

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Oudeycharack Water Development Project

Mauritania

I. Introduction

This appendix describes the activities to be undertaken and the results to be achieved with the funds obligated under this Agreement. Nothing in this Appendix A shall be construed as amending any of the definitions, conditions, or terms of the Agreement.

II. Background

The Association du Développement Communautaire d'Oudeycharak (ADC) manages a 500 meter long dam to allow for the development of 104 hectares of arable land for seven communities. Members use the land to grow corn and cowpeas for home consumption and sweet potatoes for sale in markets. The dam has deteriorated due to heavy rainfall over a few years and an unusually large volume of water received from two dams located upstream. ADC attempted to repair the dam on several occasions without much success. The dam was abandoned in 2009 leading to a large deficit of food in the area. ADC lacks the resources to repair the dam system, as well as build organizational, financial, and production capacities, and improve technical capabilities for agricultural production through the acquisition of inputs and crop protection.

III. Funding

A. ADF Contribution

The financial plan for ADF's contribution is set forth in Appendix A-1 of this Agreement. The Parties may make changes to the financial plan without formal amendment, if such changes are made in accordance with Article 8 of the Agreement and do not cause ADF's contribution to exceed the obligated amount specified in Article 4, section 4.1 of the Agreement.

B. ADC Contribution

ADC will contribute members' time and labor in the implementation of the Project, including guarding the infrastructure and serving on the management committees. Members will also contribute the land for the construction sites.

IV. Project Goal

The goal of the Project is to improve the standard of living for residents in the Gorgol region.

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V. Project Purpose

The purpose of the Project is to improve access to water in the Project area as indicated by the following: (1) an increase in arable land available to ADC's members from a baseline of 50 hectares to 104 hectares by the end of the Project; and (2) an increase in the number of families with access to water for farming activities from a baseline of 0 households to 226 households by the end of the Project.

VI. Project Outputs

- A. Improved institutional and organizational capacities of ADC as evidenced by development and utilization of management, financial and organizational systems that meet ADF's requirements.
- B. Increased water supply to ADC's agricultural plot from a baseline of 0 cubic meters to 1.04 million cubic meters.

VII. Project Activities

- A. Infrastructure
 - 1. ADC will form a Monitoring and Guidance Committee (MGC) to oversee Project coordination, control the administrative management, and evaluate implementation progress.
 - 2. ADC will form a Technical Operations Committee (TOC) responsible for the supervision of all technical activities, including quality control. This committee will supervise the construction, drilling, equipment procurement, and infrastructures to ensure compliance with technical standards and local laws regulating the public domain and public utility easements.
 - 3. ADC will construct a 600 meter dam with 2,420 meters of fencing, and a 100 meter water storage basin that captures and holds water for the community plots.
 - 4. Establish a water management committee that meets regularly to promote sustainable supervision and equitable distribution of common resources for ADC members.
- B. Training and Technical Assistance
 - 1. The Mauritania technical partner will train the ADC accountant in ADF reporting requirements and the preparation of quarterly financial reports.
 - 2. The management team and selected members will receive training in administrative and financial management. The training will be conducted by a consultant hired for 15 days and a follow-up that will focus on simplified accounting methods, cooperative management, monitoring success and mitigating risks, and preparing financial, performance, and activity reports.

3. A consultant will collaborate with community members to update the procedures manual. The procedures manual will describe ADC's policies related to administrative, financial, and accounting procedures.
4. ADC will establish an office equipped with appropriate accounting software, and management staff will be trained in the proper use of accounting software.
5. A consultant will train the ten-person technical team on management and maintenance of the dam and storage basin. Training will occur in three sessions. The Cooperative will also make a plan with the consultant to develop a long term strategy for sustainable use.
6. Cooperative members will receive training and technical assistance to improve crop production.
7. Training in income generating activities related to animal husbandry and vegetable production will be held for 25 members in one seven-day training session.

VIII. Roles and Responsibilities

The Mauritania ADF Partner Organization, OKT-Consult, will provide the standard ADF training in bookkeeping, monitoring, assessment and technical and management assistance during implementation. ADC is responsible for ensuring the proper management and implementation of the Project. The Project will be executed in a participatory manner with full engagement of all stakeholders. Broad oversight of the Project and its implementation will be undertaken by: (1) a Monitoring and Guidance Committee (MGC) for administrative issues, chaired by a representative of OKT-Consult, assisted by the President of ADC, a representative of the national agency of drinking water and sanitation (ANEPA), and a representative from the ADC city hall; and, (2) a Technical Operations Committee (TOC) led by trained technicians to provide counsel to the organization members with respect to Project implementation.

IX. Monitoring and Evaluation

OKT-Consult will closely monitor the activities of ADC to ensure proper reporting, adherence to the Project implementation plan by the Grantee and movement towards the achievement of Project objectives. The Partner will continuously assess the Project risk and take remedial actions as needed. Monitoring by the Partner will be an important aspect of the on-going coaching and advisory service. The Partner will review ADF's quarterly reports and will submit comments and observations to the management of ADC as part of the on-going performance assessment.

X. Implementation Issues

The Grantee will plant trees around the perimeter of the Project area to serve as windbreaks and reduce sedimentation.