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Recommendation of the Executive Director for an Allocation

HAITI YOUTH VOCATIONAL TRAINING
AND SOCIAL SERVICES
First request for UNICEF
aid to this project

Recommended allocation: \$61,000
Period of proposed aid: 1962-63
Technical approval: United Nations
Department of Economic and Social
Affairs and ILO

1. As part of its effort to promote rural social and economic development as one aspect of national development planning, the Government has encouraged rural communities to establish community centres, on a co-operative basis, in which workshops will be included. In these centres, boys and girls will receive full-time training in manual, mechanical, horticultural and homemaking skills. Children in the primary grades will receive some rudimentary training. Night courses and other part-time training will be provided for adults. Two such centres, already established with the assistance of ILC, have proved their value. The Government plans to establish 8 more in 1962-64: 2 in 1962 and early 1963; 3 in 1963 and 3 in 1964.
2. It is intended also that each centre will provide a social service programme for the community staffed by qualified social workers to help the community assess its needs and the resources available to meet them, to provide counselling to families seeking help with special problems and to initiate a programme of social education, especially for mothers, designed to help prepare them to play an effective role in community improvement. A demonstration project of this kind has begun in one of the centres already in operation, with the assistance of volunteers provided by the American Friends Service Committee.

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3. The workshops will manufacture, repair and maintain agricultural implements and common domestic items, utilizing indigenous materials. Profits from the sale of these items will be used by the co-operatives for the economic and social improvement of the community (for example coffee washing plants, corn mills, saw mills and construction of schools and other communal facilities).

Plan of action

4. Using the workshop as a base, full-time training courses will be given to boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 in carpentry and furniture making; metal work (including the manufacture of agricultural implements); blacksmith work and welding; bricklaying and masonry; home economics and dressmaking; and basic horticulture. Part-time training in these subjects will be offered in the evenings to young persons between the ages of 18 and 25. Adults will also be encouraged to attend evening courses where the men will receive training and guidance in the use of new tools, the cultivation of new products, the management of co-operatives, and the improvement of household and community facilities; and the women will be instructed in home management, nutrition, sewing and child rearing. Primary school children will receive rudimentary instruction in horticulture through gardens and receive elementary instruction at the workshop in the use of tools. Refresher courses for teachers are provided in the normal school of Marfranc, formerly assisted by UNICEF, to prepare them for participation in these activities through the primary schools. The social services programme will begin in the other centres after the six months' demonstration at Fort St. Jacques has been completed when the programme planning for them can benefit from the experience of the pilot project.

5. The vocational aspects of the project will be directed by the Chief of the Rural Artisan Service of the Department of Labour and Social Welfare, assisted by two full-time trained workers. The social services programme will be developed with the technical guidance and supervision of the Chief of the Social Services of the same Ministry and will be staffed by graduates of the National School of Social Work. Land will be provided by the Government and the building for the centre will be constructed by the Government and the local communities.

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6. An ILO project team will assist in setting up the administrative organization and in the formation of co-operatives. As soon as a centre is organized, the team will move on to the next centre leaving an ILO rural crafts instructor to provide continuing technical guidance. An ILO expert will train the manager and local technical staff of the centre so that they can eventually take full control.

7. UNICEF commitments: UNICEF would provide the following:

| | <u>US dollars</u> |
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| a) Equipment and materials for 5 new rural centres | 42,500 |
| b) Five vehicles for supervision and transport | <u>8,500</u> |
| Total supplies and equipment | 51,000 |
| c) Freight | 5,000 |
| d) Stipends for 200 school teachers attending refresher courses in the Normal School at Marfranc | <u>5,000</u> |
| Total recommended allocation | 61,000 |

8. Participation of other agencies: The International Labour Organisation has assisted the Government in the preparation of this project and plans to provide the services of a consultant in rural co-operatives and three expert instructors in 1962, 1963 and 1964 under EFTA. Subject to the Government's request the ILO would also provide up to four rural crafts instructors in 1963 and 1964. The resident United Nations Social Welfare Adviser has participated in the development of the project and will continue to advise. FAO has also been consulted in the preparation of this project.

9. Government commitments: The cost to the Government for the years 1962 to 1964 is estimated at the equivalent of US\$303,170, of which US\$180,000 would be considered as matching for the proposed UNICEF allocation.

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