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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
SAUDI ARABIA

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No. 2784. PROJECT AGREEMENT No. 1¹ UNDER TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAM IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND DISEASE CONTROL BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO STRENGTHEN THE QUARANTINE SERVICES AND TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. SIGNED AT JIDDA, ON 29 JUNE 1953

This Project Agreement is entered into between the Minister of Health, as designated representative of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the American Ambassador and the Acting United States Director of Technical Cooperation Administration in Saudi Arabia, as designated representatives of the Government of the United States of America, pursuant to the Technical Cooperation Program Agreement in Public Health and Disease Control between the two Governments dated December 15, 1952.²

1. *Description of Project*

Each year pilgrims from every Moslem country in the world pass through the Port of Jidda on their way to Mecca or Medina. Because of inadequate public health services here, each country sending pilgrims furnished medical teams to cooperate with the Saudi Arabia Ministry of Health in caring for the pilgrims.

An older Saudi Arabian Quarantine Station, too small for the number of pilgrims passing through, has now been closed and there has been constructed a new Quarantine Station consisting of the following :

- 64 buildings to house pilgrims
- 24 kitchens
- 1 administration building
- 1 garage and workshop
- 1 car disinfecting building
- 1 disinfecting building
- 1 laundry

¹ Came into force on 29 June 1953, as from the date of signature, in accordance with paragraph 5.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 185, p. 55.

- 1 mortuary
- 1 public health laboratory building
- 1 school of hygiene building
- 1 general hospital
- 1 communicable disease hospital
- 10 separate isolation wards
- 13 quarters for staff and servants
- 1 incinerator
- 1 sewage system
- 1 cold storage plant for food storage
- 1 reservoir for water storage
- 1 power plant

Some of the buildings, namely the general hospital, the communicable disease hospital, the isolation wards, the public health laboratory, the school of hygiene, and, of course, all service units, will be used for rendering health services for the citizens of the entire region throughout the year. These facilities will serve as a nucleus of public health activities for the entire area. The public health laboratory will offer assistance to all medical institutions near Jidda. The school of hygiene provides a training center for health workers.

According to the design of this Station, approximately 1700 pilgrims can be housed at one time in addition to the persons receiving care in the hospitals and isolation wards.

2. *How Project is to be Operated*

a) The Ministry of Health will operate the Quarantine Station in all its phases and will utilize all its facilities throughout the year. In order to operate this installation, personnel such as physicians, nurses, technicians, sanitary inspectors, and maintenance personnel will be provided by the Ministry of Health. Presently, the lack of properly trained health workers in Saudi Arabia forces the Ministry of Health to find them elsewhere. One method of increasing the number of trained Saudi Arabian health workers would be to institute training programs at this station. The faculty of the school of hygiene will be drawn from a reservoir made up of doctors employed now by the Ministry of Health, technicians from the World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as "WHO"), and technicians from the Technical Cooperation Administration (hereinafter referred to as "TCA") Health Mission.

b) A part of this Project includes TCA's assisting the Ministry of Health in providing and demonstrating some of the necessary facilities for the training of public health workers and for the care of the pilgrims. This will include provision of certain basic equipment in the disinfecting building such as steam autoclaves, boilers, chemical sterilization, DDT dusters, and necessary accessories. In this

connection, TCA will provide certain engineering services and will train Ministry employees to operate the equipment provided. Also, TCA will furnish some public health laboratory equipment which will be used not only for providing laboratory services, but in the training of laboratory technicians. TCA will send a limited number of employees of the Quarantine Service to the United States to work with the United States Quarantine Service for a period of a few months, and to attend some of the field training courses given by the Communicable Disease Center of the U.S. Public Health Service. In addition, if the Ministry of Health and TCA, in collaboration with WHO, consider it to be advantageous, TCA, through the U.S. Quarantine Service, may make available specialists for consultation or training.

3. *Financing of Project*

a) The Ministry of Health of the Saudi Arabian Government will provide the following :

1. Buildings numbering 150 at the cost of approximately ten million Saudi riyals.
2. Utilities at the approximate cost of two million Saudi riyals.
3. Personnel for the operation of the Quarantine Services.
4. Payment of any dock costs, customs or duties, transportation from Port to Quarantine Station of any equipment purchased by TCA.
5. Cost of installation of the equipment in the Quarantine Station.
6. Personnel to be trained at this Station.

b) TCA of the United States Government will furnish the following equipment, provided the total cost does not exceed \$100,000 and provided further that \$50,000 of this amount will be subject to expenditure on the date of signature of this Agreement and the balance, not to exceed \$50,000, as funds become available :

1. Autoclaves with total capacity of about 880 cubic feet, necessary boilers and accessories, for the disinfection building and supervision of the installation of such equipment.
2. Modern scientific publications relating to quarantine and public health work to be used in connection with the operation of the station and public health activities.
3. Necessary laboratory equipment.

The equipment to be procured under this project shall be mutually agreed upon by TCA and the Ministry of Health after receiving the recommendations of WHO on the technical aspects of the project.

This project is an integral part of the regular cooperative program in Public Health and Disease Control and the TCA Public Health Mission will render technical advice in the establishment and operation of the Quarantine Station. Among other things, the TCA Public Health Mission may afford as a part of its regular program :

1. Consulting engineering services.
2. Assistance in training of personnel.
3. Demonstrations of sanitation and general public services.
4. Technical consultation in nursing, health education, laboratory procedures and other health matters.
5. Assistance in promoting a program of public health development throughout this region.

4. *Anti-Attachment*

The two Governments will establish procedures whereby the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will so deposit, segregate, or assure title to all funds or property of any kind allocated to or derived from any program involving the use of contributions by the Government of the United States of America that such funds shall not be subject to garnishment, attachment, seizure, or other legal process by any firm, agency, corporation, organization, or government when the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is advised by the Government of the United States of America that such legal process would interfere with the attainment of the objectives of the program.

The equipment purchased by TCA funds and made available to the Quarantine Station will become the property of the Ministry of Health and be carried on its inventory.

5. *Entry into Force and Duration*

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date it is executed and shall remain in force for one year from that date or until three months after either party notifies the other of intention to terminate it.

Upon expiration of the initial term, this Agreement may be extended by the mutual agreement of the parties subject to the availability of funds for its purposes.

This Agreement is prepared in duplicate in the English and Arabic languages and signed at Jidda on 17 Shawal 1372 (June 29, 1953).

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