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REQUEST FOR BILATERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Project Title: Agriculture and Agro-industry in the Ruzizi Valley (Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire)

ADDIS ABABA
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1. Background Information

The Inaugural Meetings of Experts and Ministers of Central Africa II MULPOC held in Gisenyi, Rwanda, from 25 to 27 and from 28 to 29 October 1977 respectively, approved a set of multinational regional projects in the area of which the project on development of agriculture and agro-industry in Ruzizi Valley. The meetings put emphasis on the extensive cultivation of sugar cane and tea and increasing the sugar and tea production for the benefit of member States of the Economic Community of Great Lakes by exploitation of resources of Ruzizi Valley and other areas suitable to farming. The Conference recommended also the exploitation of fisheries resources of Lake Tanganyika.

2. Objectives

The project aims at establishing field surveys in the Ruzizi Valley to determine types of food and export crops and potential production capacities, ecological characteristics. The study will also focus on suitable agro-industries to be set up and location of specific integrated multinational rural settlements.

3. Type of bilateral technical co-operation required and description of bilateral experts' studies

- (i) One agricultural economist to work out programmes for systematic development of agricultural resources and advise on allocation of resources diversification of crops, appropriate size of land units, marketing, storage, improve production.
- (ii) One soil expert to perform studies on various soils in view to determine their suitability to various cultivations, to analyse their nutritional elements etc.
- (iii) One climatologist to study weather and climatological changes in the area of the project, how these changes affect crops, production and growth, study rainfalls in the area etc.
- (iv) One fisheries expert to conduct study on fish catching potential, fisheries industries in Lake Tanganyika and other regional waters etc.
- (v) One rural sociologist to analyse the structure of social relationships in economies which are dual in character and have a large subsistence sector with a view of identifying leverage points which will facilitate socio-economic engineering to achieve the economic and social objectives established in development programmes.

- (vi) One livestock expert with specialisation in cattle raising, animal production and veterinary science, etc.
- (vii) One food processing specialist to undertake studies to facilitate economic co-operation between countries where appropriate with the aim of expanding food and agricultural industries, promote an improvement in regional food production statistics and industry intelligence, advise on training and research experts of goods and agricultural processing with particular emphasis on encouraging multinational co-operation in the areas, etc. These experts will be required at the different phases of the project but the total duration of the services will fall within a 2 months period. The project personnel will work under the close supervision of Gisenyi MULPOC.
4. Probable date of commencement and duration of work on the project
The project will start early in March 1978 and will continue till the end of May 1978.
5. Duty station or place in which work on project is to be undertaken
Duty station will be Gisenyi, Rwanda.
6. Type of assistance to be provided by ECA
ECA will provide the services of a resident senior agricultural economist, give backstopping and provision of short term advisory services.

Project Budget

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Man/months</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u> US\$
1. <u>Experts</u>		
1.1 Agricultural economist	2	13,200
1.2 Soil expert	2	13,200
1.3 Climatologist	2	13,200
1.4 Fisheries expert	2	13,200
1.5 Rural sociologist	2	13,200
1.6 Livestock expert	2	13,200
1.7 Road processing expert	2	13,200
Component total	14	92,400
2. <u>Miscellaneous</u>		
- Secretarial services		10,000
- Travel		
(a) Airfares (Round trips)		
Bamako/Kigali/Bamako (X2)		2,008
Rome/Kigali/Rome (X4)		7,448
Abidjan/Kigali/Abidjan		927
(b) Perdiem for (7 experts) for 15 days at US\$ 42		4,410
Component total		24,793
Grand total		<u>117,193</u>