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**DENMARK
and
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Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on Danish assistance to a Kenyan Village Polytechnic Programme (with related documents). Nairobi, 21 and 24 March 1975

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK AND THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA ON DANISH ASSISTANCE TO A KENYAN VILLAGE POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME

I

21st March, 1975

Ref. No. DV 88/78/01
104.Ken. 4/40

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the application of the Government of Kenya dated 17th December, 1974 — Ref. EPD/SB-388/01 — for Danish assistance to the Kenyan Village Polytechnic Programme.

The Government of Denmark is willing to support the programme by making available within its present fiscal year, ending on 31st March, 1975, an amount of K.Shs. 3.000.000 as a contribution to the programme within the Kenyan fiscal year 1974/75.

The Danish assistance shall be made under the following conditions:

1. The grant shall be utilized according to the budget in the above application.
2. Immediately upon receipt of the transfer a duly signed receipt voucher shall be forwarded to the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) through this Embassy.
3. By December 31st, 1975, and when the grant has been fully utilized a detailed statement of accounts duly certified and audited shall be forwarded to DANIDA through this Embassy.
4. Each year by October 1st until the grant has been fully utilized a report on the progress of the Village Polytechnic Programme as a whole shall be forwarded to DANIDA through this Embassy.
5. Kenya shall permit representatives of Denmark to visit centres and institutions within the programme and to inspect all relevant works, goods, records and documents.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Kenya, I have the honour to suggest that this note and your reply to that effect be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of Denmark and the Government of Kenya concerning Danish assistance to the Kenyan Village Polytechnic Programme.

H. KÜHNE
Danish Ambassador

Mr. N. Nganga
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Finance and Planning
Nairobi

¹ Came into force on 24 March 1975 by the exchange of the said notes.

II

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING
THE TREASURY
NAIROBI, KENYA

24th March, 1975

Ref. N°. DV 88/78/01

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 104. Ken. 4/40 of 21st March, 1975 which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm that the contents of your letter are acceptable to the Kenya Government and that your letter and my reply be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of Denmark and the Government of Kenya concerning Danish assistance to the Kenya Village Polytechnic Programme.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

N. NGANGA

Permanent Secretary to the Treasury

H. E. Mr. H. Kühne
Danish Ambassador
Royal Danish Embassy
Nairobi

A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK (DANISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY) FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE VILLAGE POLYTECHNIC PROGRAMME OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES. NAIROBI, KENYA, DECEMBER 17, 1974

I. *Background to the request*

The following facts serve as a background to this request:

- 1) The request is made following an informal offer of KShs. 3 million from DANIDA if a viable proposal could be developed.
- 2) This proposal aims to fit DANIDA's offer into an existing, planned programme development and to use the money to make improvements to the Village Polytechnic Programme as proposed by a recent (Jan-Feb. 1974) International Evaluation Mission.
- 3) Since 1971 the Ministry of Housing and Social Services and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have been discussing and testing out relationships between the Village Polytechnic (V.P) Programme and the Rural Industrial Development Programme (RIDP). The importance of this relationship was emphasized in the Village Polytechnic Evaluation Mission Report.

4) This proposal for the use of DANIDA Assistance therefore seeks to further the relationship between the RIDP and the Village Polytechnic Programme by concentrating primarily on assistance to the Village Polytechnic leaver and on practical means of creating local work opportunities in areas where Rural Industrial Development Centres (RIDCs) can be of assistance. At present there is something of a resource gap between the local V.P. and the RIDC operating on a District basis. This proposal is intended to allow for initiatives in closing this gap.

5) The Youth Development Division in the Department of Social Services, which operates the V.P. Programme, has three sections:

- a) Administration: Grants to Projects (V.Ps).
- b) Training, and
- c) Research: an advisory service to V.Ps in specialized fields.

This proposal seeks assistance within the total programme framework for special areas within the three sections mentioned above.

6) This proposal is related to a total V.P. programme cost (Development and Recurrent) in Kenya's financial year 1974/75 of K£542,930 for which a contribution of K£140,000 has been promised from NORAD and to which the Government of Kenya will contribute K£152,930 (i.e. All recurrent costs of K£40,930 and K£112,000 of Development costs) and the local people of Kenya (by payment of fees, gift of land, self-help contributions etc.) K£100,000.

The total programme will involve assistance to 100 Village Polytechnics, as specified in Kenya's Development Plan 1974-78 (rising to 250 projects by 1978). This involves grants-in-aid in 1974/75 to 100 Manager/Instructors and 400 Instructors recruited by local Management Committees, and the development of work opportunities for approximately 6,000 young people.

7) The Government of Kenya places a high priority on this request due to the success of Village Polytechnics in developing work opportunities for almost 90% of known past trainees. It is also of note that Kenya's Village Polytechnic Programme has attracted the direct interest of at least 14 other countries (mainly in Africa) due to the fact that it is tackling in an innovative manner one of the world's major problems — namely the difficulty rural primary school leavers face in finding employment, and the importance of solving this problem in an overall rural development strategy.

II. *Details of the request*

The request is in three parts: Assistance to projects; Assistance to Training; and Assistance to Research.

A. *Assistance to Projects*

The V.P. Programme assists Projects by means of Grants-in-Aid. These grants-in-aid are for specific purposes. Some assistance is requested for each of the purposes except Grants for Workshops and staff houses. Other project needs have to be met, under the V.P. Programme Policy, by local fund raising, fees and contract work by the project (which provides valuable work experience for trainees).

The following are the areas where DANIDA's Assistance to the Grants to projects system is requested:

	K£
1) Grants for salaries for Instructors and Managers	20,000
<p>The total amount of such grants in 1974/75 is K£195,000. DANIDA's contribution would be used for instructors teaching bookkeeping (including costing and estimating) which is essential for successful small business development by V.P. leavers.</p>	
2) Grants for Equipment	50,000

K£

This is the total amount required for equipment and training materials and has been increased over last years allocation as a result of a recommendation by the Evaluation Mission and rising equipment costs. A later section of this proposal will make provision for meeting longer term needs in this area by tool production at the project level (an obvious area for VP/RIDP collaboration).

3)	Equalization Grants for Remote Areas	10,000
	These grants are only for projects in Northern Kenya where the lack of local funds and positive community action prohibit project development. A grant of this kind allows for the equitable distribution of projects throughout Kenya and again it was recommendation of the Evaluation Mission that this provision should be increased.	
4)	Grants for loans for V.P. leavers	25,000
	A new loan scheme has been developed to assist V.P. leavers individually or in work groups to set up in business, or to purchase tools. This was recommended by the Evaluation Mission.	
	There are several requests outstanding for assistance of this kind, which could be followed up by RIDC's.	
5)	Grants for Follow-up on V.P. leavers and trainees on contract work	5,000
	A standard grant of £50 per project is allowed for V.P. staff to follow-up on ex-trainees. As the number of leavers increases more assistance in this field is being sought from RIDCS.	
6)	Grants for Purchase Transport	14,000
	After due experimentation in this field it has been found that larger projects need a vehicle to undertake contract work which in turn gives actual work experience. This amount will allow for the purchase of seven vehicles for priority projects one in each Province of Kenya.	
	Sub-total of assistance to Projects	K£124,000

B. *Assistance to Training*

Training offered by the Youth Development Division to the staff of V.Ps is in the following main fields:

- 1) Introductory Training to explain the work-oriented purpose of the V.P. Programme.
- 2) Training in Instructional Techniques related to preparing young people to work.
- 3) Management training.
- 4) Skill upgrading for V.P. Instructors.
- 5) Skill broadening for Instructors e.g. Carpentry for Maseno, Blacksmithing and Welding for Tinsmiths, to make instruction more closely related to rural work opportunities.
- 6) Agricultural training, largely to introduce new methods and crops.
- 7) Re-training of domestic science instructresses in skills more closely related to the needs of rural women i.e. income saving (e.g. food preservation) and income earning (e.g. vegetable growing).

Most of this training is done at existing institutions (e.g. the National Industrial Vocational Training Centres for skill upgrading) and a closer liaison in this field could also be established with RIDC's.

The amount requested to assist the training programme is K£10,000.

C. *Assistance to Research*

The V.P. Programme has Norwegian and Kenyan Research specialists in:

- Occupational Surveying
- Agricultural Education
- Village Technology
- Women's and Girls Training
- Instructor Training
- Curriculum Development, and
- Community Education

DANIDA's Assistance is sought mainly for assistance to the action-research in Village Technology development as this area has the greatest potential for a tie-in with the RIDP.

There are three main activities in our Village Technology action-research:

- 1) The training of instructors with the skills necessary to produce their own workshop tools (often now prohibitively costly cf. section II. A. 2 of this request) and useful local equipment e.g. ploughs, carts, windmills, wheelbarrows, hand operated forges, beehives, and ladders.
- 2) The purchase and development of prototypes for experimentation—using locally available material and existing prototypes wherever possible, and
- 3) The purchase of materials and parts necessary for Production.

The amount requested from DANIDA would be used for the construction and equipping of a workshop (planned for the Centre for Research and Training of the Youth Development Division) to undertake the necessary development in this field. The amount is K£16,000.

III. *Summary of the request*

In summary this request is for:

a) Assistance to projects	K£124,000
b) Assistance to Training	K£ 10,000
c) Assistance to Research	K£ 16,000

TOTAL	K£150,000
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It will be seen that the amount requested will, if granted, not only further the Village Polytechnic Programme itself, but will also assist in effecting a closer, working liaison between the Village Polytechnic and Rural Industrial Development Programmes—thus tying Assistance to DANIDA's longer term investments.

DANIDA's sympathetic consideration of this request, which very much assists an ongoing and effective programme, will be very much appreciated, as is the Government of Denmark's total programme of assistance to Kenya.