

PROJECT ASSISTANCE COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT NUMBER: 515-0238
TITLE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MANPOWER
TRAINING
GRANTEE: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE HEALTH FOUNDATION
(PROJECT HOPE)
LOP AMOUNT AND DATES: \$600,000; APRIL 3, 1987-JUNE 30, 1991
PROJECT STATUS:

The AID-funded input to Project HOPE ended on June 30, 1991, however, HOPE has a standing agreement with the Government of Costa Rica for a variety of programs in the health area, and will continue to provide a limited amount of technical assistance, training, and commodities to this and other programs. The management of the Emergency Medical Services training has been fairly well institutionalized, and is financed with in-kind support from the Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social, the University of Costa Rica, the Red Cross and the National Insurance Institute (Fire Dept.) and with cash from the National Emergency Commission.

Contributions to the program include physical facilities, ambulances, clinical equipment and supplies, office space and supplies, personnel on a paid and ad-honorem basis.

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Training: The training outputs far exceed the initial estimations, the caveat being that a portion of those trained to be Emergency Medical Technicians are not utilizing their skills, as they carry out administrative duties, and the Paramedic's Scope of Practice was never approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and as a result, they cannot perform as paramedics do in the United States.

Systems Development: This component, as pointed out in the mid-term evaluation, was far too ambitious to be carried out in the time frame of the project, but some degree of progress was made in establishing clearer roles and guidelines among the multiple entities that intervene in emergency situations. The project served to highlight both the need and the possibilities of greater and more effective coordination.

AID MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Mission will need the final institutional audit report, which is apparently done every two years, in accordance with the Single Audit Act. This will require periodic reminders to the Project HOPE offices in Virginia.

Data Collection Results:

The Manager of the program at CENDEISSS, the teaching center of the CCSS, maintains records on trainees, and inventories of equipment. Eventually they will have better records of emergency calls and patient outcomes.

Lessons Learned:

It is recommended that AID not undertake another project of this magnitude without greater initial analysis as to feasibility. Limitation in scope to simple training might have been more easily achievable, as the systems development requires a long term process that the PVO did not have the capacity, nor resources to carry out.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT COMPLETION STATEMENT

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1. Grant Office: Name: Ronald F. Venezia, Mission Director
 Address: USAID/San José

2. Grant Number: Project Number 515-0238, Cooperative
 Agreement: Emergency Medical Services
 Manpower Training

3. Last Modification No: N/A

4. Grantee/Recipient: People to People Health Foundation
 (Project HOPE)

5. Dollar amount of excess funds
 and disposition: \$ 0

6. Final voucher and date: ACC from M/FM

7. Have all Grant administration actions
 been satisfactorily accomplished? Yes No

8. If No is checked explain: N/A

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