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Ms. Dorothy Garrison
Resident Representative
AFRICARE
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Niamey, Niger

Dear Ms. Garrison:

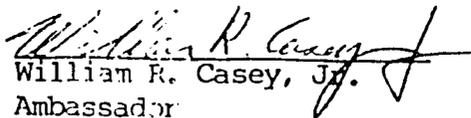
Subject: Grant No. DRU 2/85 (AFRICARE - Tanout Emergency Food-for-Work Feeding/Intermediate Support)

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/Niger (hereinafter referred to as "AFRICARE" or "Grantee") the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One United States Dollars (\$222,851) to provide support for a program of emergency Food-for-Work Feeding/Intermediate Support in the Tanout region of Zinder Department as described in the schedule of this Grant and Attachment 2, entitled "Program Description."

This Grant is effective and obligation is made as of January 28, 1985 and shall apply to commitments made by the Grantee in furtherance of program objectives during the period beginning with the effective date and ending October 31, 1985.

This Grant is made to AFRICARE on the condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with terms and conditions as set forth in Attachment 1, entitled "Schedule;" Attachment 2, entitled "Program Description;" and Attachment 3, entitled "Standard Provisions," which have been agreed to by your organization.

Please sign the original and seven (7) copies of this letter to acknowledge your receipt of the Grant and return the original and six (6) copies of USAID/Niger.


William R. Casey, Jr.
Ambassador

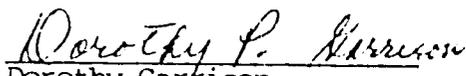
Sincerely,


Peter Benedict
Mission Director
USAID/Niger

Attachments:

1. Schedule
2. Program Description
3. Standard Provisions

Acknowledged: AFRICARE/Niger

By: 
Dorothy Garrison
Title: Resident Representative
Date: Date:

Fiscal Data:

Appropriation: 72-11X1035
Budget Plan Code: JFDX-85-29683-HG41
Control No.. DRU 2/85
Total Amount: \$222,851
Funding Source: OFDA State 013461

Attachment 1ScheduleA. Purpose of the Grant:

The purpose of this Grant is to provide emergency support for emergency Food-for-Work feeding to the severely drought affected population in the Tanout region of Zinder Department, eastern Niger, as more specifically described in Attachment 2 to this Grant, entitled "Program Description." It is a continuation and intensification of activities begun under Grant DRU 2/84.

B. Period of Grant:

The effective date of this Agreement is January 28, 1985. The expiration date of this Grant is October 31, 1985.

C. Amount of Grant and Payment:

1. A.I.D. hereby obligates the amount of \$222,851 for the purpose of this Grant; and

2. Payment shall be made to the Grantee in accordance with the procedures set forth in Attachment 3, Standard Provision No. 11, entitled "Payment Periodic - Advance."

D. Financial Plan:

The following is the Financial Plan for this Grant, including local cost financing items. Revisions to this Plan shall be made in accordance with Standard Provision No. 9 of this Grant, entitled "Revision of Financial Plans."

<u>Cost Element</u>	<u>U.S.\$ Obligated Amount</u>		<u>U.S.\$ Total</u>
	<u>U.S.\$ Expenditure</u>	<u>Local Currency Expenditure</u>	
<u>Equipment and Supplies</u>			
- Agriculture Tools	15,600		15,600
- Agriculture Supplies	7,874		7,874
- Office Furniture	760		760
- Office Equipment	817		817
- Office Supplies	750		750
- Photocopying	500		500
- Photography	500		500
Subtotal Equipment and Supplies	26,801		26,801

<u>Cost Element</u>	<u>U.S.\$ Obligated Amount</u>		<u>U.S.\$ Total</u>
	<u>U.S.\$ Expenditure</u>	<u>Local Currency Expenditure</u>	
<u>Construction</u>			
- Wells		85,750	85,750
- Reservoirs		13,750	13,750
- Storage		<u>6,070</u>	<u>6,070</u>
Subtotal Construction		105,570	105,570
<u>Transportation</u>			
- Supervision and Evaluation		6,440	6,440
Project Coordinator (\$3,500)			
AFRICARE Niamey (942)			
Extension Agents (\$315)			
Arrondissement (\$1,593)			
- Transport of Materials		1,270	1,270
- 4 Wheel Drive Vehicle Rental		13,770	13,770
- 2 Mobylettes		<u>1,634</u>	<u>1,634</u>
Subtotal Transport		23,114	23,114
<u>Subsistence</u>			
- Project Coordinator		7,700	7,700
- AFRICARE Representative		1,360	1,360
- Agents		<u>1,496</u>	<u>1,496</u>
Subtotal Subsistence		10,556	10,556
<u>AFRICARE Expatriate Salaries and Fringe</u>			
- Coordinator	<u>25,000</u>	0	<u>25,000</u>
Subtotal Expatriates	25,000	0	25,000
<u>AFRICARE Field Hire Staff and Fringe</u>			
- Agricultural Extension Agent	2,341	0	2,341
- Administrative Assistant	0	2,500	2,500
Subtotal AFRICARE Field Staff	<u>2,341</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,841</u>
<u>Telephone and Telex</u>		<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Subtotal	27,341	170,041	197,382
Overhead 12.9%			<u>25,462</u>
GRAND TOTAL			<u>222,844</u>
ROUNDED TO			222,851

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D. Reporting and Evaluation:

1. AFRICARE shall submit narrative quarterly progress reports and a final report (five (5) copies each in English and French) fully describing the use and impact of the funds provided. The reports shall be sent to the Director, USAID/Niger, not later than May 15, August 15, and November 15, 1985.

2. AFRICARE shall provide financial reports as required in Standard Provision No. 11 to the Controller, USAID/Niger, c/o American Embassy, B.P. 11201, Niamey, Niger, not later than May 15, August 15, and November 15, 1985.

F. Special Provisions:

Standard Provisions Nos. 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35 are deleted from Attachment 3 hereto.

G. Overhead Rate:

An overhead rate of 12.9 percent is applicable to this Grant.

H. Title to Property:

Title to all property procured under this Grant shall rest with AFRICARE/Niger until such time as it is passed to individual Nigerien citizen recipients excepting those items provided to the Government of Niger to permit their support of the emergency program in which case such property will be titled to the Government of Niger.

I. Authorized Geographic Code:

The authorized A.I.D. Geographic Code is 935.

Attachment 2
Program Description

Background

This project aims to provide support to approximately a thousand families (about 7,400 people) relocated in the Tarka area of Tanout district, Zinder Department, in an emergency self-help program to grow irrigated food crops in an area where water is close to the surface.

Tanout district has suffered from drought during the past four years, culminating in a total crop failure in 1984. There has been considerable movement in population, with large numbers of farmers and herders migrating to Tanout town, Zinder, and other large towns. In order to feed people and to give them a feeling of purpose and self respect the Government has mounted an operation of off-season gardens around ponds left by the late rains, and in some areas there are relatively high under tables. The Government is determined that people should be taught how to help themselves rather than be converted immediately into a dependency mentality as soon as the harvest falls short. People have been placed around existing ponds, given seeds and some food for the first three months, by which time it was hoped that the harvest would be almost ready.

The original project was funded partially by Canadian assistance (about \$160,000 U.S.) and by the Nigeriens (about \$67,000 U.S.). The drought situation did not ease and more families joined the ranks of displaced persons. Therefore, AFRICARE has been asked to assist a group of displaced persons grouped around five ponds in the "Mares Egady" area of Tarka district of Tanout arrondissement in Northwestern Zinder Province. AFRICARE received \$12,500 from the Ambassador's emergency fund in November 1984 to initiate the food-for-work program and to provide potable water and sanitation extension (DRU 2/84). AFRICARE has applied to participate in the Food-for-Work Program.

Project Strategy and Objectives

The AFRICARE project will assist approximately 1,000 families relocated in the Mares Egady area of Tarka district in Tanout arrondissement in the extreme northwestern portion of Zinder Department over a nine month period. The project will provide additional support to the agricultural activities (including an increased number of wells and reservoirs and agricultural inputs) as well as technical and administrative support. CARE International of Niger will provide the health/nutrition component of the project, including the request for blankets.

The overall objective of the Government of Niger is to have people grow at least part of their food requirements and avoid the development of large

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refugee camps where people become totally dependent on the Government. People displaced from their usual habitat must be given hope and moral support; therefore, the cultivation of food crops not only provides work but also helps the people to help themselves rather than rely on external aid.

The major constraint on the program will be the availability of food. Although many international agencies, including A.I.D., are responding to the country's needs for cereals, it is not possible for people to survive ten months on this alone, and even cereals must be available on a regular basis.

Project Description and Targets

The Mares Egady are temporary ponds in Tarka district. The five ponds are about one mile or slightly more long with widths between 1/10 and 3/10 miles. There are about 544 acres suitable for cultivation, and the survey of the Ministry of Hydraulics and Environment gives the water table depth at between five and six feet.

Approximately 1,000 families are being settled there, making the population between 6,800 and 7,000. About one-third of the population will be displaced sedentary farmers, with the remainder being nomads and herders.

AFRICARE will assist the Government of Niger and the people of Mares Egady with:

- the construction of a minimum of 55 hand dug wells (cement lined) and basins;
- the provision of agricultural inputs, including seeds and agricultural materials/supplies/technical assistance;
- distribution of foods for a minimum of three months while displaced persons are waiting to harvest their crops; and
- make arrangements to ensure that at least minimum shelter and health services are available.

Food distribution will be financed under a separate grant for Emergency Food Distribution signed in September 1984 by the Government of Niger and USAID.

AFRICARE, the sous-prefet of Tanout, and the Director and staff of the health training school at Zinder (INICAS) have held discussions and the school's faculty is preparing a scheme for developing rural village potable water and sanitation systems. The faculty will work weekends on the Mares Egady project.

Project Budget

(See Attachment 1 to this Grant Agreement.)

Administration and Implementation

AFRICARE will assign a full-time expatriate staff member to work with the Tanout sous-prefecture as project coordinator. This individual will coordinate AFRICARE's efforts in the Egady area and will oversee the timely movement of goods and services between Egady and the places of origin. The incumbent will provide liaison for AFRICARE with the Government of Niger and other donor representatives in the Zinder Department. The incumbent will be responsible for records keeping and activity reports and provide support to other project staff paid by AFRICARE. It is expected that the Government will provide housing in Tanout while the project will provide a four-wheel drive vehicle including gas, oil, and maintenance. The incumbent will make regular trips to the camp area, with at least weekly correspondence with AFRICARE's Niamey office. This position will last at least six months.

A local hire or volunteer (Peace Corps, German or French volunteer, etc.) will be assigned to work with the Tanout arrondissement's agriculture agent. This individual will function as an agricultural agent and provide technical assistance in the adaption of planting and cultivation techniques. This person will live at Mares Egady. The Government will assign a counterpart and AFRICARE will provide both with a suitable motorbike for transport over difficult terrain. Both agricultural specialists will engage in general extension and stimulate cooperative activities among the displaced persons, as well as keeping them informed on activities associated with the camps.

AFRICARE will work with CARE International of Niger, which will help meet the shelter and medical needs of the displaced persons. Both voluntary agencies will share information and reports related to Mares Egady programs. Transportation of goods and materials will be shared where feasible.

AFRICARE will distribute U.S. Government donated foods in accordance with the regulations and guidelines in force. The Tanout program coordinator will forward all required information and reports to the AFRICARE office in Niamey, which will in turn submit them to the appropriate offices within USAID/Niger and the Government of Niger.

Attachment 3
Standard Provisions

Note: The following Standard Provisions are deleted: 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35.

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