2000.00
Chichinge	Guadalcanal	Poultry	250.00	500.00
New Koleula T C	Guadalcanal	Wood joinery	800.00	200.00
Kolona	Guadalcanal	Piggery	150.00	150.00
Kakaloa	"	poultry	22.70	1243.20
Tasimate (Niopote)	Guadalcanal	Piggery	245.10	505.70
Adisae	Guadalcanal	Poultry	155.25	325.00
Reko	"	Poultry	155.25	210.00
Komubula	Gudalcanal	Poultry	125.55	210.00
Tupa	Guadalcanal	Piggery	140.20	280.00
Togasalo	Isabel	Poultry	135.60	NS
Kolochiki	Isabel	Poultry	82.05	353.65
Sapetola	Isabel	Poultry	131.70	223.00
Nareabu	Isabel	Poultry	99.10	268.00
Titiro	Isabel	Piggery	111.60	220.50
Khesuo	Isabel	Poultry	111.60	200.10
Sagelota	Isabel	Poultry	111.60	210.00
Vaerenitu	Isabel	Poultry	111.60	310.20
Ghuba	Central/Gela	Poultry	120.10	300.00
Kobuana	Central/Gela	Poultry	35.40	200.00
Hugo Group	Honiara	Cane-Chair	1000.00	6200.00
New Koleula Vg	Guadalcanal	Poultry	148.00	210.00

The demand is so great that their products are easily sold. With the \$1000 worth of materials given by FSP/USAID, the groups has already made a turnover of \$6200 for the last five months.

Boat-Building - Three boat-building groups have been given assistance. The builders were selected on the condition that they would provide boat-building training to new trainees - 20 such trainees have undergone training. 2 of the boats which are 28ft long have been surveyed by the Marine Division and proved "Seaworthy". The Development Bank of Solomon Islands have shown interest in purchasing these boats for fishermen, under the DBSI Fishing Program. At the time of reporting the sale deal was negotiated. The proceeds from the sales will be ploughed back to the boat builders as a revolving fund to establish them to continue building boats. The program being entirely financed by FSP/USAID at this initial period has cost \$50,000 for all three boats. The boats have diesel engines, and having a carrying capacity from 1½ ton - ⁵10 tons.

SUMMARY AND EXPECTATION

The program has achieved most of its target expectations, except for the market centres where only one was complete, due to circumstances beyond this office and the Provinces concerned. For the livestock program, the target had been exceeded.

A full time business trainer would be required to follow-up, monitor and consolidate all activities undertaken during the program period in the next phase.

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USAID - GRANT G-492-1650
 EXPENDITURES AS OF JUNE 30, 1985
 PERIOD: 09/01/79 - 06/30/85

	USAID EXPENDITURES TO DATE *	FSP LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL
PERSONNEL	309,569	52,835	362,404
TRAINING	104,857	2,515	107,372
TRAVEL	80,195	7,342	87,537
EQUIPMENT	3,810	--	3,810
SPACE	20,426	1,006	21,432
OTHER	252,282	35,571	287,853
INDIRECT	214,491	--	214,491
INTERVENTIONS	161,262	--	161,262
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,146,892	99,269	1,246,161

*SUBJECT TO AUDIT

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