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Comments on Technical Memorandum No.26:

"The Relationship of Nutrition and Health to
Worker Productivity in Kenya"

1. The use of 'Z-scores'

In the course of the Kenya nutrition study data was collected on task times for a variety of tasks. It was felt necessary to pool this data for the purpose of estimating a relationship between task times (T) and "weight for height" (WH) but the tasks took varying amounts of time to complete because they were of differing degrees of difficulty. Further the variability of task times differed from task to task. To allow pooling to proceed under these conditions each man's task time for each task was adjusted by subtracting from it the mean of all men's task times for the task under consideration and dividing the resulting difference by the standard deviation of task times for the task concerned. The result was called the "Z-score". One was obtained for each man for each task.

This procedure is only valid if the marginal effect of WH on T is the same for all the tasks considered and this should be borne in mind when interpreting the results. That these marginal effects are identical is questionable since tasks might require different degrees of strength and strength of different types. If the marginal effects are not similar, analysis using "Z-scores" can be regarded as producing an estimate of some "average" marginal effect of WH on T. Whether this average is useful depends on whether the proportion of time spent on the tasks during the period of observation is similar to the proportions of time spent in everyday working.

In any event, the "Z-score" procedure has been inefficiently applied. Any sensible statistical model leads one to reject dividing through by the standard deviations of task times. Instead one should divide through by the residual standard errors that arise from regressing, for each task separately, task time on weight for height. This is a very simple procedure which could be easily adopted at negligible cost. The separate regressions would, as a by-product, give information on the constancy of the marginal effects of WH on T over tasks. The currently used method almost certainly results in incorrect conclusions regarding the precision of the estimates of the regression coefficients.

WH?
splitting
tasks

Problems arise if the same individual appears more than once when the data is pooled - this would happen if any individual performed more than one task. In this case the data cannot be regarded as independent observations. Neglecting to allow for this would lead to overestimation of the precision of the estimates of the effect of WH on T.

2. Omission of variables from the fitted relationships

As I have remarked elsewhere, I believe it is unwise to rely too heavily on two variable analysis when alternatives are available. I doubt whether task time is affected by WH alone and the low correlations reported lend support to this view. Since other anthropometric data is available why not use it? In trailer loading for example it is possible that height (H) is an important determinant of task time particularly if the trailer is high sided. To the extent that H and WH are correlated, omission of H biases the estimation of the effect of WH on T.

3. Errors of measurement

The level of caloric intake (C) is almost certainly measured with error and the error may be quite large since intensive monitoring of home consumption was not possible. I am grateful to Mark Sharrock for raising this point. The effects of such error in what is an explanatory variable in the task time relationship can be considerable. One effect is to bias the estimators of the effect of C on T. I raised this in connection with the Brazil/Kenya highway study data where road roughness is measured with error and is used as an explanatory variable in, for example, tyre wear relationships. The same analysis applies here and I will not repeat it though I can expand on this point if requested. A common counter argument to this point is that all variables are measured with error to some extent and that one cannot cover every discrepancy of the data. However, the errors of measurement in C are likely to be of a different order of magnitude to those in say WH. Whereas the latter can be neglected the former cannot, unless they are indeed known to be small.

4. Alternative models for the effect of caloric intake on task time

It was suggested to me by Dr Harral that caloric intake might not affect task time if other restraints restricted task time. This leads me to reconsider the models used for the relationship between C and T. So far I have only been able to consider this very briefly but the following ideas may be useful.

I For certain individuals increasing C may not affect task time (at least to a first approximation) because they are already well fed. This leads me to consider a model of the form:

$$(1) \quad T = \alpha + \beta C + \gamma A + \epsilon \quad \text{if } C < C^*$$

$$(2) \quad T = \alpha + \gamma A + \epsilon \quad \text{if } C \geq C^*$$

Here: T is task time

A represents other anthropometric measurements (eg. WH)

C is caloric intake

ϵ is a random disturbance

α, β, γ are coefficients, β is the one on which interest is centred

C^* is a threshold level of caloric intake above which changes in C have no effect on T.

This model is not amenable to standard statistical analysis because

- (a) there are two relationships for T which join at a point C^* which is unknown,
- (b) C^* will vary from person to person,
- (c) C^* will depend on A.

The model can be estimated without undue difficulty or expense though I suspect that one might need a range of observed values of C. The model currently estimated is

$$(3) \quad T = \alpha + \beta C + \epsilon$$

Why α and β ?

which is clearly a misspecification of (1), (2), omitting the variable(s) A and neglecting the threshold C^* . Even if (1), (2) were not estimated the extended model may be useful in interpreting the results from estimating (3).

One might decide that the threshold, C^* , could be neglected because of the resulting complication of the analysis. However, inclusion of A should be seriously considered.

II. The idea of competing constraints holding down task time is an interesting one. If we regard the relationship between T, C and A as a micro-economic production function what we may have is a production function in which C and A are substitutable to only a limited extent, rather like the production function in economic literature with fixed or semi-fixed input ratios. This would lead one to use in (1) above a functional form which allowed limited substitutability to be revealed. Clearly the linear formulation does not allow this for increasing A by ΔA produces the same effect as increasing C by $\Delta C = \frac{\gamma \Delta A}{\beta}$ regardless of the size of ΔA - C and A are infinitely and continuously substitutable in the linear formulation.

So what's the kind equation?

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Nutritional Status and Intestinal Parasites
of Kenyan Preschool Children in Machakos District

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SUMMARY

Nutritional status and intestinal parasitic infections in 375 children aged 6-72 months in Mwatati and Kanzalu villages, Machakos District, were studied. Over half of the children showed anthropometric and clinical evidence of chronic or acute-on-chronic protein-calorie malnutrition, and one quarter showed clinical evidence of vitamin A deficiency, anaemia, or ariboflavinosis. One quarter were judged to have Ascaris infection; prevalence of other intestinal helminths was low. Increased availability of preventive and curative health/nutrition services is clearly needed in these villages.

INTRODUCTION

Malnutrition, particularly protein-calorie malnutrition, is a common cause of poor growth and mortality in Kenyan preschool children (1,2). Numerous available hospital statistics (3) and an excellent countrywide random sample nutrition survey (4) have usefully documented this fact.

In depth nutrition studies of populations of villages, although they cover small geographical areas, are also helpful in understanding the causation of malnutrition and in assisting local officials to plan nutrition and health intervention programmes aimed at prevention of PCM (5,6). This is particularly true if nutrition related variables (such as socio-economic status and health beliefs and practices) are studied in addition to the standard anthropometric and clinical variables commonly considered (5), and if longitudinal data, which show changes with time, can be collected.

The results reported here are the first or baseline measurements taken in a four year longitudinal study of growth of preschool and primary school-aged children in 2 villages in Machakos District. It is hoped that this information will be useful to local health workers concerned with childhood malnutrition in Machakos in particular and in Kenya in general. These preschool children also participated in a study of the effects of Ascaris infection on growth (7,8). Attempts are now being made to control Ascaris infection in these villages by administering a broad spectrum anthelmintic drug (levamisole) to all pre- and primary school-aged children three times a year for 3 years. The present paper relates only to preschool children.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The survey was performed in early December 1975 in Kanzalu and Mwatati villages in Kambusu Sublocation, Machakos District. The staff of the Medical Research Centre (M.R.C.) in Nairobi have been conducting a large interdisciplinary project in Machakos District (9) and generously supplied background socioeconomic data collected in 1974-75 on the households.

All mothers were invited to bring their preschool children aged 6 to 72 months in December 1975 to the local primary schools, where examinations were conducted.

Procedures included anthropometric, clinical, and stool examinations for parasite ova and cysts. Anthropometric measurements done were: (nude) weight, length, mid upper arm circumference, triceps skinfold thickness, and head and chest circumferences. All measurements were carried out using techniques described by Jelliffe (10) and were converted to percent standard values using tables given by Jelliffe (10) and derived by Stuart and Stevenson; O'Brien, Girshik, and Hunt; Hammond; Tanner and Whitehouse; and Watson and Lowrey. The examination for 80 clinical signs of nutrient deficiency or other disease was performed by an experienced physician-nutritionist.

Stool samples were collected by two procedures. Most children provided samples at the schools and the samples were fixed immediately in Schaudinn's fluid reinforced with polyvinyl alcohol (11). With some children, however, it was necessary to issue the mother with a plastic pot for later use. Pots were retrieved by field workers from the child's home within 2 days. These stool samples were then fixed in the manner described above. Stool samples were examined in the

laboratory at Cambridge University for the presence of parasites after the use of a standard concentration technique involving ether extraction.

Each mother was asked a number of questions about her child's past and present health, breastfeeding history, food taken by her child that morning, and medicines her child presently is receiving.

RESULTS

Background information

Three hundred and seventy-five children, or approximately 80% of the resident preschool population of the two villages, and 219 mothers were seen. Age distribution of children is shown in table 1 and indicates that each age group was well represented except for 6-11 month olds. Half or 191 of the children were male (51%) and half were female (184, 49%). Forty-six percent (171) lived in Kanzalu, and 54% (204) lived in Mwatati.

The socioeconomic survey conducted by MRC staff indicated that 97% of children had mothers who were not employed outside the home, and 60% had fathers who were not employed in any regularly paid job. The majority had small farms. The mothers of 18% of the children had never been to school, those of 77% had had some primary education, and those of 5% had had some secondary education. Twelve percent of children came from households without a latrine, but the vast majority (88%) had access to a latrine of some type. All families obtained their water from a well, spring, or from rain water.

Coffee was the major cash crop grown, but 43% of children's families had earned less than 340 Kenya shillings from the sale of coffee in the season previous to the economic survey (1973-74); and

63% had harvested 4 or fewer bags of maize, the other major crop. Forty-seven percent of children's families owned no cattle, and 24% owned only 1 or 2 cows.

Anthropometry

A summary of means of the anthropometric measurements for the whole sample is shown in table 2. The high prevalence of poor physical growth is clear: the mean percent weight for age was 79%, mean percent length for age was 92%, and the mean percent weight for length was 91% of the standard.

The breakdown of percent weight for age by age group shown in table 3 illustrates the classic picture of an increase in prevalence and severity of low weight for age with increase in age. While 19% of children 1 year of age were above 90% weight for age, this was true only for 9% of children 4 years of age. Marked increases in the percent of children below 90% weight for age were especially notable comparing children under 1 year of age with those in the 1 and 2 year age groups. The fact that no 3 year olds with a weight for age below 60% were seen probably indicates that the severely malnourished 1 and 2 year olds in that age cohort either improved or died before reaching 3 years of age. Mean percent weight for age decreased significantly in older age groups, using one way analysis of variance ($p < .0005$).

Weight for age provides an indication of whether or not a child is or has been malnourished, but may tell little about the duration of PCM and may not tell whether the child is presently underweight for his body size. One can much better determine the child's present nutritional status by simultaneously considering his weight for age, height or length for age, and weight for height/length. Using these 3 parameters,

it is possible to classify children as being (1) essentially normal in body size, or (2) presently acutely malnourished, or (3) chronically malnourished in the past but presently of normal weight for height, or (4) suffering from present acute PCM on top of past chronic PCM (12,13). The potential for weight gain is likely to be greater in presently malnourished compared with previously malnourished children.

These three categories of malnutrition can be explained more fully as follows:

(a) Current acute short duration malnutrition. This category includes children with low weight for age, normal height for age, and low weight for height. Because height is normal but the weight is low, the child has evidently had a recent short duration deficiency of calories and/or protein, but no evidence of long term deficiencies.

(b) Past chronic malnutrition. This category includes children with low weight for age, low height for age, but normal weight for height. The child presents evidence of a presently adequate dietary intake of calories, but has the stigma of past long duration deficiencies of calories or proteins or both. Recovered children and so-called nutritional dwarfs would also fit into this category.

(c) Current long duration malnutrition (acute-on-chronic). This category includes children with low weight for age, low height for age, and low weight for height. The child has evidence of both a past and present deficiency of protein and/or calories.

The children in the "other" category are children whose weight for age is slightly below "normal" but whose weight for height and height for age are "normal". Thus, they are close to being normal in body size and clearly have a better nutritional status than do the

children in the 3 malnourished categories.

Results of applying this classification to the whole sample are shown in table 4. The most common types of PCM were past chronic PCM (32% of children) and present acute on past chronic PCM (36%). These two types of PCM together accounted for 2/3 of the children in the sample. This suggests that factors such as chronic poor diets and frequent infections during the weaning and post weaning periods cause a retardation of growth, and that frequently there is no catch-up of linear growth. Some children remain both thin and short for their age (acute on chronic PCM) while others gain weight and, though stunted, are not thin (chronic PCM).

Type of PCM varied between the sexes. Males were likely to be better nourished than females (19 vs 10% showed no anthropometric evidence of malnutrition). More females than males suffered from acute and acute on chronic PCM (14 vs 8%, 38 vs 33%). This bias in favor of males has been found by others in Kenya (4) and by workers in a number of traditional African cultures (10).

Clinical history and examinations

Clinical examinations revealed a high prevalence of signs associated with PCM, vitamin A deficiency (xerophthalmia), anaemia, and ariboflavinosis. The most common deficiency signs were of PCM, with 68% of children showing at least one clinical sign (excluding hair changes). Eight children (2.1%) were diagnosed as having nutritional marasmus (weight for age below 60% without edoema), and 8 (2.1%) had kwashiorkor (weight for age 60-80% with edoema). Clinical signs of vitamin A deficiency, anaemia, and ariboflavinosis were also common, with approximately one quarter of the subjects showing at least one sign of each condition.

Signs of goitre, pellagra, scurvy, rickets, and obesity were either not seen or were very rare in both villages. Only 8% of children had evidence of past or present dental caries. No child had filled teeth.

Results for prevalence of the most common clinical signs are shown in table 5. The most common signs of PCM seen were hair changes (7-50% of subjects), mosaic or crazy pavement skin (34%), muscle wasting (15%), potbelly (54%), lack of subcutaneous fat (27%), and apathy (20%). Several of these signs are not satisfactory used alone for diagnosis of PCM but do support the anthropometric evidence.

Signs of xerophthalmia were also relatively common, considering the seriousness of advanced stages of this disease. Conjunctival xerosis was present in 6% of cases, conjunctival wrinkling (not a distinct sign of xerophthalmia) was found in 18%, and Bitot's spots were present in 3.5% of cases. One child had a corneal scar probably resulting from xerophthalmia. According to a recent WHO Expert Committee report (14), presence of Bitot's spots with xerosis in over 2.0% of the population at risk indicates that xerophthalmia is a public health problem in a given community. On the other hand, no corneal xerosis or serious active lesions of xerophthalmia were seen. Follicular hyperkeratosis was seen in 11% of children. All this suggests that vitamin A deficiency may be a problem which requires confirmation using serum retinol determinations, and good dietary intake data. Since availability of mangoes and paw paws (papayas) is seasonal, prevalence of signs of vitamin A deficiency may be seasonal as well.

Signs of anaemia were uniformly common, with pallor of the conjunctivae of the lower eyelid, tongue, and nail beds present in 19%, 18%, and 21% of the children respectively. It was not possible to

take blood for haematological investigation. The commonest signs of diseases of non-nutritional origin were splenomegaly (23%), and umbilical hernia (10%). Other conditions found in significant numbers were ear and eye infections and a variety of skin lesions. The history indicated that respiratory and gastrointestinal infections were common.

Mothers were asked whether each child had any present health problems. Most children had at least one complaint, the common complaints being cough (55%), a head cold or "fever" (meaning mucus in nose or throat) (59%), "malaria" (meaning raised body temperature) (17%), diarrhea (23%), and other abdominal complaints, excluding diarrhea (33%).

Relatively few children were presently receiving medications at home. The most common medications given by the mothers agreed with health complaints given: aspirin compounds (9%), cough medicine (4%), antimalarial drugs (3%), and stomach preparations (3%).

The provision of treatment to children at the survey site was an important service which probably assisted in ensuring study participation. Eighty-seven percent of subjects were given one or more medicines. The most common preparations prescribed were multivitamins (31%), cough mixture (17%), iron tablets (19%), and chloroquin tablets (14%).

Stool examinations for parasites

Ova of Ascaris lumbricoides were observed in 27% of the stool samples. Protozoan cysts, which were identified on morphological grounds as being those of Entamoeba spp. were seen in 14% of the samples. Evidence of the presence of other parasites were detected less frequently, but it appeared that hookworm was present in 6.7% of the children, Trichuris trichiura in 1.8%, Schistosoma mansoni in 0.3% and Enterobius vermicularis in 0.3%. Almost a third (31%) of the children showed

evidence of having at least one parasitic infection, while 8.8% had 2 infections and 0.5% had 3 infections.

The detection of Ascaris eggs in stool samples was similar, irrespective of the sex of the child. Twenty-five percent of the males were considered to be infected as were 29% of the females. Prevalence of Ascaris infection increased with age, with 4% of children under one year of age infected, 18% of those one year of age infected, and 29-34% of those over 2 years of age infected.

Breastfeeding history

Results of questions on breastfeeding showed that prolonged breastfeeding is still the common practice in Kanzalu and Mwatati. Only 1.7% of children whose breastfeeding history was known were not breastfed at all. Most of the children (73%) had already ceased breastfeeding. The mean length of time that children were breastfed was 14.7 ± 6.8 months (range 0-36 months), and children on the average were reported to receive most of their nourishment from the breast for 5.6 ± 3.1 months (range 0-24 months).

Early morning feeding

Mothers were asked what food each child had received in the morning before coming to the survey. These food frequency data showed that 5 children (1.5%) had no food containing protein or calories in the early morning, e.g., plain tea. Of the remaining children, 57% had uji (thin maize meal porridge) to which milk, sugar, lemon juice and/or salt had been added; 17% had ugali (a common maize dish eaten by adults) with vegetables, beans, and/or milk; 17% had tea with sugar and/or milk; 7% had cow's milk to drink; 8% had bread or scones; 6% had whole maize with beans or milk; and 2% had breast milk. Some children consumed

more than one food item, e.g., tea with milk and uji with milk.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The anthropometric and clinical results presented here show that poor growth and mild physical signs of PCM were common. Eighty-five percent of the preschool children seen in Kanzalu and Mwatati villages had a weight for age below 90% of the standard. This is the cut-off point for malnutrition using the Gomez classification widely accepted in Latin America (15). Bohdal's study of nutritional status in healthy African and European children 4-5 years old in an elite Nairobi kindergarten concluded that "the various (anthropometric) measurements do not differ in comparisons of African and European children" (16). The use of this cut-off point and the growth standards used (10) therefore seems justified.

The mean percent weight for age seen in these 1 to 4 year old children was 78-80%, which is a little lower than the mean of 83% found in the random sample survey conducted in Machakos District in early 1977 by the Central Bureau of Statistics team (4). However, this difference may reflect seasonal or yearly changes.

The high prevalence of acute (11% of sample) or acute-on-chronic PCM (36%), with low weight for height, is genuine cause for concern. Since these children can be rehabilitated by increasing food intake and preventing infections, action is called for. The chronically malnourished children (32% of sample), however, have low weight for age but normal weight for height. Catch up growth which would completely return these children to their standard height for age is unlikely to occur. As they now have a normal weight for height, too rigorous an attempt at rehabilitation may produce obesity.

Of these children with PCM, only 2.1% had nutritional marasmus and 2.1% had kwashiorkor.

The clinical signs of vitamin A deficiency and anaemia seen in one quarter of the children examined are also causes for concern although laboratory confirmation of these diagnoses is desirable. This should be supported by studies of their dietary intakes.

Dental caries was uncommon, and the teeth of these children are much better than those of children in most western countries. Goitre, which has been reported in several areas of Kenya, was seen in only one case in the children examined in this area. Similarly, even though the staple food consists of maize, evidence of pellagra was seen in only one case (0.3%). The preferred local food is isyo, containing maize and beans, which together with other foods, provides both niacin and tryptophan.

The almost universal practice of breast feeding probably contributes to the low rate of PCM in the very young children. Prolonged breast feeding contributes valuable nutrients often into the second year of life but when unsupplemented may contribute to poor growth and development.

The obviously close mother-infant and mother-child interaction and the genuine interest of mothers in the health and welfare of their children suggests that intentional child neglect is not the main cause of malnutrition except in a very few instances where obvious social problems exist.

In conclusion, it is clear that childhood malnutrition is widespread even in this relatively fertile coffee growing area of Machakos District. Future studies will hopefully determine whether the causes

are primarily due to inadequate food production and distribution, scarcity of paid employment, infant weaning practices, and/or to chronic infections of various kinds. In the meantime, increased availability of preventive and curative health services is highly recommended for children of preschool age.

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Table 1. Ages of Children

Age at Visit I, mo. ¹	No.	%
6.0 - 11.9	23	6.
12.0 - 23.9	85	23.
24.0 - 35.9	64	17.
36.0 - 47.9	73	20.
48.0 - 59.9	68	18.
60.0 - 72.0	62	16.

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Disease/Sign	Children	
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*hair texture change	77	23.1
*hair thinness, sparseness	165	49.5
*hair easy pluckability	23	6.9
moonface	8	2.1
parotid enlargement	3	0.8
gynecomastia	8	2.1
flaky paint dermatosis	0	0
mosaic or crazy pavement skin	128	34.1
muscle wasting, grade 1 or 2	56	15.0
potbelly, grade 1 or 2	204	54.4
edoema, grade 1	8	2.1
lack of subcutaneous fat, grade 1 or 2	100	26.7
apathy	74	19.7
misery	50	13.3
irritability	44	11.7
obvious muscle weakness	1	0.3
hepatomegaly: 1 finger breadth	30	8.0
2 finger breadths	2	0.5
<u>Xerophthalmia</u>		
xerosis	23	6.1
conjunctival wrinkling	68	18.1
Bitot's spots	13	3.5
conjunctival pigmentation	28	7.5
nightblindness	2	0.5
corneal scarring	1	0.3
follicular hyperkeratosis	42	11.2
<u>Anaemia</u>		
pallor of conjunctivae of lower lid	70	18.7
pallor of tongue	66	17.6
pallor of nail beds	79	21.1
<u>Ariboflavinosis</u>		
angular stomatitis	11	2.9
angular scars	3	0.8
cheilosis of lips	78	20.8
conjunctival vascularization	5	1.3

cont.

Table 5 (continued)

Disease/Sign	Children	
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<u>Less Common Nutritional Diseases/Signs</u>		
**mottling of tooth enamel (fluorosis) grade 1 or 2	56	15.5
DMF index (no. decayed + missing + filled teeth)*		
0	333	92.0
1-2	17	4.7
3-4	9	2.5
> 4	3	0.9

* N = 333; 42 children had shaved heads

** N = 362; 13 children had few teeth

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SUMMARY

Nutritional status and intestinal parasitic infections in 375 children aged 6-72 months in Mwatati and Kanzalu villages, Machakos District, were studied. Over half of the children showed anthropometric and clinical evidence of chronic or acute-on-chronic protein-calorie malnutrition, and one quarter showed clinical evidence of vitamin A deficiency, anaemia, or ariboflavinosis. One quarter were judged to have Ascaris infection; prevalence of other intestinal helminths was low. Increased availability of preventive and curative health/nutrition services is clearly needed in these villages.

INTRODUCTION

Malnutrition, particularly protein-calorie malnutrition, is a common cause of poor growth and mortality in Kenyan preschool children (1,2). Numerous available hospital statistics (3) and an excellent countrywide random sample nutrition survey (4) have usefully documented this fact.

In depth nutrition studies of populations of villages, although they cover small geographical areas, are also helpful in understanding the causation of malnutrition and in assisting local officials to plan nutrition and health intervention programmes aimed at prevention of PCM (5,6). This is particularly true if nutrition related variables (such as socio-economic status and health beliefs and practices) are studied in addition to the standard anthropometric and clinical variables commonly considered (5), and if longitudinal data, which show changes with time, can be collected.

The results reported here are the first or baseline measurements taken in a four year longitudinal study of growth of preschool and primary school-aged children in 2 villages in Machakos District. It is hoped that this information will be useful to local health workers concerned with childhood malnutrition in Machakos in particular and in Kenya in general. These preschool children also participated in a study of the effects of Ascaris infection on growth (7,8). Attempts are now being made to control Ascaris infection in these villages by administering a broad spectrum anthelmintic drug (levamisole) to all pre- and primary school-aged children three times a year for 3 years. The present paper relates only to preschool children.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The survey was performed in early December 1975 in Kanzalu and Mwatati villages in Kambusu Sublocation, Machakos District. The staff of the Medical Research Centre (M.R.C.) in Nairobi have been conducting a large interdisciplinary project in Machakos District (9) and generously supplied background socioeconomic data collected in 1974-75 on the households.

All mothers were invited to bring their preschool children aged 6 to 72 months in December 1975 to the local primary schools, where examinations were conducted.

Procedures included anthropometric, clinical, and stool examinations for parasite ova and cysts. Anthropometric measurements done were: (nude) weight, length, mid upper arm circumference, triceps skinfold thickness, and head and chest circumferences. All measurements were carried out using techniques described by Jelliffe (10) and were converted to percent standard values using tables given by Jelliffe (10) and derived by Stuart and Stevenson; O'Brien, Girshik, and Hunt; Hammond; Tanner and Whitehouse; and Watson and Lowrey. The examination for 80 clinical signs of nutrient deficiency or other disease was performed by an experienced physician-nutritionist.

Stool samples were collected by two procedures. Most children provided samples at the schools and the samples were fixed immediately in Schaudinn's fluid reinforced with polyvinyl alcohol (11). With some children, however, it was necessary to issue the mother with a plastic pot for later use. Pots were retrieved by field workers from the child's home within 2 days. These stool samples were then fixed in the manner described above. Stool samples were examined in the

laboratory at Cambridge University for the presence of parasites after the use of a standard concentration technique involving ether extraction.

Each mother was asked a number of questions about her child's past and present health, breastfeeding history, food taken by her child that morning, and medicines her child presently is receiving.

RESULTS

Background information

Three hundred and seventy-five children, or approximately 80% of the resident preschool population of the two villages, and 219 mothers were seen. Age distribution of children is shown in table 1 and indicates that each age group was well represented except for 6-11 month olds. Half or 191 of the children were male (51%) and half were female (184, 49%). Forty-six percent (171) lived in Kanzalu, and 54% (204) lived in Mwatati.

The socioeconomic survey conducted by MRC staff indicated that 97% of children had mothers who were not employed outside the home and 60% had fathers who were not employed in any regularly paid job. The majority had small farms. The mothers of 18% of the children had never been to school, those of 77% had had some primary education, and those of 5% had had some secondary education. Twelve percent of children came from households without a latrine, but the vast majority (88%) had access to a latrine of some type. All families obtained their water from a well, spring, or from rain water.

Coffee was the major cash crop grown, but 43% of children's families had earned less than 340 Kenya shillings from the sale of coffee in the season previous to the economic survey (1973-74); and

63% had harvested 4 or fewer bags of maize, the other major crop. Forty-seven percent of children's families owned no cattle, and 24% owned only 1 or 2 cows.

Anthropometry

A summary of means of the anthropometric measurements for the whole sample is shown in table 2. The high prevalence of poor physical growth is clear: the mean percent weight for age was 79%, mean percent length for age was 92%, and the mean percent weight for length was 91% of the standard.

The breakdown of percent weight for age by age group shown in table 3 illustrates the classic picture of an increase in prevalence and severity of low weight for age with increase in age. While 19% of children 1 year of age were above 90% weight for age, this was true only for 9% of children 4 years of age. Marked increases in the percent of children below 90% weight for age were especially notable comparing children under 1 year of age with those in the 1 and 2 year age groups. The fact that no 3 year olds with a weight for age below 60% were seen probably indicates that the severely malnourished 1 and 2 year olds in that age cohort either improved or died before reaching 3 years of age. Mean percent weight for age decreased significantly in older age groups, using one way analysis of variance ($p < .0005$).

Weight for age provides an indication of whether or not a child is or has been malnourished, but may tell little about the duration of PCM and may not tell whether the child is presently underweight for his body size. One can much better determine the child's present nutritional status by simultaneously considering his weight for age, height or length for age, and weight for height/length. Using these 3 parameters,

it is possible to classify children as being (1) essentially normal in body size, or (2) presently acutely malnourished, or (3) chronically malnourished in the past but presently of normal weight for height, or (4) suffering from present acute PCM on top of past chronic PCM (12,13). The potential for weight gain is likely to be greater in presently malnourished compared with previously malnourished children.

These three categories of malnutrition can be explained more fully as follows:

(a) Current acute short duration malnutrition. This category includes children with low weight for age, normal height for age, and low weight for height. Because height is normal but the weight is low, the child has evidently had a recent short duration deficiency of calories and/or protein, but no evidence of long term deficiencies.

(b) Past chronic malnutrition. This category includes children with low weight for age, low height for age, but normal weight for height. The child presents evidence of a presently adequate dietary intake of calories, but has the stigma of past long duration deficiencies of calories or proteins or both. Recovered children and so-called nutritional dwarfs would also fit into this category.

(c) Current long duration malnutrition (acute-on-chronic). This category includes children with low weight for age, low height for age, and low weight for height. The child has evidence of both a past and present deficiency of protein and/or calories.

The children in the "other" category are children whose weight for age is slightly below "normal" but whose weight for height and height for age are "normal". Thus, they are close to being normal in body size and clearly have a better nutritional status than do the

children in the 3 malnourished categories.

Results of applying this classification to the whole sample are shown in table 4. The most common types of PCM were past chronic PCM (32% of children) and present acute on past chronic PCM (36%). These two types of PCM together accounted for 2/3 of the children in the sample. This suggests that factors such as chronic poor diets and frequent infections during the weaning and post weaning periods cause a retardation of growth, and that frequently there is no catch-up of linear growth. Some children remain both thin and short for their age (acute on chronic PCM) while others gain weight and, though stunted, are not thin (chronic PCM).

Type of PCM varied between the sexes. Males were likely to be better nourished than females (19 vs 10% showed no anthropometric evidence of malnutrition). More females than males suffered from acute and acute on chronic PCM (14 vs 8%, 38 vs 33%). This bias in favor of males has been found by others in Kenya (4) and by workers in a number of traditional African cultures (10).

Clinical history and examinations

Clinical examinations revealed a high prevalence of signs associated with PCM, vitamin A deficiency (xerophthalmia), anaemia, and ariboflavinosis. The most common deficiency signs were of PCM, with 68% of children showing at least one clinical sign (excluding hair changes). Eight children (2.1%) were diagnosed as having nutritional marasmus (weight for age below 60% without edoema), and 8 (2.1%) had kwashiorkor (weight for age 60-80% with edoema). Clinical signs of vitamin A deficiency, anaemia, and ariboflavinosis were also common, with approximately one quarter of the subjects showing at least one sign of each condition.

Signs of goitre, pellagra, scurvy, rickets, and obesity were either not seen or were very rare in both villages. Only 8% of children had evidence of past or present dental caries. No child had filled teeth.

Results for prevalence of the most common clinical signs are shown in table 5. The most common signs of PCM seen were hair changes (7-50% of subjects), mosaic or crazy pavement skin (34%), muscle wasting (15%), potbelly (54%), lack of subcutaneous fat (27%), and apathy (20%). Several of these signs are not satisfactory used alone for diagnosis of PCM but do support the anthropometric evidence.

Signs of xerophthalmia were also relatively common, considering the seriousness of advanced stages of this disease. Conjunctival xerosis was present in 6% of cases, conjunctival wrinkling (not a distinct sign of xerophthalmia) was found in 18%, and Bitot's spots were present in 3.5% of cases. One child had a corneal scar probably resulting from xerophthalmia. According to a recent WHO Expert Committee report (14), presence of Bitot's spots with xerosis in over 2.0% of the population at risk indicates that xerophthalmia is a public health problem in a given community. On the other hand, no corneal xerosis or serious active lesions of xerophthalmia were seen. Follicular hyperkeratosis was seen in 11% of children. All this suggests that vitamin A deficiency may be a problem which requires confirmation using serum retinol determinations, and good dietary intake data. Since availability of mangoes and paw paws (papayas) is seasonal, prevalence of signs of vitamin A deficiency may be seasonal as well.

Signs of anaemia were uniformly common, with pallor of the conjunctivae of the lower eyelid, tongue, and nail beds present in 19%, 18%, and 21% of the children respectively. It was not possible to

take blood for haematological investigation. The commonest signs of diseases of non-nutritional origin were splenomegaly (23%), and umbilical hernia (10%). Other conditions found in significant numbers were ear and eye infections and a variety of skin lesions. The history indicated that respiratory and gastrointestinal infections were common.

Mothers were asked whether each child had any present health problems. Most children had at least one complaint, the common complaints being cough (55%), a head cold or "fever" (meaning mucus in nose or throat) (59%), "malaria" (meaning raised body temperature) (17%), diarrhea (23%), and other abdominal complaints, excluding diarrhea (33%).

Relatively few children were presently receiving medications at home. The most common medications given by the mothers agreed with health complaints given: aspirin compounds (9%), cough medicine (4%), antimalarial drugs (3%), and stomach preparations (3%).

The provision of treatment to children at the survey site was an important service which probably assisted in ensuring study participation. Eighty-seven percent of subjects were given one or more medicines. The most common preparations prescribed were multivitamins (31%), cough mixture (17%), iron tablets (19%), and chloroquin tablets (14%).

Stool examinations for parasites

Ova of Ascaris lumbricoides were observed in 27% of the stool samples. Protozoan cysts, which were identified on morphological grounds as being those of Entamoeba spp. were seen in 14% of the samples. Evidence of the presence of other parasites were detected less frequently, but it appeared that hookworm was present in 6.7% of the children, Trichuris trichiura in 1.8%, Schistosoma mansoni in 0.3% and Enterobius vermicularis in 0.3%. Almost a third (31%) of the children showed

evidence of having at least one parasitic infection, while 8.8% had 2 infections and 0.5% had 3 infections.

The detection of Ascaris eggs in stool samples was similar, irrespective of the sex of the child. Twenty-five percent of the males were considered to be infected as were 29% of the females. Prevalence of Ascaris infection increased with age, with 4% of children under one year of age infected, 18% of those one year of age infected, and 29-34% of those over 2 years of age infected.

Breastfeeding history

Results of questions on breastfeeding showed that prolonged breastfeeding is still the common practice in Kanzalu and Mwatati. Only 1.7% of children whose breastfeeding history was known were not breastfed at all. Most of the children (73%) had already ceased breastfeeding. The mean length of time that children were breastfed was 14.7 ± 6.8 months (range 0-36 months), and children on the average were reported to receive most of their nourishment from the breast for 5.6 ± 3.1 months (range 0-24 months).

Early morning feeding

Mothers were asked what food each child had received in the morning before coming to the survey. These food frequency data showed that 5 children (1.5%) had no food containing protein or calories in the early morning, e.g., plain tea. Of the remaining children, 57% had uji (thin maize meal porridge) to which milk, sugar, lemon juice and/or salt had been added; 17% had ugali (a common maize dish eaten by adults) with vegetables, beans, and/or milk; 17% had tea with sugar and/or milk; 7% had cow's milk to drink; 8% had bread or scones; 6% had whole maize with beans or milk; and 2% had breast milk. Some children consumed

more than one food item, e.g., tea with milk and uji with milk.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The anthropometric and clinical results presented here show that poor growth and mild physical signs of PCM were common. Eighty-five percent of the preschool children seen in Kanzalu and Mwatati villages had a weight for age below 90% of the standard. This is the cut-off point for malnutrition using the Gomez classification widely accepted in Latin America (15). Bohdal's study of nutritional status in healthy African and European children 4-5 years old in an elite Nairobi kindergarten concluded that "the various (anthropometric) measurements do not differ in comparisons of African and European children" (16). The use of this cut-off point and the growth standards used (10) therefore seems justified.

The mean percent weight for age seen in these 1 to 4 year old children was 78-80%, which is a little lower than the mean of 83% found in the random sample survey conducted in Machakos District in early 1977 by the Central Bureau of Statistics team (4). However, this difference may reflect seasonal or yearly changes.

The high prevalence of acute (11% of sample) or acute-on-chronic PCM (36%), with low weight for height, is genuine cause for concern. Since these children can be rehabilitated by increasing food intake and preventing infections, action is called for. The chronically malnourished children (32% of sample), however, have low weight for age but normal weight for height. Catch up growth which would completely return these children to their standard height for age is unlikely to occur. As they now have a normal weight for height, too rigorous an attempt at rehabilitation may produce obesity.

Of these children with PCM, only 2.1% had nutritional marasmus and 2.1% had kwashiorkor.

The clinical signs of vitamin A deficiency and anaemia seen in one quarter of the children examined are also causes for concern although laboratory confirmation of these diagnoses is desirable. This should be supported by studies of their dietary intakes.

Dental caries was uncommon, and the teeth of these children are much better than those of children in most western countries. Goitre, which has been reported in several areas of Kenya, was seen in only one case in the children examined in this area. Similarly, even though the staple food consists of maize, evidence of pellagra was seen in only one case (0.3%). The preferred local food is isyo, containing maize and beans, which together with other foods, provides both niacin and tryptophan.

The almost universal practice of breast feeding probably contributes to the low rate of PCM in the very young children. Prolonged breast feeding contributes valuable nutrients often into the second year of life but when unsupplemented may contribute to poor growth and development.

The obviously close mother-infant and mother-child interaction and the genuine interest of mothers in the health and welfare of their children suggests that intentional child neglect is not the main cause of malnutrition except in a very few instances where obvious social problems exist.

In conclusion, it is clear that childhood malnutrition is widespread even in this relatively fertile coffee growing area of Machakos District. Future studies will hopefully determine whether the causes

are primarily due to inadequate food production and distribution, scarcity of paid employment, infant weaning practices, and/or to chronic infections of various kinds. In the meantime, increased availability of preventive and curative health services is highly recommended for children of preschool age.

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Total column n	23	85	64	73	68	62	375
Total column %	100.	101.	101.	100.	100.	101.	99.
\bar{X} *	92.6	80.6	78.2	80.1	78.2	73.7	79.3
(SD)	15.2	9.9	10.0	8.9	9.3	8.8	10.6

* Statistically significant differences between age groups using one way analysis of variance, $p < .0005$. Further differential analysis between individual age groups was not performed.

Table 4. Type of PCM According to Percents Weight for Age,
Length for Age, and Weight for Length

Type of PCM ¹	All children n	%	Males* col %	Females col %
normal	55	15.	19.	10.
acute	41	11.	8.	14.
chronic	120	32.	34.	30.
acute on chronic	133	36.	33.	38.
other	<u>25</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>8.</u>
Total column n	374		190	184
Total column %		101.	100.	100.

¹ Definitions of low and normal used in this study are:

	<u>normal</u>	<u>low</u>
weight for age	≥ 90%	< 90%
height/length for age	≥ 95%	< 95%
weight for height/length	≥ 90%	< 90%

* Significant association between type of PCM and sex using Chi-square test, $p < .05$.

Table 5. Clinical Examination

Disease/Sign	Children	
	No. positive	% positive
<u>Protein Calorie Malnutrition</u>		
*lack of luster of hair	78	23.4
*hair dispigmentation/color change	69	20.7
*hair texture change	77	23.1
*hair thinness, sparseness	165	49.5
*hair easy pluckability	23	6.9
moonface	8	2.1
parotid enlargement	3	0.8
gynecomastia	8	2.1
flaky paint dermatosis	0	0
mosaic or crazy pavement skin	128	34.1
muscle wasting, grade 1 or 2	56	15.0
potbelly, grade 1 or 2	204	54.4
edoema, grade 1	8	2.1
lack of subcutaneous fat, grade 1 or 2	100	26.7
apathy	74	19.7
misery	50	13.3
irritability	44	11.7
obvious muscle weakness	1	0.3
hepatomegaly: 1 finger breadth	30	8.0
2 finger breadths	2	0.5
<u>Xerophthalmia</u>		
xerosis	23	6.1
conjunctival wrinkling	68	18.1
Bitot's spots	13	3.5
conjunctival pigmentation	28	7.5
nightblindness	2	0.5
corneal scarring	1	0.3
follicular hyperkeratosis	42	11.2
<u>Anaemia</u>		
pallor of conjunctivae of lower lid	70	18.7
pallor of tongue	66	17.6
pallor of nail beds	79	21.1
<u>Ariboflavinosis</u>		
angular stomatitis	11	2.9
angular scars	3	0.8
cheilosis of lips	78	20.8
conjunctival vascularization	5	1.3

cont.

Table 5 (continued)

Disease/Sign	Children	
	No. positive	% positive
<u>Less Common Nutritional Diseases/Signs</u>		
**mottling of tooth enamel (fluorosis) grade 1 or 2	56	15.5
DMF index (no. decayed + missing + filled teeth)*		
0	333	92.0
1-2	17	4.7
3-4	9	2.5
> 4	3	0.9

* N = 333; 42 children had shaved heads
** N = 362; 13 children had few teeth
*** No child had filled teeth

October 19, 1978

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Dear Michael:

Thank you very much for sending the September 30 Inception Report on the Kenya research project. It is concise and well written. I have, however, a few technical questions which I am hurriedly sending to you.

1. Ages

Is it possible to include ages where you give weight for height data in the productivity studies? As you know, during our very short visit to Nyeri, we were struck by the fact that a significant number of the (male) workers were either very young or very old. I think breakdown by age is therefore important, not only to determine and adjust caloric status requirements, etc., but also to indicate the populations characteristics and how representative the population is. The same is true for the studies on anemia.

2. Current Food Intakes, Occupations, Income, Family Size, etc.

I was very surprised to find nothing on this in your report. I was given to understand that June was collecting and quantifying such data.

3. Cost of Experimental Diets in Kwale

On page 16 you state the very important fact that workers were willing to pay 15 or even 30 Kenya cents/day for the food. However, on page 21 and table 7 (page 36) cost of diets are given as 98 and 60 cents. Why the discrepancy?

4. Hemoglobin Levels

- (a) The distribution of hemoglobin levels in roads 7 and 12 (Nyeri district) (page 11) are interestingly enough similar to what one would find, I believe, in the USA. I think that fact should be brought out - "not highly prevalent" would not tell the general reader very much. It is interesting also to note the tremendous increase in anemia on the coast.
- (b) On page 20, and later in the tables, you take 14g%Hb as the cut-off point for anemia in males. The WHO cutoff is 13g%, and I think for both the sake of continuity with our previous studies, and in order to conform to the international "standard", we should stick to 13g%.

5. Deworming of Kwale Workers

I'm not sure whether from an experimental view it is wise to undertake deworming of those workers that are to receive the different diets. How will we separate out the effects of deworming from that of the diets?

6. Ascaris Study in Children

On page 26, you indicate the overall decrease in prevalence after deworming. I personally find the decrease very small after one year and would have expected much more children to be worm free either as a result of the three drug doses given or because reinfection would take longer (or both). Perhaps I'm being too idealistic. Does Lani have any comments on this? It is also tremendously important because I'd like to recommend 'targets' for decreasing ascariasis in some of our projects.

As regards Peter Hopcraft, we have had no reply to either the cable or the formal letter of appointment that we sent out last week. I expect we'll get a reply in the next few days. If it is positive, I am anxious that he should start working with June on point (2) above as soon as possible. He should also have some "recommendations" on paper for you when you arrive in January 1979. Anyway, Clell or I will contact you as soon as we hear from him, and we'll then discuss with you how best and how soon to allocate his "inputs". I favor his immediate intervention prior to your arrival.

Still no formal reply by March 79

Clell may have other points to discuss, but I'm sending this off post-haste on account of the usual travel and schedule and.....

Much regards.

Sincerely,

Samir

Samir S. Basta
Nutrition Expert
Nutrition Division
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PS: Sorry I could not personally reply to Lani's last letter. I hope she received the copies of the ascaris report and, of course give Juneau my address and tell him to write whenever he wishes. I was very pleased he remembered me.

cc: Mr. Clell Herral, TRP
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File Kenya
October 16, 1978

Professor Michael C. Latham
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Dear Michael:

Just subsequent to my letter of October 4, we received the attached letter from Phil Green. Phil has been the director of the Bank sponsored Scott Wilson research group on labor-intensive methods of construction for the past several years and senior adviser to ODM on the British financed component of the Kenya RARP; thus he speaks on the basis of detailed and expert knowledge and I value his counsel highly.

Phil raises again, as I did earlier, the problem of maintaining a stable worker population for an intervention as long as six months' duration. However, surely if you are satisfied that an intervention of three to four months' duration would be sufficient to detect the effect of calorie improvements, then we will consider that issue settled.

Another aspect has me more concerned, however, and that is the size of the sample necessary to measure the magnitude of the caloric effect on productivity, as distinct from the easier but much less important question as to whether there is any statistically significant effect at all. I really wonder if it would be worthwhile to repeat the experiments in Kwale or elsewhere unless we feel we have a reasonable probability of successfully establishing a statistical estimate relating the increase in work output to the increase in caloric consumption, for, say, at least two or three levels of caloric supplementation. I am asking Andrew Chesher to give some judgment about the sample sizes that would be required based on what we know so far about the variance of productivities and the effect of other factors. If the maximum feasible work force size we can reasonably expect in another RARP unit would give us, say, less than a one in five chance of establishing an estimate of the change in work output with respect to a change in calories consumed within ± 25 percent of the true value with 90 percent confidence, then possibly we would all agree to abandon the experiment. I don't intend by this example to prescribe any particular criterion for decision making, rather just to illustrate my thinking about the kind of analyses that might help you reach your decision.

Phil Green raised another point of potentially great importance. Chad, with its recurrent and severe famines, might have been a better place to have chosen to do these particular experiments. Surely to the layman's

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naked eye the problem of caloric deficiencies and the critical need for attention would appear to be far greater than in Kenya. Basil Coukis as well as Phil Green are familiar with conditions there from their pilot scale labor-intensive demonstration in construction of irrigation canals in the Sategui-Deressia project. However, followup to the labor-intensive demonstration project at Sategui Deressia is probably going to be delayed by a year or so, and I would imagine it is not feasible to think of so drastic a redirection of your research project to Francophone West Africa -- although if it were feasible we would certainly not rule it out. If it is of interest, you might wish to explore with Samir Basta what prospects there would be for more action-oriented nutrition programs in West Africa and elsewhere. In any case the World Food Program has been contacted and I am hopeful that food relief on a large scale will not be delayed in the Sategui-Deressia (as in the whole Sahellian region) quite aside from any research concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Clell G. Harral
Highway Design & Maintenance Adviser
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26th September, 1978

cc. Dr. R. Latham

Dear Clell

KENYA: HEALTH/NUTRITION STUDY

Further to Mark's letter of 15th September, I noticed that he did not mention one important problem. As you know the current work may be partly abortive because of the "instability" of the labour force, and you have suggested repeating the work in Kwale. Unfortunately unless the RARP are prepared to change their methods specially for the health/nutrition study, there is little likelihood of keeping the same labourers for more than 3-4 months. This arises because the basic road is built at the rate of 2-3 km per month and the work quickly progresses beyond the range of individual villages. The only solution is to either (i) slow up the work by having less men at work on any one road, or (ii) provide camps so that the labour force will be stable for a minimum of 6 months. Neither solution is likely to be acceptable to the RARP. The first alternative, to employ less labour, is also counter to the existing statistical requirement for increased sample size.

*(ill)
Latham*

For these reasons and in view of the nature of the work, Mark is not very confident that a satisfactory "before" and "after" situation can be achieved in the context of the RARP. The alternative is to find a program which is more static - for example, the Sategui-Deressia project in Chad would have been better than the RARP. Do such projects exist in Kenya? If so, would they be willing to cooperate with the study?

A final point I would mention is that the experience of obtaining the present 'baseline' data has shown that if a repeat study were to be conducted it would be essential to have at least two technical assistants for the data collection process. These should be equivalent technically to the Indian Border Roads Grade I personnel, and might be recruited from, for example, Peace Corps or V.S.O.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Clell:

As mentioned in my letter of October 12, I expect that June Wolgemuth will very soon let Mark Sharrock have details of the anthropometric measurements on the workers on which he has productivity data. As indicated in the Inception Report it is disappointing that Mark Sharrock was not able (a) to get productivity on more of the workers and (b) that he obtained less than 3 days output data on 28 workers, and yet over 10 days on others (clearly 5-7 days productivity on every-one would have been better).

I am disappointed to hear that the \$6000.00 suggested by Samir is not actually available. I will re-assess the financial situation in the next few months and let you know what is feasible with regard to a study at a new location. In the meantime could you let me know if your funds allow for Mark Sharrock to go to Kenya on two or possibly three further occasions which may be necessary if we do a productivity study at a new site. I currently have Terry Elliott (stationed in Kwale) looking at possible alternatives.

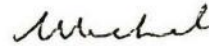
With regard to the Range Rover it is being used full time now, and I expect it will be until about June 1979 at the earliest. In fact we could not conduct our research in two different parts of Kenya without the Range Rover. Transport is absolutely vital at each location and the Ministry of Works has only been able to provide us with one Land Rover. The Range Rover though invaluable is taking a large bite out of our budget because it guzzles gas and now requires over \$1200.00 in repairs and replacements (the load leveller, muffler and tires). Is there any chance that the World Bank could pick up some of these costs in that the vehicle is Bank owned? With regard to insurance we were told by Mr. Nilsson after discussions with Mr. Hutchby (IBRD Administrator, Nairobi) that the World Bank would continue with its usual mode of insurance, and that we did not need to do anything about this. I realize that IBRD staff in Nairobi would like to have use of the Range Rover. I would not mind them using it at times if they could for those periods provide an alternative vehicle for us, and if they were then responsible for upkeep, repairs and replacements. At the present time Mr. Andrew Hall and Ms. June Wolgemuth have responsibility for the Range Rover. Andrew is knowledgeable about vehicles and takes excellent care of it, and June is a responsible and senior person. Before going to Kenya she was on the faculty of the State University in Blacksburg, Virginia, and worked for A.I.D. in the Philippines, she is over 30 years old, and has Masters degrees from Cornell and Johns Hopkins. The fact that she chose to go back to Cornell to do a Ph.D. rather than for example take a position with an international agency does not suddenly make her or my other Research Assistants in Kenya lose their sense of responsibility. I hope that the label "graduate student" does not immediately connote lack of responsibility in the eyes of IBRD staff in Kenya.

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From about January 5 until mid March, and again from early May for a couple of months, I will be in Kenya and will then have control of the Range Rover, and will need it for the work that Dr. Crompton, Dr. Stephenson and I will then be doing in different parts of Kenya. The Range Rover was handed over to us on about July 10, 1978.

Please do let me know when Peter Hopcraft accepts the terms of the contract offered to him.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Michael C. Latham
Professor of International Nutrition

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cc: Dr. S. Basta ✓



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Mr. Clell Harral
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Dear Clell:

I am grateful to you for your letter of October 5, 1978 enclosing the letter to you from Mark Sharrock.

I was extremely surprised to hear that June Wolgemuth had expressed some unwillingness to give the details of our anthropometric findings to Mark Sharrock. I can only believe that there was some misunderstanding. Of course he must have these data and I am asking June to send them to him immediately. All of the data will be shared. This is a joint project, and as Principal Investigator I am adamant that this is how the project will be run. I do wish that Mark had let me know his apparent difficulty immediately. It could then have been sorted out two months ago.

I also want to make it clear that we will greatly value the collaboration of Andrew Chesher with Mark Sharrock, and with us on the analysis and interpretation of these data. I indicated this clearly at the beginning of the project and have in no way changed my mind. I was most impressed with Andrew Chesher, and look forward very much to his collaboration, and I know that his expertise and input will be of the greatest value.

I have not received the actual productivity data from Mark Sharrock and would like to receive this. I had recently written to him about this, but it may save time if you can send me a copy of what was sent to you.

I will reply very soon to the other points that you made in your letter.

I hope that you have received the Inception Report.

In haste.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Michael C. Latham
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Dear Clell:

I attach to this a copy of the Inception Report for the Kenya project. I am sorry that it got delayed.

In haste.

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KENYA: HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WORKER PRODUCTIVITY STUDIES

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Introduction

This is the inception report on the World Bank Research Project No. 671-73 entitled "Kenya: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies". The present project designed to last three years grew out of work conducted in Kenya from 1975 to 1977. The overall project is receiving major financial support also from the British Overseas Development Ministry, from Cornell University and from Cambridge University. Imperial Chemical Industries in Britain have provided the anthelmintic Levamisole free, and have given some support to Dr. David Crompton's laboratory in Cambridge.

It should be noted that although the project was to start on January 1, 1978 the written letter of appointment for this project was dated April 7, 1978, and so the first funds were not available until mid April 1978. Agreement with the British Overseas Development Ministry (ODM) was reached earlier in the year but the first instalment of funds was not received by Cornell until March 1978 (A £1000.00 advance in January 1978 had been received.). ODM is providing support for Study No. 1 and the World Bank for Studies 2, 3 and 4.

The previous work in Kenya had consisted of two parts, namely (a) a study of nutrition and worker productivity, and (b) an investigation of the effects of roundworm infection on nutrition and health of children. In the first study an investigation was made of health and nutritional status of workers involved in the Kenya Rural Access Roads Program of the Ministry of Works. Poor nutritional status due to low calorie intakes and anemia due to poor diets and parasitic diseases were associated with low productivity. The studies were conducted in Nyeri and Kwale Districts. The second study in Machakos District was conducted in collaboration with

the Medical Research Centre based in Nairobi. It involved the examination of children in two villages, and a detailed determination of the effects of roundworm infection on growth, health and nutritional status. These two studies will be referred to later, and reports on them have been issued as IBRD Technical Memorandum No. 26 (1977) and Working Paper No. 271 (Sept. 1977), respectively.

The detailed proposals for the present three year project are contained in "Kenya: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies," Proposal to the World Bank Research Committee, November 16, 1977.

Staff Involved

Investigators

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Co-Investigator - Dr. David Crompton, Senior Lecturer in Parasitology, Cambridge University, and Adjunct Associate Professor, Cornell University

Co-Investigator - Dr. Lani Stephenson (Latham), Postdoctoral Research Associate, Cornell University

Co-Investigator (Ascaris Study only) - Dr. A. A. Jansen, Director, Nutrition Section of Medical Research Centre, Nairobi

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Mr. Andrew Hall - Parasitologist, Cambridge University

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Mr. Andrew Chesher - Statistician (Birmingham University)

Dr. Peter Hopcraft - Economist (Institute for Development Studies,
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Dr. Samir Basta - Nutrition

Nutrition and Worker Productivity Study

Introduction

While in Kenya on a year of sabbatical leave and while serving as a visiting professor at the University of Nairobi, the Principal Investigator cooperated with the Kenyan Ministry of Works and the World Bank in a study of nutritional status and worker productivity. On Rural Access Road sites in Nyeri and Kwale Districts the health and nutritional status was determined of workers doing labor-intensive road construction work.

Detailed work output studies were carried out at four road construction sites, two in each district. The types of measures used were times taken (1) to excavate a given volume of earth, (2) to move a given number of filled wheelbarrows a set distance, and (3) to dig a trench of set length, depth and width in sandy soil. The incentive in each case was that when the task was completed the individual was able to leave work. As most workers are small farmers, this was a real incentive. Task work is much more popular than daily work lasting a set number of hours.

In summary, the findings were that:

(1) Evidence of undernutrition in men was common. Forty-one percent of 281 road workers in the study had a weight for height below 85 percent of the standard. The majority of men were losing weight at work.

(2) Anemia was common in workers in Kwale District but not in Nyeri District. In Kwale 34 percent of men had a hemoglobin level below 13 grams per 100 ml.

(3) Many health abnormalities were found. Intestinal parasites and urinary schistosomiasis were common in Kwale workers, and may contribute to anemia.

(4) Low weight for height was strongly and significantly associated with a lower work productivity (Regression $p < .0001$; $N = 220$).

(5) Workers with anemia were found to be less productive and to take longer to complete a task than men who had normal levels of hemoglobin.

The feasibility of intervening with an energy containing supplement and with provision of medicinal iron was investigated. It was felt that the length of intervention was not sufficient to demonstrate its effect on worker productivity nor to determine the economic implications of such a strategy.

A report of this work is available as IBRD Technical Memorandum No. 26, May 1977 entitled "The relationship of nutrition and health to worker productivity in Kenya" under the general heading "World Bank Study on the Substitution of Labor and Equipment in Civil Construction".

On the basis of the findings in this short preliminary study it was decided that further investigations were desirable. These, it was proposed, should consist of three parts as follows:

Study No. 1 An evaluation of health/nutrition effects on the productivity of casual laborers in rural civil works. In this study the effects of an intervention with calories on work output will be determined.

Study No. 2 An evaluation of practical interventions to improve health and worker productivity. In a series of sub-studies an evaluation will be undertaken of alternative methods for feeding workers; of the routine provision of iron and calorie rich foods to road workers; of the provision of medicinal iron; and of the feasibility of controlling certain parasitic infections. In all these studies the prevalence of parasitic diseases and their relation to anemia will be studied.

Study No. 3 A study of health and nutritional status in two new ecological areas where rural access roads are being constructed.

Study No. 4 A study to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of controlling ascariasis, and a longitudinal study of child growth and nutritional status in children in two Kenyan villages.

Drs. Latham and Stephenson were in Kenya for about 8 weeks beginning from early June. In July, Dr. Samir Basta from IBRD visited project sites in both the highland area and at the coast. Full discussions were held about the progress of the projects, and many helpful suggestions were received. Dr. Basta's experience in this kind of activity, including his studies in Indonesia, makes him a very useful staff member to assist with various phases of this project.

Study No. 1 - Nutrition and Worker Productivity Study

The objectives of this study are (1) to ascertain whether a relationship exists between nutritional status and work output or productivity, (2) to evaluate whether about 800 extra calories provided as food at work will improve or increase work output compared with a control group receiving less than 300 calories, (3) to describe other benefits that might result from supplementation (for example improved nutritional status), and (4) to ascertain whether extra food supplied at work substantially reduces the amount of food normally consumed at home.

Road sites within a reasonable distance of the Rural Access Road Camp at Karatina were selected. Highland districts were believed to be most suitable because the work in Kenya in 1976 suggested that many workers in these areas had evidence of undernutrition, and yet heavy parasitic infections and severe anemia were uncommon. The work in Nyeri district in 1976 showed that 38% of 102 road workers had a weight for height below 85% of the standard, and yet anemia and parasitic infections were uncommon. In contrast, work in 1976 in Kwale showed that 41% of 179 men had a weight

for height below 85% of the standard, 34% had hemoglobins below 13.0 grams/100 ml., and parasitic infections were very prevalent, and often were heavy. Sixty-six percent of men had hookworm, 45% had Trichuris and 23% had Ascaris.

The Principal Investigator and members of his team had meetings in January 1978 with Mr. John Simpson (in charge Rural Access Roads), Mr. B. Nilsson (IBRD, Nairobi) and Mr. Michael Knowles (Engineer in charge of the Rural Access Roads supervised from Karatina).

The Investigators had decided that it was desirable to select first a "preliminary" road site. On this site the methodology to be used would be thoroughly tested, field workers would be trained, and a feasibility study would be undertaken. A second road site would then be selected for the definitive study. At a meeting with Mr. Knowles in the Karatina Rural Access Roads headquarters camp, alternative sites were discussed. A decision was reached that Road No. 55 at Igoka (near Makurweini) in Nyeri District would be used as the preliminary road site. A road site where work was planned to begin in April/May 1978 in Muranga District was chosen for the definitive study. (This subsequently had to be changed due to difficulties of obtaining adequate numbers of workers at this site.)

In February 1978 a 10 foot by 10 foot corrugated iron hut was set up at Igoka for use by us as a clinic and field study examination room. A landrover was provided by the Ministry of Works for the project. Two field workers were recruited from among some 20 applicants.

Examinations of all workers at the Igoka road site were then conducted over a period of 3 weeks. Clinical, medical and nutritional status examinations were conducted by Dr. Latham, anthropometric examinations were performed by Ms. Wolgemuth who also obtained relevant social information

on each worker, and stools were collected from each worker by Mr. Hall for later examination by him at the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases in Nairobi or the Veterinary Laboratory in Karatina.

The weight for height findings in the 43 road workers who had clinical examinations are shown in Table 1. From this it can be seen that 73.5% of men were below 85% and 57.5% were below 80% of standard weight for height. Eighty-five percent was the cut off point used in the previous study. Persons below this were considered to have below optimum calorie reserves, or to have an indication of undernutrition. These data suggest that undernutrition is a problem in a substantial percentage of men at the preliminary road site at Igoka.

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At the Igoka site stools were collected from the men on whom clinical examinations had been conducted, as well as new male recruits, and also for female road workers. The results are shown in Table 2. These stool examinations were conducted by Mr. Andrew Hall. Although Ascaris and hookworm infections were commonly reported in both males and females he reported that infections were usually very light. The striking difference between these findings and those in the 1976 study probably are due to the fact that in 1976 a commercial laboratory performed the stool examinations, and a thorough search was not made for parasites. In contrast, in 1978 a concentration technique was used, and a very time consuming and extensive search was made for ova in every stool specimen. Therefore even very light infections were not missed. Both hookworm and roundworm infections were more prevalent in males than in females. In contrast, although uncommon, only males were found to have Strongyloides, Taenia or S. mansoni infections.

The extent of multiple infections is shown in Table 3. Cysts were

found in 25.9% of males and 55.3% of females but their significance is unknown.

At the Igoka site two different feeding regimes were tested. For a period of time one group of workers received a lemon flavored sugar drink providing 700 calories and a second group a lemon flavored saccharin sweetened drink with virtually no calories. The workers complained that the sugar drink was unacceptably sweet, and trial and error suggested that acceptance was only common when it was reduced to provide 412 calories. Possibly the situation would have been different if a more dilute solution had been tried but this would require a rather large volume of intake. The saccharin drink, because of its flavor, was also not popular. Small amounts of sugar added helped in making it more acceptable.

For a period of about 4 weeks an alternative feeding regime was tried. This consisted of the provision of a gruel (uchuru or uji) made of maize meal, with added sugar and whole milk to provide 700 calories per day to one group. A "control group" received a low calorie gruel sweetened with saccharin and without added milk. These maize based gruels proved to be highly acceptable. Regular weighings were done on workers.

Twenty-four hour dietary recalls were performed prior to the introduction of the supplements, and again during the period when feeding was being undertaken. In a sub-sample of workers home visits were made and food consumption was determined using the food weighing method. The results have yet to be fully analyzed.

Throughout the study simple medical treatment was provided to workers, and more serious illnesses were referred to hospital.

This preliminary study at Igoka revealed (1) that labor substitution was common, (2) that both males and females were now commonly in the labor

force in this part of Kenya (even though this is uncommon in other districts), (3) that the workers were willing to be medically examined and to cooperate in the study, and (4) that acceptable supplements could be found.

Definitive Study Roads 7 and 12

The new road to be constructed in Muranga District which had been suggested by Mr. Knowles proved not to be feasible. Local leaders failed to recruit sufficient labor, and so the plans to construct this road were abandoned. These labor difficulties in 1978 are believed to be due to higher coffee prices, leading to higher wages for casual labor employed both in coffee and tea picking. The Rural Access Roads Project are paying Shillings 7.80 per day, and the pay for coffee picking was often as high as Shillings 15.00 per day.

After investigating possible road sites in several highland districts as well as in other provinces it was decided that the study would be conducted on Roads 7 (near Kibirigwi) and 12 (near Sagana) in Kirinyaga and Muranga Districts, respectively. These roads which were begun in mid 1978 would offer between them a labor force of over 160 persons, each would take at least 6 months to construct, and Mr. Sharrock believed that adequate measurable task work was available. Mr. Sharrock, Ms. Wolgemuth, Mr. Hall, and the local engineer helped in making this choice.

In June and July 1978 the Principal Investigator conducted clinical and nutritional status examinations and took blood, Ms. Wolgemuth did anthropometric measurements, and Mr. Hall took stools from all available workers on Roads 7 and 12. On Road 7, 79 men and 28 women were examined and on Road 12, 44 men and 51 women were examined.

During the same period Mr. Mark Sharrock, with the help of field

staff, did work productivity measurements on as many workers as possible. A summary of the numbers of workers and days of productivity measurements obtained is shown in Table 4. Up to the present we have not received details of work performed by these subjects. Productivity measurements were obtained from 60 subjects on Road 7 and 64 on Road 12. The number of days of observation varied from 1 to 14 days.

Considerable difficulties were encountered in getting these data. Adverse weather hindered this activity. There were major problems in finding adequate task work. Supervision of workers was not always good, and productivity measurements could only be made when supervision was adequate. Headmen considered that certain road workers were not suitable to undertake task work.

The results of stool examinations for Road 7 and Road 12 are shown in Table 5. These indicate a lower prevalence of Ascaris and hookworm than at Igoka. Hookworm was found to be more than twice as prevalent on Road 7 at Kibirigwi than at Road 12 near Sagana. 55.4% of subjects at Road 7 and 68.5% of subjects at Road 12 were apparently free of intestinal parasites. Once again parasitic infections were nearly all extremely light.

A summary of the hemoglobin findings for Road 7 and 12 are shown in Table 6. Hemoglobin levels below 12 g/% were present in 2.5% men and 10.7% of women on Road 7, and in 11.4% of men and 13.8% of women on Road 12. The mean hemoglobin levels for males were 14.85 g/% on Road 7 and 14.25 g/% on Road 12. In women the mean hemoglobin levels were 13.1 g/% on Road 7 and 13.4 g/% on Road 12. Anemia, although not highly prevalent, was found to be more of a problem than on roads in Nyeri district in 1976.

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Twenty-four hour recalls were conducted by field workers under the supervision of Ms. Wolgemuth on all subjects in June, July or early August 1978. No analyses of the dietary findings or clinical examination data have been completed.

In August 1978 subjects were matched according to weight for height categories, age, and sex. Assignments were then made to high and low calorie supplementation groups. All subjects are receiving each day at work either the high or low calorie supplement according to which group they have been assigned to. They will continue to receive these supplements until December (or possibly late November) when repeat measurements will be conducted on work output by Mr. Mark Sharrock.

The supplement being used is a modification of that used and found feasible and acceptable at Igoka. The high calorie supplement provides approximately 830 calories, and the low calorie one about 150 calories. The base is a maize gruel or porridge. The difference in intake between study and control groups is between 650 and 700 calories per day.

After the initial clinical examination subjects were given 3 tablets of Levamisole, a broad spectrum anthelmintic especially effective against ascariasis, and partially effective against hookworm. Those found to be infected with hookworm were later given Alcopar, one of the most potent drugs against this parasite. Other diseases were, where possible, treated. Simple medicines and first aid are provided as required throughout the period of the study.

Study No. 1 is not without important problems. These are (1) productivity measurements were not conducted on all the workers, and on 27 out of 124 less than 3 days of productivity data have been obtained, (2) both males and females are now included in the study, (3) already study

losses due to persons leaving the job are quite substantial, and (4) a moderate degree of absenteeism is being encountered.

Serious consideration is being given to undertaking a further productivity study using a similar design at some other location in Kenya where labor might be more steady.

Ms. June Wolgemuth is now in charge of the field aspects of Study No. 1 and Mr. Andrew Hall is responsible for the stool examinations, for hematological studies and other aspects of this study.

Study No. 2

Study No. 2 is designed to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of several different practical interventions to improve health, nutrition and worker productivity. Study No. 2 consists of several different components, namely:

- (a) An evaluation of different types of mid-work-day feeding;
- (b) A study of practical means to control anemia by the provision of iron;
- (c) A determination of the prevalence of certain parasitic diseases and their role as causes of anemia, ill health and absenteeism;
- (d) An evaluation of the feasibility and effectiveness of routine parasitic treatment and prophylaxis aimed especially at hookworm, schistosomiasis and malaria.

At the present time Studies 2a and 2b are at various stages of completion, and 2d has not yet been initiated (work on these studies will begin early in 1979). Study 2c will include a compilation of parasitic findings from Studies 1, 2 and 3. Analysis has not yet begun but considerable amounts of data have been collected. These will be reported under each study, and not separately in this report.

Details are given here then of Studies 2a and 2b only. Both studies are being conducted on Rural Access Road sites in Kwale District, south of Mombasa in Coast Province. Work in 1976 had shown that men employed for road work at two sites in Kwale had (a) a high prevalence of signs of undernutrition, (b) considerable anemia believed to be of the iron deficient type, and (c) frequent parasitic infections including especially intestinal hookworms and urinary schistosomiasis (*S. hematobium*). These two conditions and malaria, as well as iron deficiency, were believed to be contributing to the anemia. Low hemoglobin levels were significantly associated with low worker productivity.

Study 2a. An evaluation of different types of mid-work-day feeding

This study was conducted by Dr. Lani Stephenson (Project Co-Investigator) with the assistance of two Kenyan field workers. Dr. Latham did preliminary medical examinations and provided treatment for the road workers.

The purpose of Study 2a was to decide on different types of nutritious meals that workers could consume at the road sites, to feed these meals to workers, and to evaluate their feasibility and acceptability. Two different meals were chosen, one hot meal and one cold meal. Each was fed to workers for 4 days, then the preferences of the workers and their willingness to pay for the meals was determined.

The strict criteria set up for selection of the meals narrowed the choices of foods down considerably. Each meal had to be:

- (1) made from easily obtainable, relatively non-seasonal local foods, (preferably staple foods which would be well liked)
- (2) acceptable to the vast majority of workers
- (3) nutritious
- (4) inexpensive (an arbitrary cost of Shillings one (U.S. 12 cents))

per worker per day or less was set, which is about 12% of the daily wage rate).

In addition one meal was to be cooked at the road site while the other was to consist of foods that needed no cooking at the site. The meals were specified to be isocaloric and of equal protein content, but one was to be high in iron content and the other low, so that these 2 meals or modifications could be used, after testing, in Study 2b.

The study was conducted on Road 35 in Kwale District, and a small market and a few shops were ready suppliers of food. The locally available foods were rated for availability in quantity, seasonality, nutrient content, and cost, and after consultations with local inhabitants on acceptability of various items, the 2 diets shown in Table 7 were chosen for trial. One consisted of bread, margarine, and groundnuts. The other consisted of stiff maize meal porridge (ugali) with amaranth leaves (similar to spinach) and pigeon peas (mchicha na kunde). Two local field workers were hired, 1 male and 1 female, they were consulted about preparation of acceptable local foods, and recipes were designed and tested.

The workers were informed about the purposes of the study at a meeting and heartily agreed to participate. The workers then had their height and weight taken, were asked about their age, tribe, and health complaints and received simple medical treatment free of charge.

All 42 workers on Road 35 participated in the study; cooperation was excellent. Thirty-nine were men and 3 were women employed to carry water for the men to drink. The mean age was 25.7 yr (range 17-46 yr). The mean weight for height for the 39 males was 85.3%; for the 3 females, 98.0%. Forty-five percent of all workers were below 80% weight for age and only 5.0% (2 workers) were above 100% weight for height. Thus most of the workers were clearly in need of extra calories.

Results of the meals taken by the workers (Table 8) show that both meals were readily accepted. Over 90-100% of workers took both the bread and groundnuts offered on all 4 days. All the workers present accepted the maize meal-spinach-pigeon pea meal (a commonly consumed local dish) on all 4 days. Regarding consumption, 85% of workers on day 1 and 100% on day 3 reported consuming both the bread and groundnuts at work. Only one worker neither liked or ate both the bread and groundnuts. Workers showed a preference for dietary bulk, since 92% reported preferring 5 slices of bread and slightly fewer nuts to 4 slices of bread with more nuts. All the workers but one (97%) stated that they were willing to pay 15 Kenya cents to receive the bread and groundnuts meal at work each day (See Table 9). // 141P.

The maize meal-spinach-pigeon pea trial was even more enthusiastically received (Tables 8,10). All of the workers consumed the entire meal at work on day 1, 97.4% reported liking it, and 62% volunteered (without prompting) that they wanted a larger serving. All of the workers asked were willing to pay 15 cents or even 30 Kenya cents to receive maize meal, spinach and pigeon pea snack at work.

Regarding preferences between the 2 meals, 40% of workers liked both types equally, 54% preferred the maize meal staple, and 7% preferred the more novel and prestigious bread and groundnuts meal. Over half (56%) felt that eating the meals at work did not interfere with their normal food consumption at home after work.

These results show that mid-day worker feeding in Kwale district is technically feasible, highly popular, and can be nutritious and relatively inexpensive. It is probably best to feed local staples which are likely to be readily available, highly acceptable, and inexpensive

throughout the year. The cost calculated here for the maize meal-spinach-pigeon pea staple was less than that for bread, margarine, and groundnuts (60 and 98 cents respectively) but neither computation includes labor costs (which are low at local rates) or equipment costs (which are negligible for the bread-groundnuts meal and greater but generally non-recurrent for the cooked maize meal dish). In addition, workers were willing to pay something towards the cost of the meal. However, it may be unwise to charge workers more than 5% of their daily wage for the meal or to deduct costs of the meal from their wages. This is because a high proportion of these men were already undernourished, and are likely to have families in a similar condition. Any decrease in total take home pay could negatively effect food purchases and nutrient availability for the more nutritionally vulnerable preschool children and pregnant and lactating mothers at home.

The results of this feasibility study on Road 35 were used to design a long feeding trial as a part of Study 2b. The two alternative "meals" are currently being fed each to a different group of men for several weeks (see below). The acceptability and feasibility of these regimes are being studied. The effect of the feeding on nutritional status and on hemoglobin and hematocrit levels is being studied.

Study 2b. Evaluation of practical means to control anemia by the provision of iron

Because no Rural Access Road sites in Kwale District had more than about 65 workers it was necessary to select 3 sites for this study beginning in July 1978, and a fourth site was added in September. A continuing problem for us is that the labor force on each site is smaller than in 1976, and workers are also often employed for periods of less

than 5 months. These difficulties mean that modest changes had to be made in the design of these studies, but the research still remains feasible. Studies in many countries show that interventions may have measurable effects on hemoglobin levels even after only 4-6 weeks.

Study 2b was designed to investigate the effects on hemoglobin and hematocrit levels first of the regular provision of medicinal iron and secondly by the provision of a snack at work. A substudy involved an attempt to see if added ascorbic acid (vitamin C) would be beneficial.

In July 1978, 3 sites were selected. These were the Quarry Site and Road No. 3 where medicinal iron is provided, and Road No. 7 where long term feeding is being evaluated.

Mr. Terry Elliott, a Research Assistant from Cornell, has taken charge of the field operations of these studies, is based in Kwale District for the full duration of the studies, and he visits the sites each day. One Kenyan field worker is employed at each of the sites, with the exception of Road No. 7 where 2 workers are employed to assist with the feeding.

In July 1978 Dr. Latham did a full range of medical, clinical and nutritional status assessment examinations on all workers at the three sites. He and Mr. Elliott took blood. Mr. Elliott conducted anthropometric measurements on all workers, and Mr. Andrew Hall collected stools and urine for examination. A fresh stool smear was examined microscopically for parasites, and a duplicate piece of the stool specimen was put in a preservative for later examination in the laboratory using a concentration method. A blood slide was also prepared so that the presence or absence of malaria parasites could be determined. Urine was examined for the presence of the ova of *Schistosoma hematobium*. The blood samples

collected were taken on the same day (usually within 2-4 hours) to the laboratory at the Coast General Hospital. There Mr. Elliott did the hematocrit and hemoglobin (on a Coulter Counter) determinations.

The following numbers of workers were examined:

Murram site	63 workers
Road No. 3	56 workers
Road No. 7	<u>69</u> workers

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Preliminary results of the urine examinations showed that 19 subjects (30%) at the Murram site and 18 subjects (32%) at Road No. 3 had *Schistosoma hematobium* in their urine. The screening of stools by wet examination at the site revealed a moderately high prevalence of hookworm infections. The detailed stool examinations have not yet been reported, nor are results available on the blood slides, and on any of the stool or urine examinations for Road 7. All workers found to have Schistosomiasis at the Murram site and Road No. 3 were treated by Dr. Latham with an injection of an appropriate dose level of Etenol. Those with Schistosomiasis on Road No. 7, and the few missed from the other sites, received a course of treatment using the drug Ambilhar. Subjects found to have hookworm received Alcopar in all cases. Other workers received Levamisole (Ketrax) tablets to rid them of *Ascaris* and other intestinal parasites. Treatment for diseases found was provided at the site, and certain men requiring surgery or specialized treatment were referred to local hospitals.

The examinations described above were designed to provide the base line data on these subjects. The preliminary findings were examined and these were used to assist with allocation of subjects to different groups. Dietary information was collected using the 24 hour recall technique. The tabulation and analysis of these data are not yet completed.

A distribution of hemoglobin findings from the Murram site and Road No. 3 are shown in Table 11. This shows that 49% of men at the Murram site and 67% at Road No. 3 had some degree of anemia with hemoglobin levels below 14 g/100 ml. The preliminary data for hematocrits were quite similar to those for hemoglobins.

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The approximately 100 road workers at the Murram site and on Road No. 7 were ranked by hemoglobin level, and then divided randomly into three groups. These were:

- (a) Those to receive 600 mg ferrous sulphate each day,
- (b) Those to receive 600 mg ferrous sulphate plus medicinal ascorbic acid each day,
- (c) Those to receive placebo capsules containing a very few grams of lactose each day.

Prevalence rates for hookworm and *S. hematobium* are similar in all 3 groups.

The tablets and capsules are provided each day to the men at work by a trained field worker under the supervision of Mr. Elliott. The tablets and capsules are consumed in the presence of the field worker who then records that the medicine has been consumed. These interventions will run for 8-12 weeks, and then blood will be taken again for hemoglobin and hematocrit determinations.

This simple system of delivery of iron to road workers is being evaluated for its effectiveness, and the possible added benefits of ascorbic acid in combination with iron will be determined under the conditions of the study. Ascorbic acid has been found to enhance iron utilization.

On Road No. 7 a feeding trial was begun in July 1978 and is continuing. The objectives are twofold: (a) to see if either of two feeding regimes has any effects on hemoglobin levels and to see if responses are different

in the two regimes, and (b) to investigate acceptability, feasibility and cost of two alternate worker feeding schemes.

The workers on this road, after preliminary examination to obtain base-line data (medical; health, anthropometric, hematological, stool and urine), were divided into two groups. Again workers were allocated to groups after ranking them by hemoglobin and to ensure that almost equal numbers with hookworm and *S. hematobium* infections were included in each group. As on the other road sites treatment for parasitic infections including Schistosomiasis was provided.

Group 1 workers for the feeding study are receiving, each work day, a cold mid-work day snack or meal consisting of bread, margarine and groundnuts to provide 626 calories, 17.6 grams of protein, 1.5 mg. of iron and 0 mg. of vitamin C per day. The cost of the food is approximately 98 Kenya cents per day (about 12 U.S. cents) per worker.

Group 2 workers for the feeding study are receiving each working day a hot mid-work day snack or meal consisting of maize based ugali (like a stiff porridge) with pigeon peas and cooked amaranth leaves (a spinach like vegetable locally known as mchicha). This snack or meal provides approximately 625 calories, 17.7 grams of protein, 5.7 mg. of iron and 42 mg. of vitamin C. The cost of the food is about 60 Kenya cents per day (about 8 U.S. cents).

The meals or snacks are prepared in the project shed at the road site, and are supplied to men at their place of work during the work day. Field workers under the supervision of Mr. Elliott make certain that each worker gets the meal he should receive, and records each day whether or not it is consumed.

Group 1 and Group 2 are receiving from their meals very similar

how does he know deworming does not lead to rise in Hb?

amounts of calories and protein. The two meals deliberately provide differing amounts of iron and ascorbic acid. Group 1 receive a low iron and zero ascorbic acid meal, and Group 2 receive a moderately high iron and high ascorbic acid meal.

Details of the two different diets are provided in the description of Study 2a above.

Problems arising in Study No. 2 have been (a) an earlier than predicted completion of work at the Murram site, (b) the fact that Ramadhan may influence food intake. (However Muslim workers were willing and happy to eat food and take medicines during the day even during Ramadhan.)

In order to increase the numbers, and because the Murram site closed early a new group of men have been enrolled at a new quarry site. They will be divided into three groups, as on the other sites, where medicinal iron is being provided. A proportion of the men from the old Murram site have moved to the new site and they remain as study subjects.

Ascaris Study (Study No. 4)

Background

The present project to control roundworm infection (Ascariasis) in Kanzalu and Mwatati villages in Machakos District in Kenya, are a logical extension of an earlier project supported by the World Bank. The previous study conducted in Kenya in 1975 and 1976 was undertaken by the same investigators as the present project. The principal objective was to determine whether common roundworm infections adversely affected the growth of young children and by so doing contributed to malnutrition which is very prevalent in Kenya, as in most poor countries. The work was extended by Dr. Stephenson (Ms. Lani Stephenson Latham) to an evaluation of the economic implications of roundworm infection and its control in Kenya.

A detailed report of this earlier study on roundworm infection has been issued as "The Nutritional and Economic Implications of Ascaris Infection in Kenya" (by L. Latham, M. Latham and S. Basta) in September 1977. A further, more detailed analysis and discussion of the methodology, the locale, the findings and the conclusions for that study are available as the Ph.D. dissertation of Dr. Lani Stephenson (Latham) entitled "Nutritional and Economic Implications of Ascaris Infection in Kenya: Studies in Experimental Animals and Preschool Children".

This original project, for the first time in a well controlled field study, demonstrated that roundworm infection was significantly associated with a retardation of growth in children, and was therefore contributing to protein-calorie malnutrition in preschool age children. The cost of the disease to Kenya, and to individual families, was found to be high, and it was suggested from the data that the cost of control was relatively low.

On the basis of these findings, and the experience of the investigators (Prof. Latham, Dr. Crompton and Dr. Stephenson) in Kenya it was felt that a project should be instituted to attempt to control roundworm infection in these two Kenyan villages, and to evaluate the effect and effectiveness of a low cost practical control program.

Present Ascaris Control Project

The Ascaris project in Kenya is an attempt to lower the prevalence of Ascaris (Roundworm) infection in 2 rural villages by giving 1 dose of Roundworm medicine (levamisole) to all preschool and primary school children 3 times a year for 3 years, and to evaluate this.

The project began in January 1977. At that time, Dr. Latham, Dr. Crompton and Dr. Stephenson spent 6 weeks in Kenya. Anthropometric, stool

and clinical examinations were performed, and a dose of levamisole was given to all available preschool and primary school age children. This entire procedure, including all examinations performed by the investigators, will be repeated each January in 1978 (already completed), 1979, and 1980. The second 2 doses of the drug for 1977 were given by a locally hired field worker during visits to homes and schools in May and September of 1977 as follows:

Schedule for delivery of levamisole

<u>Dose</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	January 1977	completed
2	May 1977	completed
3	September 1977	completed
4	January 1978	completed
5	May 1978	completed
6	September 1978	in process
7	January 1979	to be given
8-9	May-September 1979	to be given
10	January 1980	to be given

In January 1978 the 3 investigators plus Ms. June Wolgemuth, a nutritionist from Cornell University, and Mr. Andrew Hall, a parasitologist from Cambridge University, repeated the anthropometric, stool and clinical examinations and gave 1 dose of levamisole. In April 1978, 4 locally hired field workers, under the guidance of Mr. Hall and Dr. Ad Jansen, delivered the second yearly dose to preschool and some primary school children at home visits. In May 1978 the field workers and Mr. Hall visited the 2 local primary schools and gave levamisole to 524 primary school children.

Results of examinations and visits to date

a. 1977

In January 1977 over 750 children were seen and examined by the principal investigators. Dr. D. W. T. Crompton and his staff completed the very thorough stool examinations on all 752 stool specimens in fall 1977. Prevalence of Ascaris in preschool children was 21%, while prevalences of hookworms and Trichuris (whipworm) were 5% and 2%, respectively. For school children, these figures were: Ascaris, 14%; hookworms, 13%; Trichuris, 3%. (See table 4 of the Preliminary Inception Report of May 26, 1978)

An additional estimated 200 children who did not attend the January survey were also given dose 1 of levamisole in February 1977 by a field worker (Mr. Mutinda Munyao). An estimated 800 children received doses 2 and 3 of levamisole from a field worker in May and September of 1977. The target group is estimated to be about 1200 children, but precise figures await computer analysis.

b. 1978

In January 1978 over 800 stools were again collected for examination and anthropometric and clinical exams performed. Over 1100 children received dose 4 of levamisole in January and February. Dr. Crompton and co-workers completed the stool examinations in August 1978. A total of 810 stool samples were analyzed. A preliminary tally just completed indicates that the prevalence of Ascaris in all children (preschool and school age combined) in January 1978 was 17.6%, the prevalence of hookworms was 11%, and the prevalence of Trichuris was 2%.

To determine, on a preliminary basis only, whether the 3 doses of levamisole given between January 1977 and January 1978 were having an

effect on the prevalence of Ascaris infection, results of stool examinations on 516 children seen both in January 1977 and January 1978 were chosen. The overall prevalence of Ascaris had decreased by one-fifth or 21%, comparing January 1977 (19% infected) with January 1978 (15% infected). *Small!*

The 516 pairs of stools were also divided into 4 groups, those that were new cases of Ascaris (negative Jan. '77, positive Jan. '78), those that remained negative for both examinations, those that lost the infection (positive Jan. '77, negative Jan. '78), and those that had been re-infected or were positive for both Jan. '77 and Jan. '78. There were 36 new cases (7% of 516) of Ascaris infection between Jan. '77 and Jan. '78. Of the 480 remaining cases, 381 were negative both times, 57 cases (12% of 480) lost the infection, being positive in Jan. '77 and negative in Jan. '78, and 42 cases (9% of 480) were positive both times.

If the prevalence of Ascaris continues to decrease by 4 percentage points per year through January 1979 and 1980, then the prevalence in January 1980 will be only 7%. Since the efficiency of the delivery system for levamisole has improved since 1977, we expect this or even a larger degree of improvement may be possible.

Dose 5 has been given to 480 children at home visits and 524 school children at the primary schools. Mr. Hall and Dr. Jansen continue to supervise the activities of the field workers, particularly regarding accuracy of record keeping.

In June-July, Dr. Stephenson spent one week in the villages to check the progress of the 2 field workers and to hire and train a new field worker to replace those that had gone on to finish secondary school in late May. The 3 project field workers now are: Mrs. Esther Ndunda, Ms. Rose Nzuki, and Ms. Jennifer Wambua.

Dr. Stephenson also conferred with Mr. Hall and Dr. Jansen about the Dose 5 visits and arranged the schedule for Dose 6 (September-October 1978) to take place. In addition, Dr. Stephenson discussed the project with the headmasters at the primary schools. Both were very pleased with the project's progress, and neither had complaints or suggestions.

A health education component will be added to the project in January 1979 and will consist of lecture-discussions involving Dr. Crompton, Dr. Latham, Dr. Stephenson, and the school teachers of both primary schools. Topics covered will include how one contracts different parasites (Ascaris, hookworm, malaria, Schistosomiasis), what their health effects and treatment are, and a progress report on the project. Various visual aids are being collected for this purpose.

Computer analysis of stool examination results will provide useful information on reinfection rates and will help determine whether or not the same children get continually reinfected with Ascaris. It will also be important to determine whether levamisole, which is partially effective in treating ^{ascaris} hookworm infection, can lower prevalence of hookworm in school children. This type of long term study, with 4 yearly stool examinations on the same children, is extremely difficult and time consuming, and is rarely attempted on sample sizes this large.

The anthropometric and clinical data will allow the authors to monitor nutritional status of children for 4 years and will also provide valuable longitudinal growth data on preschool and primary school Kenyan children. Growth of siblings and nutritional status of mothers and their children will be compared. The need in East Africa for longitudinal growth data on children living at home has been recognized. Most growth data in Kenya, and other countries in Africa, has been based on cross sectional studies.

Conclusions

Studies No. 1, 2a, 2b and 4 are all currently underway. June Wolgemuth and Andrew Hall are based at Karatina and Terry Elliott is based in Kwale District and are working full time on these projects. They are currently assisted by some 12 Kenyan field workers. June Wolgemuth is engaged in the overall supervision of Study No. 1, Terry Elliott with Study Nos. 2a and 2b, and Andrew Hall is doing parasitological and related work for all four studies (1, 2a, 2b and 4).

A decision will be made late in October concerning a possible new site for repeating some of what is now being done in Study No. 1. Kwale District is a likely location for this study. The objectives will be to get a larger number of subjects and to obtain better work productivity data.

In early January 1979 Dr. M. Latham, Dr. L. Stephenson and Dr. D. Crompton will return to Kenya. Drs. Latham and Stephenson will stay for 9-11 weeks, and Dr. Crompton for 4-7 weeks. In January examinations will be done on the 900 or so children in Study No. 4 (Ascaris study). For the remainder of the period the Principal Investigator and the Co-Investigators will work on the other studies mainly in Kwale District.

In February, 3 new road sites in Kwale will be selected and base-line data obtained prior to initiating three different intervention studies, (a) an investigation of the effects of Schistosomiasis treatment on anemia and health, (b) a study of the effects on anemia of regular malaria prophylaxis, and (c) a determination of the effects on hematological parameters of treatment of hookworm (and other intestinal parasites). June Wolgemuth and Andrew Hall will move their base of operations from Karatina to Kwale.

In March 1979 (or late February) examinations will be made at 2 RAR sites in a new ecological zone as described for Study No. 3. The location will be decided in consultation with the Ministry of Works. This will be a rapid cross sectional survey.

Mr. Mark Sharrock is expected to return to Kenya in November-December 1978 to do the final productivity measurements on Roads 7 and 12 near Karatina. He may at the same time, or later, do base-line productivity measurements on a new site if one is selected for an extension of Study No. 1.

Dr. Peter Hopcraft is expected to work as a consultant on certain economic and related issues involved in the whole project. However the World Bank has not yet informed the Principal Investigator whether a consultant agreement has been signed by Dr. Hopcraft.

Table 1

Weight for height findings for male road workers
at Igoka site (No. 55)

<u>% weight for height</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Above 95	2	5
90 - 94	1	2.5
85 - 89	8	19
80 - 84	7	16
75 - 79	18	40
70 - 74	4	10
65 - 69	3	7.5
Total	43	100

Table 2

Intestinal parasitic infections from stool examinations

(Igoka road workers)

	Males (N = 54)		Females (N = 35)	
	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
Ascaris	19	35.2	22	62.8
Hookworm	20	37	16	45.7
Trichuris	2	3.7	2	5.7
Strongyloides	1	1.85	0	0
Taenia sp.	3	5.6	0	0
Schistosoma mansoni	2	3.7	0	0

Table 3

Multiple parasitic infections from stool examinations

(Igoka road site)

<u>No. of different parasitic ova found</u>	Males (N = 54)		Females (N = 35)	
	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
0	22	40.7	9	25.7
1	17	31.5	13	37.1
2	14	25.9	12	34.5
3	1	1.85	1	2.85

Table 4

Productivity observations

<u>No. of days observations</u>	<u>Road 7 No. of subjects</u>	<u>Road 12 No. of subjects</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	5	11	16
2	4	8	12
3	8	12	20
4	2	3	5
5	5	4	9
6	7	2	9
7	13	0	13
8	7	5	12
9	4	4	8
10	5	3	8
11	0	4	4
12	0	2	2
13	0	4	4
14	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	60	64	124

Table 5

Results of stool examinations - Kenya highlands

<u>Road 7 - Kibirigwi</u>	Males N = 74		Females N = 23		Males and females N = 97
	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	
Hookworm	23	31.1	8	34.8	32%
Trichuris	8	10.8	5	21.7	13.4%
Ascaris	8	10.8	9	39.1	17.5%
S. mansoni	1	1.35	-	-	1.03%
Taenia sp.	-	-	1	4.3	1.03%
No infections	41	55.4	9	39.1	51.5%
 <u>Road 12 - Sagana</u>	 Males N = 44		 Females N = 51		 Males and females N = 95
Hookworm	4	9.1	9	17.6	13.7%
Trichuris	3	6.8	4	7.8	7.4%
Ascaris	1	2.3	7	13.7	8.4%
S. mansoni	4	9.1	10	19.6	14.7%
Taenia sp.	2	4.5	1	2.0	3.2%
Strongyloides	1	2.3	-	-	1.05%
Nil	30	68.2	30	58.8	63.2%

Table 6

Hemoglobin levels - Roads 7 and 12

	Road 7		Road 12	
	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Males</u>				
Hb. above 14 g/%	63	79.7	28	63.6
12 - 13.9 g/%	14	17.7	11	25
Below 12 g/%	<u>2</u>	2.5	<u>5</u>	11.4
	79		44	
<u>Females</u>				
Hb above 12 g/%	25	89.3	44	86.3
10 - 11.9 g/%	3	10.7	6	11.8
Below 10 g/%	<u>0</u>	0	<u>1</u>	2.0
	28		51	

Table 7

Kwale Feeding Study 2a

Nutrient content and cost of meals

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Kcal</u>	<u>Protein</u> <u>g</u>	<u>Fe</u> <u>mg.</u>	<u>Vit. C</u> <u>mg.</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>Kenya</u> <u>shillings</u>
<u>Bread, margarine, groundnuts</u>						
A. fed July 6 & 7:						
groundnuts	33 g	192	8.6	0.7	0	-/42
white bread, 4 sl	100 g	269	8.7	0.7*	tr	-/29
margarine	20 g	<u>144</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-/27</u>
Total		605	17.4	1.4	0	-/98
B. fed July 8 & 10:						
groundnuts	25 g	146	6.6	0.6	0	-/32
white bread, 5 sl	125 g	336	10.9	0.9	tr	-/38
margarine	20 g	<u>144</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-/27</u>
Total		626	17.6	1.5	0	-/97
<u>Maize meal, spinach</u> <u>and pigeon pea</u>						
fed July 11-14:						
maize meal, dry	137 g	496	13.0	3.4	0	-/25
raw mchicha (spinach)	41 g	19	2.0	1.6	41**	-/14
pigeon peas, dry	14 g	45	2.7	0.7	negl.	-/04
onion	5.5 g	3	negl.	negl.	0.7	-/08
cooking fat	6.8 g	62	-	-	-	-/09
salt	tr	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>negl.</u>
Total		625	17.7	5.7	42.	-/60

* Assumes bread is unenriched.

** Ascorbic acid content of raw mchicha before cooking.

Table 8

Kwale Feeding Study 2a

Meals taken by workers

Day of study	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Response	%	%	%	%
<u>A. Bread, margarine, and groundnuts</u>				
refused both	0	2.4	0	2.7
took both	100.0	90.2	100.0	91.9
took bread only	0	4.9	0	2.7
took nuts only	0	2.4	0	2.7
Total subjects	42	41	41	37
<u>B. Maize meal, "spinach" and pigeon peas</u>				
refused	0	0	0	0
took	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total subjects	39	39	38	41

Table 9

Bread and Groundnuts Meals

Workers' consumption and preferences

<u>Day of study</u>	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>
<u>Question</u>	Did you eat all the B & G at work?	Did you like it?	Do you want more today?	Did you eat all the B & G at work?
<u>Response</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
no, neither item	2.4	2.4	2.4	0
yes, both items	85.4	78.0	90.2	100.0
yes, bread only	9.8	12.2	4.9	0
yes, nuts only	2.4	7.3	2.4	0
Total subjects	41	41	41	37

Question asked on Day 4: Did you prefer 4 slices of bread and more groundnuts or 5 slices of bread and fewer groundnuts?

<u>Response</u>	<u>%</u>
4 slices	8.3
5 slices	91.7
Total subjects	36

Question asked on Day 4: Would you be willing to pay -/15 (fifteen Kenya cents) per day to receive bread and groundnuts at work every day?

<u>Response</u>	<u>%</u>
yes	97.2
no	2.4
Total subjects	36

Table 10

Maize meal-Spinach-Pigeon Pea and Bread-Groundnuts Meals

Overall preferences

Question asked after the first day of maize meal-spinach: Did you eat all the food (at work)?

<u>Response</u>	<u>%</u>
no	0
yes	100.0
Total subjects	39

Question asked after the first day of maize meal-spinach: Did you like the food?

<u>Response</u>	<u>%</u>
prefer other food	2.6
liked it as served	35.9
liked it but want larger serving	61.5
Total subjects	39

Question asked on last day of study: Did you prefer the bread-groundnuts or maize meal-spinach meal?

<u>Response</u>	<u>%</u>
liked both equally	39.0
prefer maize meal-spinach	53.6
prefer bread-groundnuts	7.3
Total subjects	41

Question asked on last day of study: Did receiving food at work cause you to eat less when you got home?

<u>Response</u>	<u>%</u>
ate normally at home	56.1
ate less at home	41.5
ate normally after bread but ate less after maize meal	2.4
Total subjects	41

Question asked on last day of study: Are you willing to pay -/15 each day (fifteen Kenya cents) to receive the maize meal-spinach meal at work every day? How about -/30?

<u>Response</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
no	0	0
yes	100.0	100.0
Total subjects	41	41

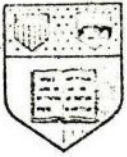
Table 11

Hemoglobin levels - Murram Site and Road 3 - Kwale District

<u>Males</u>	<u>Murram Site</u>		<u>Road No. 3</u>	
	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
Above 14 g/%	25	51	18	33
12.0 - 13.9 g/%	20	41	27	50
Below 12.0 g/%	<u>4</u>	8	<u>9</u>	17
Total	49		54	

Note: At Murram site 3 females were examined, 2 had Hb between 12 and 14, and 1 had Hb of 11.95 g/%.

At Road site No. 3 one female was examined, she had a Hb of 10.9 g/%.



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Dear Mark:

I was glad to hear from you and to get the list of those on whom you have productivity data, and the number of days for each worker. How soon do you think you could let me have the actual measurements of work performed by each of the workers? I would very much like to see these data.

As you have probably heard from June and Andrew there was at first some loss of workers, but following a baraza the situation has now improved. I do not have a figure on the exact numbers. It looks however as if we may have to do a second study on a new road site probably in Kwale district. I need to hear from Kwale what road possibilities exist and to hear from June about actual losses of workers before I can make a firm proposal. Clell Harral and Samir Basta have been kept informed about this, and as you may know extra funds will be made available.

There seem to be two possibilities but these depend on what I hear from Kenya. The most economical possibility would be for you to go to Kenya as planned in November to do the final productivity measurements only on those workers who had been measured by you before (this could be as few as 30 or as many as 80), and during the same Kenyan visit for you to do productivity measurements for the baseline on a new road, if a suitable site was located. The less economical second alternative would be for you to do the follow up studies on the two existing roads (No. 7 and 12) during a relatively short visit beginning in November, and for you to return to Kenya to do baseline productivity measurements in February 1979 on a new road site, and to make a fourth visit around June 1979 to get final productivity data. The extra expense in this alternative will be that you make 4 visits to Kenya instead of 3.

This letter then is just to alert you to my thinking, and for you to consider these possibilities. I hope that a decision can be made within a few weeks. Could you please send me a cable or telex if any of these possibilities are not feasible for you?

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael C. Latham
Professor of International Nutrition

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9 October 1978

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Dear Clell,

On Friday, 6 October, I met with Mark Sharrock to discuss the Health and Nutrition Study underway in Kenya and the prospects for a future project. I will comment first on the current project.

I was able to inspect the productivity data on all the individuals included in the sample. Data on 64 people is available at one road site and on 60 people at another. This is by no means a large sample given the information that we wish to obtain and its content is less than is apparent for a number of reasons.

- 1) The two roads studied differ and the work carried out at them is of different types.
- 2) Approximately 40% of the workers are females whose reactions to intervention may differ from those of males. The relationships between anthropometric attributes and productivity may also differ. At worst two separate models will have to be estimated each based on only 60 or so observations.
- 3) Only a few days' data is available on a sizeable number of workers. This problem is particularly acute with the females in the sample. At one road there are more than 3 days' data on only 4 of the 31 females. Among the 124 workers observed there is more than 3 days' data on only 78.
- 4) There is apparently a possibility of a high dropout rate before the completion of the intervention. Without first hand knowledge of the sites it is impossible to be precise but a 50% dropout rate should be seriously considered. A high dropout rate would reduce the effectiveness of the caloric intake intervention study but need not seriously affect the determination of the relationships between anthropometric attributes and productivity if replacement workers are introduced into the sample at the final measurement stage.

- 5) Since the tasks set are of varying degrees of difficulty, recorded task times are not very informative. Mark Sharrock's proposed use of productivities as the object of the analysis seems sensible and I would expect to improve on the earlier study by doing so. However, productivity has proved difficult to measure accurately and it remains to be seen whether the improvement will be obtained.
- 6) Wage rates are not high on the sites studied. One consequence is that workers do not generally work on site for extended periods. Another is that good workers are not attracted to the project and the sample of workers obtained is not representative of the general construction workforce.
- 7) Poor workers (e.g. the very old, young, infirm) are not given difficult tasks and their productivity is not recorded for the study. Thus the sample of workers observed may be unrepresentative.
- 8) Unmeasured in-site variation in soil type increases the variability of productivity making the effect of caloric intake and anthropometric attributes more difficult to assess. It seems likely that on at least one of the roads, soil type will have changed by the time post intervention measurements are obtained.

It may be that some of these problems are not severe - without seeing the sites it is difficult to tell. In any event, judicious use of deviations about mean task times may, as in the previous study, enable more to be said about the determinants of productivity than is at first apparent.

It is clear that the sample size is small. If there is a dropout rate of the order of 50% then the effect of intervention will be difficult to measure. In this eventuality, in order to "rescue" the project, the inclusion of extra workers at the post-intervention measurement stage and concentration on the relationship between productivity and anthropometric attributes deserves serious consideration.

Without the anthropometric data there is not much analysis to be done at this stage. However, some work to determine the heterogeneity of the sample would be worthwhile and I have left some ideas on this with Mark. Please let me know if you wish me to follow this up. I expect two days of my time to be sufficient at this stage.

Finally, some comments concerning the worth of a future project. Clearly, the problems discussed above should be avoided as far as possible. I believe that a much larger sample size is necessary (particularly prior to intervention given the probability of dropout) but two points concerning sample size should be borne in mind. Moving to productivity as the object of the analysis should make relationships easier to estimate. In this case the requirement for large samples will be lessened. The requirement can also be lessened if investment is made in the accurate measurement of productivity. If we consider the relationship between say productivity (P) and anthropometric attributes (A) and represent this by

$$P = \alpha + \beta A + \epsilon$$

where ϵ is the random disturbance in the relationship, we can regard ϵ as being made up of a number of components, thus:

$$\epsilon = u + v + w.$$

Here

u = error in measuring P

v = random variation due to unmeasured differences
in workers

w = random variation due to variation in in-site
conditions, e.g. climate, soil type.

Mark Sharrock's feeling is that some 20% of the variation in " ϵ " may be due to variation in " u " and that this could be reduced to a quarter of its value by moderately increased attention to productivity measurement. It may be worthwhile spending proportionately less on anthropometric measurement and more on productivity measurement. It is unlikely that variation in " v " can be reduced cheaply. Variation in " w " could be reduced if it were possible to measure the in-site changes in soil condition. However, Mark believes that intensive monitoring of soil type would be prohibitively expensive.

For any future study we require a site with a large static workforce who do arduous work under good incentives producing an easily measured output insensitive to in-site variations in conditions and to short-term climatic changes. Compromises have to be made to be sure but I would slacken off the later of these conditions before the earlier ones.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Chesher

cc. M.J.Sharrock, Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick & Partners.

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October 5, 1978

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Dear Michael:

I was a bit surprised to receive the attached letter from Mark Sharrock; I was even more surprised to learn on checking with Samir Basta that Ms. Wolgomuth was reluctant to show him any of the data your team had collected. Samir and I, of course, have responsibilities to the Bank to scrutinize all aspects of the research, including examination of the raw data and statistical methodology, and generally to ensure that everything that can be done is being done to ensure the success of the research -- and we will most assuredly be held to account at the end for every aspect originally ventured in the study proposal. While I am always eager to encourage the use of the results of Bank sponsored research by dissertation writers (indeed, Samir's own dissertation is one example!), I hope Ms. Wolgomuth will understand that the Cornell team's contractual responsibilities to the research sponsors take priority. However, I think there is really no conflict, just a minor misunderstanding due to Ms. Wolgomuth's unfamiliarity with the Bank's normal mode of operation, which I trust you will explain to her at the next convenient opportunity.

On the matter of collaboration with Mark Sharrock and Andrew Chesher, I had anticipated that you would want to take full advantage of our offer to provide their support services, and still encourage you to do so because I feel they are virtually uniquely qualified from their experience in analysis of the productivity of labor-intensive construction operations in our earlier research. However, I will leave it to your judgment how far you want to carry this particular collaboration. Certainly if you feel you can obtain adequate expert statistical support at Cornell you are free to do so. In any case, we at the Bank will have to look rather more closely at the underlying data and statistical methodology than we did in the earlier study. You will recall that in the course of discussions in the Bank on your proposal, questions were raised on the aspect of statistical design and methodology and the project would not have been approved if we had not given assurances that expert statistical consultants would be retained. Do let me know what you wish to do in this regard, as we will have to contract with Sharrock and Chesher for whatever services you may desire from them.

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October 5, 1978

After some administrative delays, we have now offered Peter Hopcraft a fixed sum contract to work under your direction according to terms of reference as amended per your suggestion. I am asking that a copy of his letter of appointment be sent to you; I trust our offer will be satisfactory to him.

Another administrative matter that I should like to clarify - the \$6,000 in contingency funds mentioned in Samir's letter of August 18 and your letter to me of August 22. Alas, there are no additional funds; Samir rather was indicating the Bank's willingness to accept a reallocation of the present budget to this effect.

One last administrative matter. I would be grateful if you could confirm what date (at least approximately) our Range Rover was turned over to your team, who will have custody of it, whether you anticipate that you will require it full time and whether you are carrying insurance of any kind on it. If there are periods when no senior member of your team is present in Kenya or periods of more than a few days when the vehicle is not required for the research project, custody should revert to the Bank's Nairobi office.

Sincerely yours,

C.G.H.

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**LETTER OF APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NUTRITION
 PRODUCTIVITY STUDY BEING MAILED TO YOU THIS WEEK. I APOLOGIZE
 SINCERELY FOR THIS DELAY IN COMMUNICATION WITH YOU. I HAD BEEN
 ASSURED ALL THIS WAS ON ITS WAY TO YOU WHILE I WAS IN BRAZIL EARLY
 SEPTEMBER. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE BEING SENT TO YOU HAVE BEEN
 CLEARED AND PARTLY DRAFTED BY LATHAM AND HARRAL, AND WHILE STYLE
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Dear Dr. Stephenson:

Mr. Basta wishes to thank you for your letter of September 28, 1978.

Enclosed is one copy of Staff Working Paper No. 175 on Iron Deficiency Anemia and the Productivity of Adult Males in Indonesia which you requested. Also, I am sending you, under separate cover, ten copies of Staff Working Paper No. 271 on the Nutritional and Economic Implications of Ascaris Infection in Kenya.

Mr. Basta sends his best wishes to you and Dr. Latham.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Clell,


I have now looked closely at Mark Brooks letter of May 9th and my comments on this and on some more general points concerning the Kenya Nutrition Study are enclosed. I have omitted the technical algebraic derivations underlying my comments but I am happy to provide these if you think they would be useful.

My general impression of the analysis is that it is unsophisticated and that insufficient information is provided concerning the dangers of reading too much into the reported results. However, to be fair, the study was perhaps regarded as preliminary to a longer study and it might have been felt unnecessary to go beyond the level of analysis used in Tech.Memo 26 in such an investigation.

I am meeting Mark Sharrock on October 6th and I will report on that meeting

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Andrew Chesher

Comments on Technical Memorandum No.26:

"The Relationship of Nutrition and Health to
Worker Productivity in Kenya"

1. The use of 'Z-scores'

In the course of the Kenya nutrition study data was collected on task times for a variety of tasks. It was felt necessary to pool this data for the purpose of estimating a relationship between task times (T) and "weight for height" (WH) but the tasks took varying amounts of time to complete because they were of differing degrees of difficulty. Further the variability of task times differed from task to task. To allow pooling to proceed under these conditions each man's task time for each task was adjusted by subtracting from it the mean of all men's task times for the task under consideration and dividing the resulting difference by the standard deviation of task times for the task concerned. The result was called the "Z-score". One was obtained for each man for each task.

This procedure is only valid if the marginal effect of WH on T is the same for all the tasks considered and this should be borne in mind when interpreting the results. That these marginal effects are identical is questionable since tasks might require different degrees of strength and strength of different types. If the marginal effects are not similar, analysis using "Z-scores" can be regarded as producing an estimate of some "average" marginal effect of WH on T. Whether this average is useful depends on whether the proportion of time spent on the tasks during the period of observation is similar to the proportions of time spent in everyday working.

In any event, the "Z-score" procedure has been inefficiently applied. *Normally one would prefer not to*
~~Any sensible statistical model leads one to reject dividing~~ through by the standard deviations of task times. Instead one should divide through by the residual standard errors that arise from regressing, for each task separately, task time on weight for height. This is a very simple procedure which could be easily adopted at negligible cost. The separate regressions would, as a by-product, give information on the constancy of the marginal effects of WH on T over tasks. The currently used method almost certainly results in incorrect conclusions regarding the precision of the estimates of the regression coefficients.

Problems arise if the same individual appears more than once when the data is pooled - this would happen if any individual performed more than one task. In this case the data cannot be regarded as independent observations. Neglecting to allow for this would lead to overestimation of the precision of the estimates of the effect of WH on T.

2. Omission of variables from the fitted relationships

As I have remarked elsewhere, I believe it is unwise to rely too heavily on two variable analysis when alternatives are available. I doubt whether task time is affected by WH alone and the low correlations reported lend support to this view. Since other anthropometric data is available why not use it? In trailer loading for example it is possible that height ^(H) is an important determinant of task time particularly if the trailer is high sided. To the extent that H and WH are correlated, omission of H biases the estimation of the effect of WH on T.

3. Errors of measurement

The level of caloric intake (C) is almost certainly measured with error and the error may be quite large since intensive monitoring of home consumption was not possible. I am grateful to Mark Sharrock for raising this point. The effects of such error in what is an explanatory variable in the task time relationship can be considerable. One effect is to bias the estimators of the effect of C on T. I raised this in connection with the Brazil/Kenya highway study data where road roughness is measured with error and is used as an explanatory variable in, for example, tyre wear relationships. The same analysis applies here and I will not repeat it though I can expand on this point if requested. A common counter argument to this point is that all variables are measured with error to some extent and that one cannot cover every discrepancy of the data. However, the errors of measurement in C are likely to be of a different order of magnitude to those in say WH. Whereas the latter can be neglected the former cannot, unless they are indeed known to be small.

4. Alternative models for the effect of caloric intake on task time

It was suggested to me by Dr Harral that caloric intake might not affect task time if other restraints restricted task time. This leads me to reconsider the models used for the relationship between C and T. So far I have only been able to consider this very briefly but the following ideas may be useful.

I For certain individuals increasing C may not affect task time (at least to a first approximation) because they are already well fed. This leads me to consider a model of the form:

$$(1) \quad T = \alpha + \beta C + \gamma A + \epsilon \quad \text{if } C < C^*$$

$$(2) \quad T = \alpha + \gamma A + \epsilon \quad \text{if } C \geq C^*$$

Here: T is task time

A represents other anthropometric measurements (eg. WH)

C is caloric intake

ϵ is a random disturbance

α, β, γ are coefficients, β is the one on which interest is centred

C^* is a threshold level of caloric intake above which changes in C have no effect on T.

This model is not amenable to standard statistical analysis because

- (a) there are two relationships for T which join at a point C^* which is unknown,
- (b) C^* will vary from person to person,
- (c) C^* will depend on A.

The model can be estimated without undue difficulty or expense though I suspect that one might need a range of observed values of C. The model currently estimated is

$$(3) \quad T = \alpha + \beta C + \epsilon$$

which is clearly a misspecification of (1), (2), omitting the variable(s) A and neglecting the threshold C*. Even if (1), (2) were not estimated the extended model may be useful in interpreting the results from estimating (3).

One might decide that the threshold, C*, could be neglected because of the resulting complication of the analysis. However, inclusion of A should be seriously considered.

II. The idea of competing constraints holding down task time is an interesting one. If we regard the relationship between T, C and A as a micro-economic production function what we may have is a production function in which C and A are substitutable to only a limited extent, rather like the production function in economic literature with fixed or semi-fixed input ratios. This would lead one to use in (1) above a functional form which allowed limited substitutability to be revealed. Clearly the linear formulation does not allow this for increasing A by ΔA produces the same effect as increasing C by $\Delta C = \frac{\gamma \Delta A}{\beta}$ regardless of the size of ΔA - C and A are infinitely and continuously substitutable in the linear formulation.

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Dr. Samir Basta
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Dear Samir:

It was so nice to see you in Brazil even if the time was short! I hope you've had time to rest up from the trip before going off on another one. You were right--Rio is truly delightful.

I have been asked to write a chapter for a pediatric textbook on nutritional and economic implications of intestinal parasites--certainly a novel chapter title, but it's about time that parasites were considered to be problems! I'd really like to have a copy of your World Bank report on the cost estimates of anemia in Indonesia, so that I could quote it. Can you spare one copy? Do you know of any other economic studies on hookworm? The chapter is due at the editor's by Oct. 15, which, unfortunately, is quite soon.

Also our yellow reports on Nutritional and Economic Implications of Ascaris Infection in Kenya are almost gone. Do you by any chance have 10 extra copies?

I got a letter from Michael's student, Terry Elliott, who's overseeing the anemia studies in Kwale and he said that Juma Mwakuzimu (my fieldworker that you met when you visited us in Kwale) wanted your address, so I'm sending it to him. Terry said that Juma had just gotten a job teaching school, which is quite fortunate.

Our progress report for the Kenya studies is in the works and things seem to be going smoothly. David Crompton is here for 2 weeks and we've discussed our visit to Kenya in Jan-Feb '79.

I hope your job is going well there--I don't envy the chain of command! Michael and I send our best regards to you and Marina and the little Bastas. Hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,

Lani S. Stephenson, Ph.D.
Research Associate

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DATE: September 27, 1978

TO: Mr. Peter Hopcraft, Economist

FROM: Samir Sanad Basta, AGRNU

SUBJECT: KENYA: Research in Nutrition & Productivity (RP0671-73) -
Terms of Reference

1. This will confirm our understanding of your contribution to the above project as we discussed during my recent visit to Kenya. You will be responsible to Dr. Michael Latham, but please copy all reports and substantive correspondence to me at the Bank. We expect you to play a major role in sorting out the effect of broader socio-economic parameters from the nutritional factors in these series of studies and in delineating specific practical recommendations for future nutrition programs in Kenya. To this end we expect you to assist in (i) data collection; (ii) data analysis; and (iii) report preparation, as outlined below.
2. Initially, you should review and prepare a list of the socio-economic indicators which should be monitored during the data collection phase of studies 1 and 2. You should review the overall statistical design of these two components provided by Dr. Latham to ensure that sufficient non-clinical variables are measured, so that social and economic conditions are taken into account when explaining productivity changes in control and target populations.
3. You will also be involved in a review of the different dietary interventions proposed for studies 1 and 2, and advise Dr. Latham and his research team on the suitability of proposed diets from both the cost point of view as well as the feasibility of their introduction into long term programs.
4. Given your experience in Kenya's agriculture sector, you will also advise as necessary on alternative choices and sites for study 1, including the possibility of replacing study 1 road workers with agricultural laborers on plantations or farms.
5. You will also be involved in interpreting and commenting upon data analysis during the latter phases of these components. You should help Dr. Latham to differentiate between real and apparent effects of the various interventions. Careful screening of non-nutritional or clinical effects upon productivity, income, and overall weight gains in the various populations under study will be necessary.
6. Implications and Recommendations are a third area of responsibility that you should be deeply involved with. You should play a key role in advising the research team and the Bank what long and short term economic implications of the results of studies 1 and 2 are, for example, in both labor

abundant as well as labor constrained scenarios, and you should provide advice as necessary concerning the economic and policy implications of Study No. 4.

7. Finally, with your knowledge of Kenyan government plans and policies, the limitations of some Ministries and the cost/benefit results of these studies, you should carefully study practical recommendations that would emerge from the various studies (including studies 3 and 4). Along with Dr. Latham and in consultation with officials from the Ministry of Planning and Finance you should also advise government and the Bank on how best to implement study results in Kenya's national development plans.

8. You will prepare a first progress report outlining your findings and recommendations no later than February 1979. A second report would be due by February 1980 and a final report by December 31, 1980.

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Cleared with & cc: Messrs. C. Harral
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Dear Clell,

Kenya Health and Nutrition Study

I enclose a list of subjects with identification nos., names and number of days work measured on each, and the productivity data itself which I collected in Kenya during June and July.

I had anticipated that you would wish me to assist Andrew Chesher in carrying out some preliminary assessment of the data. I therefore spoke about this to Michael Latham's student June Wolgemuth before leaving Kenya. However she declined to give me any of the detailed information of anthropometric data on the grounds that it was the basis of her Phd work. She did offer me some grouped extracts from her data but I did not think this was good enough so did not take it.

I have now spoken to Andrew Chesher and he is able to do some work on the data, but he did confirm it would be best to have complete health data that may be available. Perhaps you could sort out with Michael Latham who is entitled to see the data. Andrew asked me to mention he would like an instruction from you before starting work should you require this.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Shorroch

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Dr. Michael C. Latham,
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U. S. A.

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 21st. August. I am sorry for the delay in replying, but I have at last completed the reduction of the field measurements and can now give you some details.

I enclose a list of subjects with the identification number and actual names of each person together with number of days work measured on each.

Unfortunately, I have no complete record of which workers were female - although I imagine this could be determined from the names of the individuals if one were familiar with local usage for names!

Yours sincerely,



Encs.

c.c. Clell Harral. ✓

PRODUCTIVITY DATA

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS, NAMES AND DAYS OF PRODUCTIVITY OBSERVATIONS.

ROAD 12

2	CHOMBA GATUA	9	63	EMILY WANJIRA	1
3	HELEN WAMBUI	3	64A	JACOB KIIRU	12
4	MARGRET WAMBUI	5	69	DUNCAN KAMAU	4
5A	JAMES KIRANGO	8	70	JANE WANJIRU	1
6	MUTHIGANI MATATHI	1	71	EUNICE WAMBUI	2
9	VERONICA MUTHONI	3	73A	GICHIRA WILLY	1
11	MWANGI GITAU	6	75	GRACE NJERI	2
13	LABAN MAINA	11	76	BERNARD MUNENE	14
15	RUIRU NDAHI	10	77	WAIRIMU WANJOHI	1
16	JANE WAITHIRA	1	78	REBECCA WANJIRO	2
19	FLACIAH WANDIA	3	78A	NANCY NJERI	2
20	SICILIAH WANGIKU	2	79A	JOSEPH MWANGI	3
21	ANNAH MUTHONI	3	80	STEPHEN MWANGI	9
23	LUCIAH NJERI MWANGI	1	81	JANE WAMAITHA	1
25A	JOHN GITAU	11	83	JECINTA NJERI	2
26	LUCIAH NJERI MAINA	2	84	MARGRET WAMBUI	3
27A	JOHN MAINA	1	86	MAINA GITAU	4
29	AGNES WANGIKU	1	87A	KIBOTHI MUTURI	8
30	GATANGU MWANGI	5	89	GRACE NJERI MWANGI	3
33	JOYCE WANJIKU	1	90A	PETER MAINA	8
36	KANYINGI MUKURIA	12	92	ESTHER WANJIRU	3
39	MARY NJOKI	4	94	MUCHOKI GITAU	11
41	VIRGINIA WAIRIMU	3	95	KAMIRI KANGETHI	9
46	MWANGI MBUGURA	13	96A	PETER GATHIMBI	8
47	EUNICE WANJIRU	2	97	MWANGI KABUGUA	14
49	MWANGI KIRATU	13	98	SARABINAH NYAMBURA	3
50A	KAMAU MWANGI	13	99	SARABINAH WANJIKU	3
51	MWANGI KIBERU	8	105	MWANIKI MUTURI	5
52	KAMAU GITAU	11	106A	KARIUKU WILLY	9
53	FRANCIS KIARO	10	107	BENJAMIN MUTURI	10
54A	GEOFFREY GICHEHI	13	109	MARGRET WANJIKU	3
58	KIMANI KAMAU	5	110	MARGRET NJERI	6

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ROAD 7

4	ANTONY MWANGI CIIRA	3	148	MWANGI MUCHIRI	3
7	BERNARD MBUCHUNA M.	2	149	KIRAGO KIBUCHI	7
19	KANGANGE MURAGE	3	150	KIRIMBI CHOMBA	5
21	LEONARD MAINA KIHOSHIA	8	151	JOSEPH NJONGI	5
23	JOSEPH MAINA W.	9	154	JANE NJERI	6
26	MAINA KARANI	7	155	MUTHONI GWATHIGA	9
31	MAINA MURIITHI	10	158	JOYCE WAMUYU	5
34	WAMWEA WANYAMBO	4	160	EVALINE WARUKURI	7
38	MWANGI MBURATI	5	164	PETERSON MURAGURI	1
48	KABIRU NJAU	6	165	GLADYS WAKINI	3
54	MWEA GOCHO	7	167	PETER MURIITHI	9
76	KIAMA KAARA	3	168	NDAGURI NGARI	7
79	WAGOCHO MUGOIYO	6	171	MARY MUTHONI	8
85	JANE WANJIRU	7	173	SAMUEL KARIUKU	3
88	BEATRICE MICHERE	4	174	ESTON M. NJOGO	8
90	ELIUD MURIUKI	3	177	MWAI MIANO	10
95	NANCY WANJIRU	3	178	MBUTU MURIMI	1
96	JECINTA NJERI	1	183	JACOB MAINA	7
106	KANOGA NDITU	1	185	KIBUCHI MUTUGI	7
109	MUTHIGANI NJAMBURI	2	186	MWANGI TIMOTHY	6

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113	JOSEPH KANGANGI	8	189A	CYRUS K. GEDEON	7
114	MARY KANINI	6	190	STANLEY M. KIAMA	6
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122	FAITH WANJIRA	7	193	RUTH WAMBUI	8
126	PETER MAINA MWANGI	10	194	JANE WAKINI	10
133	MAINA MWANGI	8	198	EUNICE WAIRIMU	7
135	SAMUEL GITHINJI	7	199	RUTH WANJIRA	6
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Dr. Michael C. Latham,
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U. S. A.

Dear Michael,

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I enclose a list of subjects with the identification number and actual names of each person together with number of days work measured on each.

Unfortunately, I have no complete record of which workers were female - although I imagine this could be determined from the names of the individuals if one were familiar with local usage for names!

Yours sincerely,



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: KENYA: Nutrition and Productivity Research Project 671-73
Back-to-Office Report

DATE: August 17, 1978

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9. Miss Wolgomuth has also prepared a socio-economic questionnaire which I reviewed and which will attempt to correct for variables such as incomes, land holdings, family size, location, etc., among the different workers. Dr. Peter Hopcraft, economist and senior research fellow at the Institute of Development Studies in Nairobi, is currently also reviewing the questionnaire. During my meetings with him he agreed to participate as a co-investigator to the study per the Bank's recommendations. I stressed to both him and Dr. Latham that he should be fully involved in all of Studies 1, 2, 3 and 4 (see attached terms of reference). His main contribution should be during the design phase of each study (preparation of questionnaire) and also during the analysis, implication and recommendation for each of the studies. He also suggested that he would like to examine the costs and implications of different types of social benefits that may be recommended by the Lathams and, using the results of Studies 1 and 2, examine implications for different scenarios such as labor abundant versus labor constrained localities. (Economically believable data was a phase he used...).

10. Study 2: This is taking place in the coastal district of Kwale, some 50 miles south of Mombasa. The primary objective is to study the cost and effects of different nutritional and parasitological treatments on groups of road workers, and is a follow-up of the earlier studies linking anemia to lowered productivity. Stage (a) of the study (the effect of different dietary interventions) was in the process of being initiated when I arrived.

11. Road 35 is being used for short feeding trial (2 to 3 weeks) on a group of some 50 road workers (all males) to test preliminary costs and acceptability of different food mixtures before the definitive study begins in late summer. The two main foods that were being tested during my presence there was a cold (uncooked) snack costing around KSh0.90 per day per worker (US\$0.13) and cooked hot meal costing some KSh0.40 per day per worker (US\$0.06).

^{1/} It must be stated, however, that during my field visit, I found little evidence that the women were more undernourished.

12. The cold snack which consists of 4 slices of local bread with margarine and a bag of peanuts provides some 600 calories and 1.5 mg of iron, and the hot iron-rich meal consists of the traditional "ugali" (maize, amaranth leaves, pigeon peas and oil) provides some 700 calories and 11 mg of iron. Acceptability for both was found to be good, although most workers preferred the cheaper but more nutritious "ugali". Since most of the workers there are fond of gambling, a simple system of drawing lots out of a hat will determine who gets hot and cold meals, when the definitive study begins in early September after Ramadan. By September the feasibility of using other dietary combinations will also be decided.

13. The hematological and clinical effect of these dietary regimes will be compared to treatments that will be carried out in road No. 3 and the quarry site also in Kwale district. These consist of providing iron sulphate tablets (600 mg daily) and placebo to some 110 workers. During January 1979, other interventions will be carried out in further groups of workers to test the cost and effects of drug treatments for each of bilharzia, malaria, and hookworm and the hematological results and costs will be compared to the above food supplement groups. Hematological, clinical and stool samples have already been carried out on these coast workers. They reveal a high incidence of anemia, malaria, schistosomiasis, and ankylostomiasis (hookworm), with very heavy parasitic egg loads, unlike the workers in the Nyeri highland district who are suffering mainly from calorie under-nutrition. The physical appearance of the road workers in Kwale is also much poorer. Unlike Nyeri, nearly all road workers are male farmers or farm laborers, and there are no labor shortages, quite the contrary, because of the poorer economic status of the region.

14. For these reasons, Mr. John Simpson (MOW), Mr. Hopcraft and I have recommended to Dr. Latham that productivity studies would be more meaningful and more feasible in these coastal areas than in the highlands. This would, however, necessitate some redesigning of Studies 1 and 2. However, since the former has been funded completely by the British Ministry of Overseas Development (O.D.M.) and Dr. Latham and O.D.M. have been insistent on studying the effect of calorie supplementation in workers with the minimum of parasitological and hematological complications, it seems difficult at this stage to simply transfer Study 1 to the coastal areas. In addition, it would necessitate the immediate extension of Mr. Mark Sharrock's (engineering consultant) contract by some 8 man-weeks at least. Dr. Latham did however give me assurances that he would explore this alternative further. Another alternative is to use farm laborers or plantation workers for the productivity studies. This would minimize dropouts and the logistic problems associated with road workers. If this is acceptable, Mr. Sharrock in my opinion, should then return to Kenya around September 1978.

15. On July 11, I met with Mr. John Simpson (Senior Superintendent Engineer in charge of the Rural Access Roads Program, MOW) along with Mr. Sharrock and Dr. Wolgomuth to discuss the progress of Studies 1 and 2, and to bring-up some issues affecting Study 1. Mr. Simpson showed continued interest in all facets of the study and was very forthcoming in

his desire to overcome bottlenecks both in transportation and in the work distribution that were affecting Study 1. MOW also gave their approval to the provision of a monetary bonus of KSh100 for each subject who completes the feeding study; they also released the Range Rover, purchased under the Bank's labor substitution study, to Dr. Latham's team. However, this comes too late to defray costs already incurred in May/June by Mr. Sharrock for the hiring of a land rover. Mr. Simpson also dispatched a senior supervisor to Nyeri to investigate earlier unwillingness of some foremen to reallocate workers or tasks on some roads. (This, according to Mr. Sharrock, should have been done sooner.)

16. Mr. Simpson also requested that the results from the studies be presented to him in more simple form than the working papers and technical memorandum previously sent to him, and that no recommendations be made until these were previously discussed with him. In his opinion, because of costs and organizational implications, the Ministries of Health and Planning should carry the responsibility on how to apply the results of the studies.

17. On July 12, I had a meeting in the Ministry of Finance and Planning with Mr. J. Otieno, Chairman of the section on Basic Needs and Nutrition for the forthcoming Kenyan National Plan document. Also present were Ms. H. Goris of the Bank's Nairobi Office, and Dr. Desmond McArthur, Nutrition Planner, seconded to the Ministry for a period of one year by FAO, from M.I.T. Dr. McArthur and Mr. Otieno are preparing the section on nutrition and agriculture for the forthcoming Kenyan five-year plan. This document is supposed to be ready in December 1978, and Mr. Mule (Permanent Undersecretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning) had recommended that I meet with Mr. Otieno to discuss study progress. Mr. Otieno had been well briefed by Dr. Latham on the study, and informed us that some of the earlier and current results will be incorporated in the plan document and that he had also asked Dr. Latham to help his ministry review a number of recommendations for a National Nutrition Plan. He informed us that he would also appreciate it if the Bank could forward him copies of one of our Nutrition Project appraisal reports, and we discussed several possible approaches to a Nutrition Planning exercise.

18. I also briefed Mr. J. North, Bank Resident Representative, on study progress. He requested that Dr. Latham brief him more fully on some administrative matters regarding the use of the Bank vehicle. This was duly communicated to Dr. Latham. Dr. Latham was also informed of the Bank's preference for the inclusion of an economist such as Dr. Hopcraft on the study team, and my concern over the calorie study financed by O.D.M. in Nyeri (paragraph 4-7).

19. I departed from Kenya on July 12. Separate reports are forthcoming at the end of August from Mr. Sharrock and Dr. Latham on work output studies and overall progress report respectively.

20. Action Recommended:

(a) After reviewing Mr. Sharrock's report, his recommendations, and the statistical significance of the results he has obtained so far, the Bank should decide whether to recommend to O.D.M. and Dr. Latham that the calorie supplementation studies be continued (using farm or plantation workers) or be transferred to the Kwale road workers or, if necessary, dropped.

(b) If more of Mr. Sharrock's time is needed because of the issues mentioned in paragraphs 4-7, then reallocation of contingency funds or labor-substitution study funds to this purpose should be undertaken as soon as possible.

(c) If Study 1 is dropped altogether, some productivity data can still be obtained from Study 2. Dr. Latham should therefore return to Kenya with Mr. Sharrock to set these up as soon as possible, and incorporate these into the design of the anemia studies. Conversely, we may drop productivity studies altogether and concentrate instead on the cost/benefit studies of Study 2.

(d) Mr. Hopcraft should be immediately sent a letter from the Bank confirming his terms of reference (see attached).

(e) A copy of the Colombia Nutrition Project should be sent to Mr. Otieno, Ministry of Finance and Planning, and the Bank should study the possibility of participating in a Kenyan National Nutrition Plan if this is so requested.

- Attachments:
- (1) Draft Terms of Reference for Dr. Peter Hopcraft, Consultant Economist.
 - (2) Draft letter for Dr. Latham indicating concern over Study 1 and alternatives.
 - (3) Outline of field staff.

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Aug. 15, 1978

TO: Mr. Peter Hopcraft, Economist
FROM: Samir Sanad Basta, AGRNU
SUBJECT: KENYA - Research in Nutrition & Productivity (RP0671-73):
Terms of Reference

1. This will confirm our understanding of your contribution to the above project as we discussed during my recent visit to Kenya. We request that you work directly with Dr. Michael Latham but please copy all reports and substantive correspondence to me and Clell Harral at the Bank. We expect you to play a major role in sorting out the effect of broader socio-economic parameters from the nutritional factors in these series of studies and in delineating specific practical recommendations for future nutrition programs in Kenya. To this end we expect you to assist in (i) data collection; (ii) data analysis; and (iii) report preparation, as outlined below.

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4. Given your experience in Kenya's agriculture sector, you will also advise as necessary on alternative choices and sites for study 1, including the possibility of replacing study 1 road workers with agricultural laborers on plantations or farms.
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6. Implications and Recommendations are a third area of responsibility that you should be deeply involved with. You should play a key role in advising the research team and the Bank what long and short term economic implications of the results of studies 1 and 2 are, in both, for example, labor abundant as well as labor constrained scenarios.
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To be cleared and cc: Mr. Michael Latham



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- Dr. L. Stevenson-Latham - Co-investigator, Cornell University
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- Mr. Joshua - Kwale field staff.

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Aug. 15, 1978

TO: Mr. Peter Hopcraft, Economist
FROM: Samir Sanad Basta, AGRNU
SUBJECT: KENYA - Research in Nutrition & Productivity (RP0671-73):
Terms of Reference

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. C. G. Harral, Highway Design and Maintenance
Advisor, TRP

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Back-to-Office Report

1. I arrived in Kenya on July 5, 1978, per terms of reference dated June 22, 1978, to review the initiation of Studies 1 and 2. Study 1 deals with the effect of calorie supplementation upon productivity of road workers. Study 2 is exploring the benefit/cost of alternative delivery mechanisms for the reduction of anemia. Study 1 is taking place in an area with low parasitic loads in the Kenya highlands (Nyeri) and Study 2 is situated in a heavily infested lowland area south of Mombasa.

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August 22, 1978

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Mr. Clell Herral
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The World Bank
1818 H Street N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20433

Dear Clell:

Dr. Samir Basta's letter of August 18 has reached me a few hours before leaving for Brazil.

I wanted to let you know that I approve of the terms of reference for Peter Hopcraft. I suggest one addition to these, namely "That he provide advice as necessary concerning the economic and policy implications of Study No. 4".

My letter of August 21 to you summarizes my reactions to your verbal comments about the concerns that you, Samir and I share concerning Study No. 1.

As I indicate I do not believe that we should abandon Study 1 at the two sites near Nyeri now. I believe we should continue with it, at the same time realizing that the results may not meet our original objectives for this study. But a very great deal of effort on all our parts, and many thousands of dollars, have been invested in the study. It is now more than half over. It is almost certain that we will reap considerable dividends from this study even if it does not meet the original goals. We have clinical and other data on some 150 persons, and have base line productivity on about half of these. We cannot predict (or prevent) dropouts but should get final productivity data on a substantial number.

I do agree that it may well be necessary to do another productivity study, to increase the numbers. I agree fully with Samir that serious thought be used to finding another location not in the Nyeri-Karatina area. Kwale District would offer many advantages--cooperation seems good, the labor force is quite stable, only men are employed, and we know a lot about health and nutritional conditions. The disadvantage is that anemia and parasitic infections complicate the under-nutrition (but this could be controlled for).

The attractiveness of using estate agricultural workers is clear and I will suggest to our staff in Kenya and to Peter Hopcraft that possible sites be looked into soon. But this may be an impractical suggestion because of the time needed to organize such a new study, to learn about measurable tasks and to find work that was both measurable and similar to the tasks done by peasant farmers. In my view ditch digging on the roads is more similar to a peasant's agricultural work than is cutting sugar cane on an estate.

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one area is fully representative of another. But I should point out that the male workers we are seeing there are as, or more, undernourished (judged by weight for height etc.) than workers in Kwale, presumably because the poorest people in these highland districts are seeking road work, and the workers, because they are male and female, old and young, are perhaps more representative of agricultural peasant workers than are adult males employed by RAR in other districts.

I am grateful to the Bank's offer first to provide the further use of Mark Sharrock and secondly some \$6000 in additional funding for an extension of Study 1.

I propose that (a) we continue with the present study, (b) we look into the feasibility and alternatives for an alternate site for a productivity study to add numbers, and reliability, and to help ensure meaningful results, and (c) that a decision be made about the locale, timing and design of the new study when we have heard from Mark Sharrock and June Wolgemuth in late September or early October.

If a new study is undertaken I would favor Mark Sharrock doing the base line productivity measures in November-December 1978 during the same visit as he does the final productivity studies on the Karatina Roads. The final productivity measurements would then be made somewhere between March 1 and June 30, 1979 depending on how long we could keep the workers. The budget implications of these changes will have to be reviewed with you.

I am indeed grateful to Samir Basta for his professional guidance and to you for your continued support of this project.

I do believe that useful results will be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Michael C. Latham
Professor of International Nutrition

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cc: Dr. S. Basta ✓

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. C. G. Herral, Highway Design and Maintenance
Advisor, TRP

FROM: Samir Sanad Basta, Nutrition Expert, AGRNU

SUBJECT: KENYA: Nutrition and Productivity Research Project 671-73
Back-to-Office Report

DATE: August 17, 1978

1. I arrived in Kenya on July 5, 1978, per terms of reference dated June 22, 1978, to review the initiation of Studies 1 and 2. Study 1 deals with the effect of calorie supplementation upon productivity of road workers. Study 2 is exploring the benefit/cost of alternative delivery mechanisms for the reduction of anemia. Study 1 is taking place in an area with low parasitic loads in the Kenya highlands (Nyeri) and Study 2 is situated in a heavily infested lowland area south of Mombasa.

2. After meeting briefly with Mr. B. Nilssen at the Ministry of Works (MOW), I proceeded immediately by MOW vehicle to the Study 1 sites near the Keratina work camp in Nyeri District. At Keratina, I met with Mr. Mark Sharrock (consultant engineer) and discussed in some detail the baseline productivity measurements he is undertaking for the study, at Roads No. 12 and 7. This was followed by a visit to Road No. 12 to observe in more detail the methodology and the physical status of the road workers.

3. Dr. Michael Latham (principal investigator) had already selected 120 of the workers in both road sites for the Study 1 research and Mr. Sharrock was conducting the individual measurements on sloping, ditching and excavating. Each worker is measured some 8 to 10 times over a period of four weeks. Measurements are combined to give individual time/output data (man hours/cubic meter). Corrections for weather and soil types are applied per methodology perfected during the Bank's labor-substitution studies. An amount of work roughly equivalent, depending on soil conditions, to the excavation of 4 cubic meters of earth is selected by Mr. Sharrock for each worker. The area is then demarcated by stakes, and when the road worker finishes the task he is free to go home.

4. Despite Mr. Sharrock's considerable efforts to increase sample sizes by selecting additional rural access roads per Mr. Andrew Chesher's (consultant statistician) recommendations, it appears that the number of workers on which detailed work output measurements can be undertaken will not exceed the 120 figure. One reason is that Mr. Sharrock cannot measure more than that number in the period allotted to him. A second related reason is that normal work on the road sites would be considerably disrupted if the study team undertook a greater number of individual measurements. Foremen and supervisors are opposed to lengthening the time taken to finish these roads because they are under some pressure to stick to a deadline by the rural access roads donor agencies. Since most of these roads rarely exceed 20 km, and team--rather than individual work--is necessary at most stages, the reluctance of the MOW supervisors to further disrupt the work is understandable. Considerable adjustment to their schedule

has already been undertaken to suit the needs of this study, and Messrs. Sharrock and Latham are reluctant to antagonize the MOW whose cooperation for Studies 2 and 3 is also needed.

5. Even if these constraints were not in such evidence a further problem arises, that is, the shortage of local labor. It seems that a combination of factors such as low wages, migration to urban center, social customs and season, has considerably affected MOW ability to hire and retain road workers. Wage rates are less than 8 Kenyan shillings a day, compared to the average wage rate of KSh20 to 25 per day for agricultural labor in the coffee growing Nyeri area. Secondly, most able-bodied males are migrating out of that area to Nairobi some 150 to 200 km away leaving most of the "chamba" (farm) work to women, who are as a result the vast majority that can be recruited for road work. Thirdly, alcoholism is becoming, according to one foreman interviewed, such a serious problem that it is difficult to find a "serious" worker. Finally, most of the population in these very rich cash crop areas prefer to work on their fields, than to do road construction work under conditions of heavy rainfall, thick mud, strict discipline and low wage rates. For these reasons it appears that the Nyeri region, one of the richest in the country, should not have been chosen for this study, and serious consideration must be given to shifting the study to another region as discussed in paragraph 14 below.

But migration from a rich region?

6. Dropout rates, because of the instability of labor, will no doubt reach relatively high proportions during the feeding and post-feeding period. As a result, Dr. Latham has undertaken to cut the calorie supplementation period from 6 to 3-1/2 months. ^{1/} Secondly, in the initial design of Study 1 and in keeping with our earlier studies, only adult males were to be studied. Since around 50% of the labor force is now women (and many of the remaining males have had to be rejected because they are too old), considerable adjustment will have to be made in balancing out control and experimental groups in terms of sex, physiological status (pregnancy, lactation), and finding enough women who are not anemic. While most of these problems are surmountable, they also generate further need for increasing the sample size.

7. The predominance of female labor is not necessarily a disadvantage to the study, although clearly the researchers should have predicted this much earlier (i.e. in January 1978 when they visited Kenya), and adjusted some aspects of the study design accordingly. The number of female workers may be an advantage because increasingly this is the pattern in many developing countries and hence the study may be more representative. Secondly, because women are also the gatherers of firewood and water, and tend to work longer hours both in the fields and at home, the implications of studying constraints on maximal female productivity are nutritionally and economically significant. Dr. Latham also indicated that the women

^{1/} This time period for studying a calorie effect is, in my opinion, still adequate provided sample sizes can be maintained which is, however, doubtful.

are in poorer calorie status and hence the effect of calorie supplementation, if any, will be more marked. ^{1/} Nevertheless, sample sizes would have to be increased well beyond the 120 figure, and this is currently impossible.

8. In regards the caloric supplement, and in consultation with Dr. Latham and Miss June Wolgomuth who will be in charge during the intervention period, it was decided that two fortified maize gruels (ouji) will be administered. The experimental group will be given 1,000 calories per day for three months, and the control group will be given 200 to 300 calories per day. It is not possible to give the latter a "calorie free" mixture because trials undertaken the previous months have shown that the taste of saccharine is detectable and rejected by the target population. In addition, they do not drink unsweetened "ouji".

9. Miss Wolgomuth has also prepared a socio-economic questionnaire which I reviewed and which will attempt to correct for variables such as incomes, land holdings, family size, location, etc., among the different workers. Dr. Peter Hopcraft, economist and senior research fellow at the Institute of Development Studies in Nairobi, is currently also reviewing the questionnaire. During my meetings with him he agreed to participate as a co-investigator to the study per the Bank's recommendations. I stressed to both him and Dr. Latham that he should be fully involved in all of Studies 1, 2, 3 and 4 (see attached terms of reference). His main contribution should be during the design phase of each study (preparation of questionnaire) and also during the analysis, implication and recommendation for each of the studies. He also suggested that he would like to examine the costs and implications of different types of social benefits that may be recommended by the Lathams and, using the results of Studies 1 and 2, examine implications for different scenarios such as labor abundant versus labor constrained localities. (Economically believable data was a phase he used...).

10. Study 2: This is taking place in the coastal district of Kwale, some 50 miles south of Mombasa. The primary objective is to study the cost and effects of different nutritional and parasitological treatments on groups of road workers, and is a follow-up of the earlier studies linking anemia to lowered productivity. Stage (a) of the study (the effect of different dietary interventions) was in the process of being initiated when I arrived.

11. Road 35 is being used for short feeding trial (2 to 3 weeks) on a group of some 50 road workers (all males) to test preliminary costs and acceptability of different food mixtures before the definitive study begins in late summer. The two main foods that were being tested during my presence there was a cold (uncooked) snack costing around KSh0.90 per day per worker (US\$0.13) and cooked hot meal costing some KSh0.40 per day per worker (US\$0.06).

^{1/} It must be stated, however, that during my field visit, I found little evidence that the women were more undernourished.

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12. The cold snack which consists of 4 slices of local bread with margarine and a bag of peanuts provides some 600 calories and 1.5 mg of iron, and the hot iron-rich meal consists of the traditional "ugali" (maize, amaranth leaves, pigeon peas and oil) provides some 700 calories and 11 mg of iron. Acceptability for both was found to be good, although most workers preferred the cheaper but more nutritious "ugali". Since most of the workers there are fond of gambling, a simple system of drawing lots out of a hat will determine who gets hot and cold meals, when the definitive study begins in early September after Ramadan. By September the feasibility of using other dietary combinations will also be decided.

13. The hematological and clinical effect of these dietary regimes will be compared to treatments that will be carried out in road No. 3 and the quarry site also in Kwale district. These consist of providing iron sulphate tablets (600 mg daily) and placebo to some 110 workers. During January 1979, other interventions will be carried out in further groups of workers to test the cost and effects of drug treatments for each of bilharzia, malaria, and hookworm and the hematological results and costs will be compared to the above food supplement groups. Hematological, clinical and stool samples have already been carried out on these coast workers. They reveal a high incidence of anemia, malaria, schistosomiasis, and ankylostomiasis (hookworm), with very heavy parasitic egg loads, unlike the workers in the Nyeri highland district who are suffering mainly from calorie under-nutrition. The physical appearance of the road workers in Kwale is also much poorer. Unlike Nyeri, nearly all road workers are male farmers or farm laborers, and there are no labor shortages, quite the contrary, because of the poorer economic status of the region.

14. For these reasons, Mr. John Simpson (MOW), Mr. Hopcraft and I have recommended to Dr. Latham that productivity studies would be more meaningful and more feasible in these coastal areas than in the highlands. This would, however, necessitate some redesigning of Studies 1 and 2. However, since the former has been funded completely by the British Ministry of Overseas Development (O.D.M.) and Dr. Latham and O.D.M. have been insistent on studying the effect of calorie supplementation in workers with the minimum of parasitological and hematological complications, it seems difficult at this stage to simply transfer Study 1 to the coastal areas. In addition, it would necessitate the immediate extension of Mr. Mark Sharrock's (engineering consultant) contract by some 8 man-weeks at least. Dr. Latham did however give me assurances that he would explore this alternative further. Another alternative is to use farm laborers or plantation workers for the productivity studies. This would minimize dropouts and the logistic problems associated with road workers. If this is acceptable, Mr. Sharrock in my opinion, should then return to Kenya around September 1978.

15. On July 11, I met with Mr. John Simpson (Senior Superintendent Engineer in charge of the Rural Access Roads Program, MOW) along with Mr. Sharrock and Dr. Wolgomuth to discuss the progress of Studies 1 and 2, and to bring-up some issues affecting Study 1. Mr. Simpson showed continued interest in all facets of the study and was very forthcoming in

his desire to overcome bottlenecks both in transportation and in the work distribution that were affecting Study 1. MOW also gave their approval to the provision of a monetary bonus of KSh100 for each subject who completes the feeding study; they also released the Range Rover, purchased under the Bank's labor substitution study, to Dr. Latham's team. However, this comes too late to defray costs already incurred in May/June by Mr. Sharrock for the hiring of a land rover. Mr. Simpson also dispatched a senior supervisor to Nyeri to investigate earlier unwillingness of some foremen to reallocate workers or tasks on some roads. (This, according to Mr. Sharrock, should have been done sooner.)

16. Mr. Simpson also requested that the results from the studies be presented to him in more simple form than the working papers and technical memorandum previously sent to him, and that no recommendations be made until these were previously discussed with him. In his opinion, because of costs and organizational implications, the Ministries of Health and Planning should carry the responsibility on how to apply the results of the studies.

17. On July 12, I had a meeting in the Ministry of Finance and Planning with Mr. J. Otieno, Chairman of the section on Basic Needs and Nutrition for the forthcoming Kenyan National Plan document. Also present were Ms. H. Goris of the Bank's Nairobi Office, and Dr. Desmond McCarthy, Nutrition Planner, seconded to the Ministry for a period of one year by FAO, from M.I.T. Dr. McCarthy and Mr. Otieno are preparing the section on nutrition and agriculture for the forthcoming Kenyan five-year plan. This document is supposed to be ready in December 1978, and Mr. Mule (Permanent Undersecretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning) had recommended that I meet with Mr. Otieno to discuss study progress. Mr. Otieno had been well briefed by Dr. Latham on the study, and informed us that some of the earlier and current results will be incorporated in the plan document and that he had also asked Dr. Latham to help his ministry review a number of recommendations for a National Nutrition Plan. He informed us that he would also appreciate it if the Bank could forward him copies of one of our Nutrition Project appraisal reports, and we discussed several possible approaches to a Nutrition Planning exercise.

18. I also briefed Mr. J. North, Bank Resident Representative, on study progress. He requested that Dr. Latham brief him more fully on some administrative matters regarding the use of the Bank vehicle. This was duly communicated to Dr. Latham. Dr. Latham was also informed of the Bank's preference for the inclusion of an economist such as Dr. Hopcraft on the study team and my concern over the calorie study financed by O.D.M. in Nyeri (paragraph 4-7).

19. I departed from Kenya on July 12. Separate reports are forthcoming at the end of August from Mr. Sharrock and Dr. Latham on work output studies and overall progress report respectively.

20. Action Recommended:

(a) After reviewing Mr. Sharrock's report, his recommendations, and the statistical significance of the results he has obtained so far, the Bank should decide whether to recommend to O.D.M. and Dr. Latham that the calorie supplementation studies be continued (using farm or plantation workers) or be transferred to the Kwale road workers or, if necessary, dropped.

(b) If more of Mr. Sharrock's time is needed because of the issues mentioned in paragraphs 4-7, then reallocation of contingency funds or labor-substitution study funds to this purpose should be undertaken as soon as possible.

(c) If Study 1 is dropped altogether, some productivity data can still be obtained from Study 2. Dr. Latham should therefore return to Kenya with Mr. Sharrock to set these up as soon as possible, and incorporate these into the design of the anemia studies. Conversely, we may drop productivity studies altogether and concentrate instead on the cost/benefit studies of Study 2.

(d) Mr. Hopcraft should be immediately sent a letter from the Bank confirming his terms of reference (see attached).

(e) A copy of the Colombia Nutrition Project should be sent to Mr. Otieno, Ministry of Finance and Planning, and the Bank should study the possibility of participating in a Kenyan National Nutrition Plan if this is so requested.

- Attachments:
- (1) Draft Terms of Reference for Dr. Peter Hopcraft, Consultant Economist.
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 - (3) Outline of field staff.

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Aug. 15, 1978

TO: Mr. Peter Hopcraft, **Economist**

FROM: Samir **Sanad** Basta, AGRNU

SUBJECT: KENYA - Research in Nutrition & Productivity (RP0671-73):
Terms of Reference

1. This will confirm our understanding of your contribution to the above project as we discussed during my recent visit to Kenya. We request that you work directly with Dr. Michael Latham but please copy all reports and substantive correspondence to me and Clell Harral at the Bank. We expect you to play a major role in sorting out the effect of broader socio-economic parameters from the nutritional factors in ^{this} ~~these~~ series of studies and in delineating specific practical recommendations for future nutrition programs in Kenya. To this end we expect you to assist in (i) data collection; (ii) data analysis; and (iii) report preparation, as outlined below.

2. Initially, you should ~~review and, if necessary,~~ ^{consider} prepare a list of the socio-economic indicators which should be monitored during the data collection phase of studies 1 and 2. You should review the overall statistical design of these two components to ensure that sufficient non-clinical variables are measured, so that social and economic conditions are taken into account when explaining productivity changes in control and target populations.

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4. Given your experience in Kenya's agriculture sector, you will also advise as necessary on alternative choices and sites for study 1, including the possibility of replacing study 1 road workers with agricultural laborers on plantations or farms.

5. You will also be involved in data analysis during the latter phases of these components. You should help Dr. Latham to differentiate between real and apparent effects of the various interventions. Careful screening of non-nutritional or clinical effects upon productivity, income, and overall weight gains in the various populations under study will be necessary.

6. Implications and Recommendations are a third area of responsibility that you should be deeply involved with. You should play a key role in advising the research team and the Bank what long and short term economic implications of the results of studies 1 and 2 are, in both, for example, labor abundant as well as labor constrained scenarios.

7. Finally, with your knowledge of Kenyan government plans and policies, the limitations of some Ministries and the cost/benefit results of these studies, you should carefully study practical recommendations that would emerge from the various studies (including studies 3 and 4). Along with Dr. Latham and in consultation with officials from the Ministry of Planning and Finance you should also advise government and the Bank on how best to implement study results in Kenya's national development plans.

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To be cleared and cc: Mr. Michael Latham



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Nairobi July 4, 1978

Dear Dr Basta,


I trust you have received your proposed itinerary from Dr Latham and I'll just mention the transport arrangements:

1. Please ring Mrs Monteiro of the RMEA office tel. 24391 Wednesday morning and confirm that you want the train ticket for Mombasa Thursday night. The reservation is confirmed but the RMEA office will not pay the ticket until you have confirmed your trip as train tickets are not refundable.

2. A MOW car will pick you up Thursday morning for the trip to Karatina. The driver will be instructed to ask for you at the reception desk of the Norfolk hotel at 8.15 A.M.

I hope you will have a pleasant stay in Kenya

Yours sincerely


Bertil E. Nilsson

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HEALTH AND NUTRITION QUESTIONNAIRE

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 Address: _____
 Village: _____ Date of Survey: _____
 Age: _____ Does not know: _____ Birth Date: _____ Does not know: _____
 Sex: M / F **Age estimated _____; Significant event associated with birth: _____

1. How long does it take you to walk to the road site each day?
 a. <1/2 hr. _____ d. >2-3 hrs. _____
 b. >1/2 hr. _____ e. other: _____
 c. >1-2 hr. _____ f. arrives by other means: _____

2. What is the distance from your home to the road site?
 a. <1/2 mile/km. _____ d. >2-3 miles/km. _____
 b. >1/2 mile/km. _____ e. >3-4 miles/km. _____
 c. >1-2 mile/km. _____ f. >4-5 miles/km. _____
 g.) other: _____

3. When did you start to work on the road site? _____
 a. Weeks worked on the road site: _____
 b. Does not know when she/he started: _____

4. What was your employment before you started to work on the road
 a. Farmer: _____ e. Carpenter: _____
 b. Factory Worker: _____ f. Student: _____
 c. Driver: _____ g. Unemployed: _____
 d. Hired laborer: _____ h. Other: _____

5. What work do you do when you return to you home each day after completing your task on this road?
 a. Cultivates the shamba: _____ d. Relaxes: _____
 b. Cooks or carries water: _____ e. Other: _____
 c. Grazes the cattle: _____

If she/he works on the shamba, ask,

6. Who owns the shamba on which you work?
 a. Respondent: _____ e. Grandparent: _____
 b. Father: _____ f. Uncle: _____
 c. Husband: _____ g. Employer: _____
 d. Mother: _____ h. Other: _____

7. How large is the shamba that you work on?
 a. <0.5 acres/ha: _____ e. >3-4 acres/ha: _____ i. >7-8 acres/ha: _____
 b. >0.5-1 acres/ha: _____ f. >4-5 acres/ha: _____ j. >8-9 acres/ha: _____
 c. >1-2 acres/ha: _____ g. >5-6 acres/ha: _____ k. >9-10 acres/ha: _____
 d. >2-3 acres/ha: _____ h. >6-7 acres/ha: _____ l. >10 acres/ha: _____
 # _____

8. Do you work for wages on any other job? Yes / No
 If yes, what do you do? _____
 How much do you earn? _____

9. How many people live in your household this month? _____
 What is their relationship tp you?
 a. wife(s): _____ d. father: _____ g. grandparent(s): _____
 b. Children: _____ e. sister(s): _____ h. uncle: _____ i. aunt: _____
 c. mother: _____ f. brother(s): _____ i. other: _____

10. Do you grow or do you purchase most of the food that you eat?
a. Purchases:____ b. Grows:____

11. What foods does your family grow? What nonfood crops does your family grow?
1. _____ family grow? 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 5. _____

12. What foods does your family purchase? 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

13. Have you been able to buy any foods or beverages that you did not eat or drink before you started working on the road site? Yes / No; If yes, What foods and beverages are you now buying?
1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____
5. _____

14. Have you been eating more or less food since you started to work on the road site? More / Less; If more, what do you eat more of? 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____

15. Do any other members of your family work on the road site? Yes / No; If yes, please name them. Relationship to respondent
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

To be asked of the women:

16. How many children have you had during your lifetime? _____

17. How many of your children died before they reached the age of 5 years? _____

18. How many of your children live with you now? _____

19. How old is your youngest child? _____

20. If applicable, ask

20. Are you breasting a child? Yes/ No

21. Are you heavy (pregnant)? Yes / No Trimester: 1 2 3

22. When did you have your last menses? _____
Does not remember: _____ Does not reply: _____

23. Have your taken any worm medicine in the last year? Yes / No

MEDICAL HISTORY

1. Present complaints: _____

2. Illnesses in the past 12 months: _____

3. Serious illnesses in the past: _____

Clinical Examination

Code: Negative = "0"; Positive = "+".

1. EYES a. xerosis conjunctivae _____
 ALL NEG. b. conjunctival wrinkling _____
 c. conjunctival pigmentation _____
 d. Bitot's spots _____
 e. advanced xerophthalmia _____
 f. corneal scarring _____
 g. conjunctivitis _____
 h. signs of trachoma _____
 i. cataract _____
 j. pallor of lower lid conjunctivae _____
 k. other (specify): _____

2. EARS a. discharge _____
 ALL NEG. b. external inflammation _____
 c. other (specify): _____

3. MOUTH a. angular stomatitis _____
 b. angular scars _____
 ALL NEG. c. cheilosis of the lips _____
 d. spongy bleeding gums _____
 e. number of teeth decayed _____
 f. number of teeth missing _____
 g. number of teeth filled _____
 h. mottling of teeth _____
 i. gingivitis _____
 j. pallor of tongue _____
 k. other(specify): _____

4. GLANDS a. thyroid (goitre) - Grade: 0 1 2 3
 ALL NEG. b. parotid enlargement _____
 c. gynecomastia _____
 d. other (specify): _____

5. SKIN a. pellagrous _____
 b. follicular hyperkeratosis _____
 ALL NEG. c. crazy pavement or mosaic _____
 d. scabies _____
 e. petechial or subcutaneous hemorrhage _____
 f. fungal infection _____

- g. scars
- h. tribal scars
- i. rash
- j. other (specify): _____

6. NAILS a. pallor of bed _____
 ALL NEG. b. koilonychia _____
 c. other: _____

7. CVS a. heart murmur _____
 ALL NEG. b. dyspnea _____
 c. cardiac enlargement _____
 d. edema _____
 e. arrhythmia _____
 f. other(specify): _____

8. LUNGS a. abnormalities: _____
 NEG. _____

9. ABDOMEN a. splenomegaly _____
 ALL NEG. b. hepatomegaly _____
 c. hernias _____
 d. ascites _____
 e. other (specify): _____

10. SKELETON a. knock knees _____
 ALL NEG. b. bow legs _____
 c. other deformities: _____

11. BLOOD PRESSURE
 systolic: _____ mmHg
 diastolic: _____ mmHg

12. ANY OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

13. TREATMENTS: _____

LABORATORY RESULTS

Blood:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Date	_____	_____	_____	Date	_____	_____	_____
Hb(g/100ml)	_____	_____	_____	Malaria:	_____	_____	_____
PCV(%)	_____	_____	_____	S	_____	_____	_____
MCHC	_____	_____	_____	A	_____	_____	_____
STOOLS:				H	_____	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____	_____	E	_____	_____	_____
Sm	_____	_____	_____	Tr	_____	_____	_____
				T	_____	_____	_____

ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS

ID # _____ (P/L)

I

Clothing: _____ Date: _____

Trousers Dress
Shirt Skirt
Shorts Blouse
Sweater Jumper
Belt(L/C) Other

% Standard

WEIGHT: _____ kg. _____

HEIGHT: _____ cm _____

ARM CIRCUM: _____ mm _____

TRICEPS SNFD: _____ CM _____

CHEST CIRCUMFERENCE:

inspir. _____ cm

exspir. _____ cm

II

Clothing: _____ Date: _____

Trousers Dress
Shirt Skirt
Shorts Blouse
Sweater Jumper
Belt(L/C) Other

% Standard

Weight: _____ kg _____

Height: _____ cm _____

Arm Circum: _____ cm _____

Triceps SNFD: _____ mm _____

Chest Circumference:

inspir. _____ cm

exspir. _____ cm

III

Clothing: _____ Date: _____

Trousers Dress
Shirt Skirt
Shorts Blouse
Sweater Jumper
Belt(H/C) Other

% Standard

Weight: _____ KG. _____

Height: _____ cm _____

Arm Circum: _____ cm _____

Triceps SNFD: _____ mm _____

Chest Circumference:

inspir. _____ cm

exspir. _____ cm

IV

Clothing: _____ Date: _____

Trousers Dress
Shirt Skirt
Shorts Blouse
Sweater Jumper
Belt(L/C) Other

% Stand.

Weight: _____ kg _____

Height: _____ cm _____

Arm Circum: _____ cm _____

Triceps SNFD: _____ mm _____

Chest Circumference:

inspir. _____ cm

exspir. _____ cm

DATA COLLECTED:

24-Hour Recall: #1 , 2 , 3

Home Weighing: 1 , 2 , 3

Stool Samples: 1 , 2 , 3

Blood Samples: 1 , 2 , 3

Work Productivity: 1 , 2 , 3

Worker Feeding Study - Kwale Summer 1978

No. _____ Name _____ Date _____

birthdate _____ age _____ comments _____

roadsite _____ village _____

tribe _____ religion _____

ANTHROPOMETRY (date)

weight, kg () _____ () _____ () _____

arm c, cm () _____ () _____ () _____

skinfl, mm () _____ () _____ () _____

height, cm () _____ chest, cm expir _____ inspir _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Present complaints _____

Illnesses in last 12 months _____

Serious illnesses in past _____

Surgical operations _____

CLINICAL EXAM

<u>EYES</u> xerosis conjunctivae	+ -	corneal scars	+ -
conjunctival wrinkling	+ -	conjunctivitis	+ -
Bitot's spots	+ -	signs of trachoma	+ -
advanced xerophthalmia	+ -	cataract	+ -
pallor of conjunctivae of lower eye lid	+ -		

other _____

EARS discharging + - external inflammation + -

other _____

MOUTH angular stomatitis + - pallor of tongue + -
 angular scars + - no. teeth decayed _____
 cheilosis of lips + - no. teeth missing _____
 spongy bleeding gums + - no. teeth filled _____
 gingivitis + - DMF index _____
 mottling of teeth 0 1 2 3

other _____

GLANDS

thyroid goitre 0 1 2 3 parotid enlargement + - gynecomastia + -

other _____

SKIN Pellagrous dermatosis + - petech./subcut. hemor. + -
 follicular hyperkeratos. + - fungal infections + -
 crazy pavement/mosaic + - scars + -
 scabies + - rash + -

other _____

NAILS pallor of bed + - koilonychia + - other _____

CVS heart murmurs + - cardiac enlargement + -
 dyspnea + - edema + -

LUNGS abnormalities _____

ABDOMEN splenomegaly 0 1 2 3 hernias + -
 hepatomegaly 0 1 2 3 ascites + -

other _____

SKELETON knock knees + - bowed legs + -

other deformities _____

BLOOD PRESSURE (systolic/diastolic) _____

ANY OTHER CONDITIONS _____

TREATMENT _____

BLOOD (date)

hemoglobin, g% () _____ () _____ () _____

hematocrit, % () _____ () _____ () _____

malaria slide () _____ () _____ () _____

URINE (date)

S. hematobium () _____ () _____ () _____

other () _____ () _____ () _____

STOOLS (date)

() () ()

hookworms _____

T. trichiura _____

A. lumbricoides _____

Entamoeba spp. _____

other(specify) _____

PRESENT STATUS OF KENYA PROJECTKARATINA AREA (Highlands)

IGOKA ROAD This was a trial road for testing methodology, training field workers, and for a trial of different feeding regimes for the proposed worker productivity - feeding study. Clinical, anthropometric, dietary and parasitological examinations done in Feb 1978 for base-line by Dr. Latham and team. Andrew Hall and June Wolgemuth then followed the ~~so~~ approximately 50 workers from June 1978. Two different feeding regimes tried. Work completed in June 1978.

Roads 12 and 7

These 2 roads are for definitive study on effects of caloric supplements on worker productivity. Mark Sharrock began doing base-line work productivity measurements first on

road 12 and then road 7 in early June and plans to complete this by July 15. Dr. Latham, June Wolgemuth and Andrew Hill did clinical, anthropometric, parasitological + hemitological examinations on about 120 road workers (male + female) on these two roads between June 12 and July 2 1978. ~~It~~ Mark Sharrock appears to be able to get productivity data on 70 of these subjects each for approximately 8 days of work. Ditching and sloping is the only task he believes at present is quantifiable and there is a limited amount of the task work, his time is short, and the job is slow. Therefore some 50 or more workers will not be measured for productivity.

Feeding of workers on these roads will begin on about July 20 after base line dietary information is collected. ~~On~~ On each road about half the workers will ~~be~~ be the study group receiving ~~about 700-800~~ 500-700 calories more than the control group.

A bonus (incentive) of Shs 100/= has been offered to each worker who completes the study and who misses less than 5 days of work and feeding. Final productivity measurements will be undertaken by Mark Sharrock beginning about early November 1978.

KUALE STUDIES (ANAEMIA + FEEDING)

ROAD 35. This road is being used for a short (2-3 week) feeding trial. Modified medical examinations ~~is~~ (not including stools or haematology) were carried out in early July. Lane Latham is responsible for the feeding trial. A cold (not requiring cooking) snack or meal is being tried for ~~the~~ a short period (peanuts, bread and margarine) and then a hot meal (ugali (maize), mchicha (green leafy vegetable) and beans for a short period. Each person meal will cost less than Kenyan Shs. 1/= and the hot meal

may be as cheap as 60 Kenyan cts.
 There are about 45 men participating.
 Lane is assisted by 2 Kenya field
 workers. The acceptability of the feeding
~~regimes~~ regimes is being assessed.
 On the basis of the findings a
 decision will be made for the
 long term feeding on Road 7

Quarry Site and Road 3

These two sites will be used to
 test the effectiveness of providing
 $FeSO_4$. The total number of
 men will be about 110. Clinical,
 haematological, parasitological and
 urinary examinations for the base
 line began on July 5 1978 and
 will be completed by July 15. Hb and
 haematocrits are being determined by
 Terry Elliott at the Coast General
 Hospital. Andrew Hall is examining
 stools (direct smear) and urines
 (for Schistosomiasis) on site. Duplicate
 stools ~~will~~ are collected for detailed
 qualitative examination in Karatina.

Starting about July 22 the 110 workers will be divided into 2 groups each with similar hematological findings. One group will receive $FeSO_4$ 600 mg daily and the second group will receive a placebo daily for 10-12 weeks. A sub-study on $FeSO_4$ + Ascorbic acid will be conducted.

~~The effect~~ At the end of the period Hb and Ht. will be determined to see the effect of the two treatments. Dietary information will be collected.

Road No 3

This road will be used to determine (a) the feasibility of long term feeding and (b) the effectiveness of an iron rich food supplement in comparison with an iron poor (or neutral) supplement on Hb and Ht. The clinical and other examinations identical to the Quarry site and Road 3 will be done as the base-line. Clinical exams will be completed by

July 20 1978. The feeding will be delayed until after Ramadan which begins in ~~the~~ the first week of August. The foods selected will be based on the findings from the preliminary study on Road 35.

Personnel

~~From~~ after the departure of Dr. M. Latham and Dr. R. Latham on July 23 the ~~following~~ ~~responsibilities~~ responsibilities will be divided as follows:

Jane Wolgemuth will remain at Karatna until January 1979 and be responsible for the ~~studies~~ feeding studies on Roads 7 and 12.

Terry Elliott will remain in Kvale until January 1979 and will take responsibility for the anemia studies on Roads 3, the Quarry site, and Road 7 in Kvale District.

Andrew Hall will take all responsibility for parasitological work at both Karatna and Kvale

and hematological work at Karatina.

Mark Shanrock is expected back in November 1978 to do the final productivity measurements & to take responsibility for them.

FUTURE PLANS.

Dr. M. Latham, Dr. L. Latham and Dr. D. Crompton will come to Kenya on about Jan 3 1979. The Lathams will remain for 10-12 weeks.

In January examinations will be done on the 900 or so children in Study 4 (Arcais project)

In February on three new road sites in Kwale three different intervention studies will begin as follows (a) An investigation of the effects of Schistosomiasis treatment on anaemia (b) An investigation of the effects on anaemia of malonra prophylaxis and (c) An investigation of the effects of deworming and hookworm elimination on anaemia.

June Wolgemuth and Andrew

Will will move their residence from Karatina to Kwale, + will follow up the studies. The Lathams will return in May - June 1979 for final examinations on these sites.

In March 1979 cross sectional examinations will be made at 2 RAR sites in a new ecological zone (probably Western +/or Nyanga Provinces) and in June 1979 at in a second ecological zone (two arid districts).

OTHER INFORMATION

TRANSPORT. This is a continual problem. The MOW has made available a landrover for use by the project in Karatina, but sometimes it is also required for MOW use. ~~They~~ The MOW has not been able to provide transport for the team in Kwale nor for Mr. Sharrock. As a result unanticipated and very high expenditures have been made for the hire of vehicles. The situation will be partly, but not completely resolved when the project receives the World Bank Range Rover on July 10 1978.

LABS. Detailed parasitology exams are carried out by Andrew Hall at the Veterinary Research Labs at Karatina and in Nairobi (Kabete) at the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases (ILRAD). Direct examination of specimens is carried out in the field in Kwale. Hematology is done at the Karatina Lab, and for Kwale Terry Elliott

uses the Pathology Lab at the Coast General Hospital (the Government Hospital for Coast Province).

BUDGET. At this stage it is difficult to determine whether the funding allocated will be adequate, but there is concern about the high unanticipated costs for transport (over \$2000.00 so far without the separate cost of Mark Sharrock). The costs of feeding more workers than we have productivity data on, is also an unanticipated cost. At the suggestion of Mark Sharrock and June Wolgemutt we have offered a monetary bonus of Sh. 100/2 to each subject who completes the study period and misses fewer than 5 days of work or feeding. The cost of this is unknown & depends on absenteeism. This expenditure was not foreseen, and may be the subject of a separate letter to Mr. Harrod. The MOW would not themselves pay the cost but authorized us to use this incentive.



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Mr. Basta stayed as a guest at Jadini Beach Hotel although he had made a reservation at Serena Beach Hotel.

Efforts were made to cancel the reservation at Serena Beach Hotel but the telephones at Serena were apparently out of order.

Therefore, Mr. Basta should not be held responsible for failure to cancel the reservation in time.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

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KENYA: HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WORKER PRODUCTIVITY STUDIES

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Introduction

This is a preliminary inception report on the World Bank Research Project No. 671-73 entitled "Kenya: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies". The present project designed to last three years grew out of work conducted in Kenya from 1975 to 1977. The overall project is receiving major financial support also from the British Overseas Development Ministry, from Cornell University and from Cambridge University. Imperial Chemical Industries in Britain have provided the anthelmintic Levamisole free, and have given some support to Dr. David Crompton's laboratory in Cambridge.

It should be noted that although the project was to start on January 1, 1978 the written letter of appointment for this project was dated April 7, 1978, and so the first funds were not available until mid April 1978, less than two months prior to the writing of this report. Agreement with the British Overseas Development Ministry (ODM) was reached earlier in the year but the first instalment of funds was not received by Cornell until March 1978 (A £1000.00 advance in January 1978 had been received.). ODM is providing support for Study No. 1 and the World Bank for Studies 2, 3 and 4.

The previous work in Kenya had consisted of two parts, namely (a) a study of nutrition and worker productivity, and (b) an investigation of the effects of roundworm infection on nutrition and health of children. In the first study an investigation was made of health and nutritional status of workers involved in the Kenya Rural Access Roads Program of the Ministry of Works. Poor nutritional status due to low calorie intakes and anemia due to poor diets and parasitic diseases were associated with low productivity. The studies were conducted in Nyeri and Kwale Districts.

The second study in Machakos District was conducted in collaboration with the Medical Research Centre based in Nairobi. It involved the examination of children in two villages, and a detailed determination of the effects of roundworm infection on growth, health and nutritional status. These two studies will be referred to later, and reports on them have been issued as IBRD Technical Memorandum No. 26 (1977) and Working Paper No. 271 (Sept. 1977) respectively.

The detailed proposals for the present three year project are contained in "Kenya: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies", Proposal to the World Bank Research Committee November 16, 1977.

Staff Involved

Investigators

Principal Investigator - Dr. Michael C. Latham, Professor of International Nutrition, Cornell University

Co-Investigator - Dr. David Crompton, Senior Lecturer in Parasitology, Cambridge University, and Adjunct Associate Professor, Cornell University

Co-Investigator - Dr. Lani Stephenson (Latham), Postdoctoral Research Associate, Cornell University

Co-Investigator (Ascaris Study only) - Dr. A. A. Jansen, Director Nutrition Section of Medical Research Centre, Nairobi

Graduate Research Assistants

Ms. June Wolgemuth - Nutritionist from Cornell University

Mr. Andrew Hall - Parasitologist, Cambridge University

Mr. Terry Elliott - Nutritionist, Cornell University

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Nutrition and Worker Productivity Study

Introduction

While in Kenya on a year of sabbatical leave and while serving as a visiting professor at the University of Nairobi, the Principal Investigator cooperated with the Kenyan Ministry of Works and the World Bank in a study of nutritional status and worker productivity. On Rural Access Road sites in Nyeri and Kwale Districts the health and nutritional status was determined of workers doing labor-intensive road construction work.

Detailed work output studies were carried out at four road construction sites, two in each district. The types of measures used were times taken (1) to excavate a given volume of earth, (2) to move a given number of filled wheelbarrows a set distance, and (3) to dig a trench of set length, depth and width in sandy soil. The incentive in each case was that when the task was completed the individual was able to leave work. As most workers are small farmers, this was a real incentive. Task work is much more popular than daily work lasting a set number of hours.

In summary, the findings were that:

(1) Evidence of undernutrition in men was common. Forty-one percent of 281 road workers in the study had a weight for height below 85 percent of the standard. The majority of men were losing weight at work.

(2) Anemia was common in workers in Kwale District but not in Nyeri District. In Kwale 34 percent of men had a hemoglobin level below 13 grams per 100 ml.

(3) Many health abnormalities were found. Intestinal parasites and urinary schistosomiasis were common in Kwale workers, and may contribute to anemia.

(4) Low weight for height was strongly and significantly associated with a lower work productivity (Regression $p < .0001$; $N = 220$).

(5) Workers with anemia were found to be less productive and to take longer to complete a task than men who had normal levels of hemoglobin.

The feasibility of intervening with an energy containing supplement and with provision of medicinal iron was investigated. It was felt that the length of intervention was not sufficient to demonstrate its effect on worker productivity nor to determine the economic implications of such a strategy.

A report of this work is available as IBRD Technical Memorandum No. 26, May 1977 entitled "The relationship of nutrition and health to worker productivity in Kenya" under the general heading "World Bank Study on the Substitution of Labor and Equipment in Civil Construction".

On the basis of the findings in this short preliminary study it was decided that further investigations were desirable. These, it was proposed, should consist of three parts as follows:

Study No. 1 An evaluation of health/nutrition effects on the productivity of casual laborers in rural civil works. In this study the effects of an intervention with calories on work output will be determined.

Study No. 2 An evaluation of practical interventions to improve health and worker productivity. In a series of sub-studies an evaluation will be undertaken of alternative methods for feeding workers; of the routine provision of iron and calorie rich foods to road workers; of the provision of medicinal iron; and of the feasibility of controlling certain parasitic infections. In all these studies the prevalence of parasitic diseases and their relation to anemia will be studied.

Study No. 3 A study of health and nutritional status in two new ecological areas where rural access roads are being constructed.

(Note - Study No. 4 is the roundworm study described later.)

Present Status of Nutrition and Worker Productivity Study

The proposed time table for work in Kenya calls for Study No. 1 and Study No. 4 to be initiated in January 1978. A part of Study No. 2 will be begun in June-July 1978, and the remainder of Study No. 2 and all of Study No. 3 will be initiated in early 1979.

What part?

This part of the report therefore deals only with Study No. 1. The main objective of this study is to determine the effects on worker output or productivity of providing extra calories to workers at a site where undernutrition appears to be prevalent, and where parasitic infections and anemia are less prevalent or can be easily controlled. The work in 1976 in Kenya suggested that Nyeri met these criteria. On two road sites (Ndunyu and Kihuyu) 38% of 102 road workers had a weight for height below 85% of the standard; anemia and parasitic infections were uncommon. In Kwale District, of 179 men examined, a rather similar percentage (41%) had low weight for height but in contrast to Nyeri anemia was common (34% had hemoglobin below 13.0 grams/100 ml.) and parasitic infections very common (66% had hookworm, 45% Trichuris, and 23% Ascaris).

It was therefore decided that a highland area such as Nyeri District would be most suitable for Study No. 1.

Meetings with Mr. John Simpson (in charge of Rural Access Roads) and Mr. B. Nilsson (IBRD in Nairobi) were held in January 1978. Agreement was reached that Nyeri or Muranga Districts would be suitable for Study No. 1. A decision was to be left to the Investigators in consultation with Mr. Michael Knowles, Engineer in Charge of Rural Access Roads for these districts.

The Investigators had decided that it was desirable to select first

a "preliminary" road site. On this site the methodology to be used would be thoroughly tested, field workers would be trained, and a feasibility study would be undertaken. A second road site would then be selected for the definitive study. At a meeting with Mr. Knowles in the Karatina Rural Access Roads headquarters camp, alternative sites were discussed. A decision was reached that Road No. 55 at Igoka (near Makurweini) in Nyeri District would be used as the preliminary road site. A road site where work was planned to begin in April/May 1978 in Muranga District was chosen for the definitive study. (This has now had to be changed due to difficulties of obtaining adequate numbers of workers at this site.) *what is the new site?*

In February 1978 a 10 foot by 10 foot corrugated iron hut was set up at Igoka for use by us as a clinic and field study examination room. A landrover was provided by the Ministry of Works for the project. *(via IRD?)* Two field workers were recruited from among some 20 applicants.

Examinations of all workers at the Igoka road site were then conducted over a period of 3 weeks. Clinical, medical and nutritional status examinations were conducted by Dr. Latham, anthropometric examinations were performed by Ms. Wolgemuth who also obtained relevant social information on each worker, and stools were collected from each worker by Mr. Hall for later examination by him at the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases in Nairobi. *what exact?*

The results of these examinations have only partly been analyzed. Table 1 shows the findings in terms of the weight for height of these workers. From this it can be seen that 73.5% of men were below 85% and 57.5% were below 80% of standard weight for height. 85% is the cut off point used in the previous study. Persons below this were considered

Table 1

Weight for height findings for male road workers
at Igoka site (No. 55)

<u>% weight for height</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Above 95	2	5
90 - 94	1	2.5
85 - 89	8	19
80 - 84	7	16
75 - 79	18	40
70 - 74	4	10
65 - 69	3	7.5
Total	43	100

to have below optimum calorie reserves, or to have an indication of undernutrition. These data indicate that undernutrition is a problem in a substantial percentage of men (and women). If similar findings occur in the definitive road site this would more than satisfy one of the needed criteria for an intervention study.

The clinical examination showed a picture of a population who have relatively little access to medical treatment and who suffer from a variety of illnesses notably skin infections, respiratory conditions, hypertension, hernias and so on. The final report will provide details of these. Simple treatment was provided to all those requiring it and some were referred to hospital for further treatment.

The results of the stool examinations are shown in Table 2. This indicates that intestinal parasites are fairly prevalent. The rates of infection are higher than was found in 1976, almost certainly because in 1976 a commercial laboratory was used, and a less thorough and precise examination of the stools was performed. Most of these parasitic infections are quite easy to treat. Appropriate anthelmintic drugs were supplied, and a re-examination of the stools performed to make certain that the workers had been freed of parasites. Results of the second stool examination are not available.

① What parasites
② Parasites
reported
that parasites
were not
present
W. J.

As a result of the preliminary examination of the men, Dr. Latham made the following recommendations to the Engineer in charge concerning conditions for the definitive road site:

(a) Men should be recruited, not women, because a mixed group would create problems for the study (women may be or become pregnant which would effect weight, continuation of work, and calorie needs. Also if both men and women are used then two separate groups would have to be used in the analysis).

Table 2

Infections with intestinal parasites from stool examinations (Igoka road workers)

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Ascaris</u>	<u>Hookworm</u>	<u>Cysts</u>	<u>Taenia</u>	<u>Trichuris</u>	<u>Strongyloides</u>	Men eat more veget?
Males	39	12 (31%)	13 (33%)	8 (20%)	3 (8%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	
Females	20	14 (70%)	9 (45%)	11 (55%)	0	0	0	
Total	59	26 (44%)	22 (37%)	19 (32%)	3 (5%)	1 (1.5%)	1 (1.5%)	

interesting difference! (Women do more "dirty" work !!)

Number of workers with 0 infection = 19 (32%)

Number of workers with 1 infection = 16 (27%)

Number of workers with 2 infection = 16 (27%)

Number of workers with 3 infection = 8 (13.5%)

(b) Workers should be 18 years of age or older. Some workers at Igoka were well below this age. Because they are still growing this affects their nutrient needs and their weight.

(c) No substitution of one worker for another should be allowed. At Igoka it was found that on occasions a male worker unable to work for a day or two might send his wife, son or some other relative to substitute for him. This substitution would obviously create problems in a calorie supplementation program.

In the period March to May 1978 Ms. Wolgemuth and Mr. Hall (having taken up residence in Karatina) worked full time on Study 1 (with the exception of a short period when Mr. Hall went to Machakos District to assist with Study 4).

During this period the following activities have been undertaken:

(a) New workers have been enrolled and all examinations except the clinical examination performed on them.

(b) Dietary information on each worker was obtained using a 24 hour recall. *Results?*

(c) On a sub-sample of workers dietary information was collected using the weighing method in the household. *Results?*

(d) Different methods of providing approximately 700 extra calories per day to a "study" group than to a control group have been tried. The feasibility of each method is being carefully assessed, the acceptance by the workers assessed, and the costs determined.

(e) Weights of men are determined prior to and after each period of dietary intervention.

The preliminary results of these activities will be reviewed by Dr. Latham with the staff in June 1978. On the basis of the findings

and this review a decision will be made about the protocol to be followed at the definitive road site.

In May 1978 Mr. Mark Sharrock, the work study engineer, will arrive in Kenya. He will immediately begin his task of developing suitable work output measures first at the Igoka or some other road site. He will also train one or more field workers. In June 1978 Dr. Latham and Dr. Stephenson (Latham) will arrive in Kenya to work on the project. They will be accompanied by Mr. Terry Elliott who will be involved mainly with the anemia studies proposed for Kwale District.

In June or July, at the definitive road site Dr. Latham will conduct physical, clinical and nutritional examinations of the new men, Ms. Wolgemuth will get social information and do anthropometric measurements, and Mr. Hall will do stool and haematological examinations. Over a period of ^{PERIOD} time Mr. Sharrock will do work output studies on each man.

When these data have been obtained (probably in July 1978) the calorie intervention will begin. Advice from Mr. Chesher will be used to assist with the assignment of men to the "study" and "control" groups. Any men having serious medical problems, or other conditions which might markedly effect work output, will be eliminated from the study. Men with parasites will be treated, and stools re-examined. Men will receive treatment when appropriate and needed.

In June or July work will start probably in Kwale District on Study No. 2. Dr. Latham, Dr. Stephenson, Mr. Hall and Mr. Elliott will all be involved in this. Ms. Wolgemuth and Mr. Sharrock will remain in Nyeri District involved in Study No. 1. In Kwale District, Dr. Stephenson will play a major role in the evaluation ^{How!} of different types of mid-work day snacks and of appropriate delivery systems. Mr. Elliott will be involved

mainly on the study of the routine provision of iron to workers, and the effects of this on anemia. Mr. Hall will do parasitic examinations on stool and urine, and will do haematological examinations. Dr. Latham will do clinical, medical and nutritional status examinations on all road workers enrolled in these studies.

Ascaris Study (Study No. 4)

Background

The present project to control roundworm infection (Ascariasis) in Kanzalu and Mwatati villages in Machakos District in Kenya, are a logical extension of an earlier project supported by the World Bank. The previous study conducted in Kenya in 1975 and 1976 was conducted by the same investigators as the present project. The principal objective was to determine whether common roundworm infections adversely affected the growth of young children and by so doing contributed to malnutrition which is very prevalent in Kenya, as in most poor countries. The work was extended by Dr. Stephenson (Ms. Lani Stephenson Latham) to an evaluation of the economic implications of roundworm infection and its control in Kenya.

A detailed report of this earlier study on roundworm infection has been issued as "The Nutritional and Economic Implications of Ascaris Infection in Kenya" (by L. Latham, M. Latham and S. Basta) in September 1977. A further, more detailed analysis and discussion of the methodology, the locale, the findings and the conclusions for that study are available as the Ph.D. dissertation of Dr. Lani Stephenson (Latham) entitled "Nutritional and Economic Implications of Ascaris Infection in Kenya: Studies in Experimental Animals and Preschool Children".

This original project, for the first time in a well controlled field study, demonstrated that roundworm infection was significantly associated with a retardation of growth in children, and was therefore contributing to protein-calorie malnutrition in preschool age children. The cost of the disease to Kenya, and to individual families, was found to be high, and it was suggested from the data that the cost of control was relatively low.

On the basis of these findings, and the experience of the investigators (Prof. Latham, Dr. Crompton and Dr. Stephenson) in Kenya it was felt that a project should be instituted to attempt to control roundworm infection in these two Kenyan villages, and to evaluate the effect and effectiveness of a low cost practical control program.

Present Ascaris Control Project

The Ascaris project in Kenya is an attempt to lower the prevalence of Ascaris (Roundworm) infection in 2 rural villages by giving 1 dose of Roundworm medicine (levamisole) to all preschool and primary school children 3 times a year for 3 years, and to evaluate this.

The project began in January 1977. At that time, Dr. Latham, Dr. Crompton and Dr. Stephenson spent 6 weeks in Kenya. Anthropometric, stool and clinical examinations were performed, and a dose of levamisole was given to all available preschool and primary school age children. This entire procedure, including all examinations performed by the investigators, will be repeated each January in 1978 (already completed), 1979, and 1980. The second 2 doses of the drug for 1977 were given by a locally hired field worker during visits to homes and schools in May and September of 1977. (See Table 3)

In January 1978, the 3 investigators plus Ms. June Wolgemuth, a nutritionist from Cornell University, and Mr. Andrew Hall, a parasitologist from Cambridge University, repeated the anthropometric, stool and clinical examinations and gave 1 dose of levamisole. In April 1978, 4 locally hired field workers, under the guidance of Mr. Hall and Dr. Ad Jansen, delivered the second yearly dose to preschool and some primary school children at home visits. In May 1978, the field workers will visit the 2 local primary schools to give levamisole to the primary school children.

Table 3

Schedule for delivery of levamisole

<u>Dose</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	January 1977	completed
2	May 1977	completed
3	September 1977	completed
4	January 1978	completed
5	May 1978	partially completed
6	September 1978	to be given
7	January 1979	to be given
8-9	May-September 1979	to be given
10	January 1980	to be given

Results of examinations and visits to date

a. 1977

In January 1977, over 750 children were seen and examined by the principal investigators. Dr. D. W. T. Crompton and his staff completed the very thorough stool examinations on all 752 stool specimens in fall 1977. Prevalence of Ascaris in preschool children was 21%, while prevalences of hookworms and Trichuris (whipworm) were 5% and 2%, respectively. For school children, these figures were: Ascaris, 14%; hookworms, 13%; Trichuris, 3%. (See Table 4)

An additional estimated 200 children who did not attend the January survey were also given dose 1 of levamisole in February 1977 by a field worker (Mr. Mutinda Munyao). An estimated 800 children received doses 2 and 3 of levamisole from a field worker in May and September of 1977. The target group is estimated to be about 1200 children, but precise figures await computer analysis.

b. 1978

In January 1978, over 700 stools were again collected for examination and anthropometric and clinical exams performed. Over 1100 children received dose 4 of levamisole in January and February. Dr. Crompton and co-workers are presently examining the stool samples and expect to complete the examinations by fall 1978. A subsample of examinations completed now suggests that the prevalence of Ascaris has decreased since January 1977, but no firm conclusions can be drawn until all examinations are completed and the results analyzed by computer.

Dose 5 has been given to 480 preschool and younger primary school children in April 1978 at home visits by the 4 field workers. Dose 5 is being given to the remaining primary school children in May 1978 at

Table 4

Stool examinations for parasite ova.

Kanzalu and Mwatati. January 1977.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Total n</u>	<u>% Ascaris</u>	<u>% hookworm</u>	<u>% Trichuris</u>
<u>Preschool</u>				
Kanzalu	121	12	4	2
Mwatati	187	28	5	1
Both villages	308	21	5	2
<u>Primary School</u>				
Kanzalu standard				
1	33	15	3	0
2	53	19	2	4
3	52	15	4	0
4	43	5	12	0
5	22	23	4	4
6	26	19	31	0
7	15	7	33	0
all standards	244	12	9	1
Mwatati standard				
1	34	32	15	6
2	42	14	12	5
3	35	11	14	3
4	34	18	18	3
5	23	17	17	4
6	19	10	37	5
7	13	8	31	8
all standards	200	17	18	5
Both schools	444	14	13	3

All stools collected by Dr. D. W. T. Crompton in Kenya and analyzed by Dr. Crompton and his staff at the Molteno Institute, Cambridge University, England.

visits to the 2 local primary schools. Mr. Hall and Dr. Jansen are supervising the activities of the field workers (Mr. Josphat Wambua, Mr. Kio Mwilu, Mrs. Esther Ndunda, and Ms. Rose Nzuki).

Computer analysis of stool examination results will provide useful information on reinfection rates and will help determine whether or not the same children get continually reinfected with *Ascaris*. It will also be important to determine whether levamisole, which is partially effective in treating hookworm infection, can lower prevalence of hookworm in school children. This type of long term study, with 4 yearly stool examinations on the same children, is extremely difficult and time consuming, and is rarely attempted on sample sizes this large.

The anthropometric and clinical data will allow the authors to monitor nutritional status of children for 4 years and will also provide valuable longitudinal growth data on preschool and primary school Kenyan children. Growth of siblings and nutritional status of mothers and their children will be compared. The need in East Africa for longitudinal growth data on children living at home has been recognized. Most growth data in Kenya, and other countries in Africa, has been based on cross sectional studies.

Conclusion

This is the Preliminary Draft of the Inception Report. The final draft is due on August 31, 1978.

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This relates to the Nutrition &
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Michael Latham et. al.

Please confirm with me that we
have an arrangement & what it is. Once
that is resolved I shall be happy to be
involved in the substance of the study. On
the basis of my initial discussion with Mark Sharrack
Michael Latham and others I can foresee some
rather severe problems with it, but I hope these
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Very sincerely



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Dear Andrew:

Thanks for your letter of May 24. We are processing your fee payment.

At your convenience it would be worthwhile to look into Mark Brooks' letter, particularly as a critical analysis of the earlier work is likely to be instructive to Michael Latham for the future work. I presume a total of about a day would be adequate for the purpose. Please write directly to him w/copy to Latham, and Basta and myself at the Bank.

Regards,

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C/L

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Dear Clell:

I enclose for you a "Preliminary Draft Inception Report" as required for the "Kenya: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies". The final draft is due in August 1978.

As you know we will be leaving for East Africa on June 1, 1978. Lani and I will both be presenting papers on the Kenya project at the 25th Jubilee Conference of the Association of Physicians for East and Central Africa in Dar es Salaam to be opened by President Nyerere on June 4. I have also been invited to be the main speaker at a special symposium there.

From June 10 we will be in Kenya and can be contacted as follows: c/o Dr. A. Jansen, Medical Research Centre, P. O. Box 20752, Nairobi. We plan to return to Cornell on about July 25, 1978. We expect to leave Nairobi for London on the weekend of July 23.

As indicated previously a visit by Samir Basta would be very welcome. We hope that this can be late June or in early July, but should definitely be before say July 20.

Sincerely,

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Dear Clell:

I enclose for you a "Preliminary Draft Inception Report" as required for the "Kenya: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies". The final draft is due in August 1978.

As you know we will be leaving for East Africa on June 1, 1978. Lani and I will both be presenting papers on the Kenya project at the 25th Jubilee Conference of the Association of Physicians for East and Central Africa in Dar es Salaam to be opened by President Nyerere on June 4. I have also been invited to be the main speaker at a special symposium there.

From June 10 we will be in Kenya and can be contacted as follows: c/o Dr. A. Jansen, Medical Research Centre, P. O. Box 20752, Nairobi. We plan to return to Cornell on about July 25, 1978. We expect to leave Nairobi for London on the weekend of July 23.

As indicated previously a visit by Samir Basta would be very welcome. We hope that this can be late June or in early July, but should definitely be before say July 20.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael C. Latham
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cc: Dr. Samir Basta ✓

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KENYA: HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WORKER PRODUCTIVITY STUDIES

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Introduction

This is a preliminary inception report on the World Bank Research Project No. 671-73 entitled "Kenya: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies". The present project designed to last three years grew out of work conducted in Kenya from 1975 to 1977. The overall project is receiving major financial support also from the British Overseas Development Ministry, from Cornell University and from Cambridge University. Imperial Chemical Industries in Britain have provided the anthelmintic Levamisole free, and have given some support to Dr. David Crompton's laboratory in Cambridge.

It should be noted that although the project was to start on January 1, 1978 the written letter of appointment for this project was dated April 7, 1978, and so the first funds were not available until mid April 1978, less than two months prior to the writing of this report. Agreement with the British Overseas Development Ministry (ODM) was reached earlier in the year but the first instalment of funds was not received by Cornell until March 1978 (A £1000.00 advance in January 1978 had been received.). ODM is providing support for Study No. 1 and the World Bank for Studies 2, 3 and 4.

The previous work in Kenya had consisted of two parts, namely (a) a study of nutrition and worker productivity, and (b) an investigation of the effects of roundworm infection on nutrition and health of children. In the first study an investigation was made of health and nutritional status of workers involved in the Kenya Rural Access Roads Program of the Ministry of Works. Poor nutritional status due to low calorie intakes and anemia due to poor diets and parasitic diseases were associated with low productivity. The studies were conducted in Nyeri and Kwale Districts.

The second study in Machakos District was conducted in collaboration with the Medical Research Centre based in Nairobi. It involved the examination of children in two villages, and a detailed determination of the effects of roundworm infection on growth, health and nutritional status. These two studies will be referred to later, and reports on them have been issued as IBRD Technical Memorandum No. 26 (1977) and Working Paper No. 271 (Sept. 1977) respectively.

The detailed proposals for the present three year project are contained in "Kenya: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies", Proposal to the World Bank Research Committee November 16, 1977.

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Nutrition and Worker Productivity Study

Introduction

While in Kenya on a year of sabbatical leave and while serving as a visiting professor at the University of Nairobi, the Principal Investigator cooperated with the Kenyan Ministry of Works and the World Bank in a study of nutritional status and worker productivity. On Rural Access Road sites in Nyeri and Kwale Districts the health and nutritional status was determined of workers doing labor-intensive road construction work.

Detailed work output studies were carried out at four road construction sites, two in each district. The types of measures used were times taken (1) to excavate a given volume of earth, (2) to move a given number of filled wheelbarrows a set distance, and (3) to dig a trench of set length, depth and width in sandy soil. The incentive in each case was that when the task was completed the individual was able to leave work. As most workers are small farmers, this was a real incentive. Task work is much more popular than daily work lasting a set number of hours.

In summary, the findings were that:

(1) Evidence of undernutrition in men was common. Forty-one percent of 281 road workers in the study had a weight for height below 85 percent of the standard. The majority of men were losing weight at work.

(2) Anemia was common in workers in Kwale District but not in Nyeri District. In Kwale 34 percent of men had a hemoglobin level below 13 grams per 100 ml.

(3) Many health abnormalities were found. Intestinal parasites and urinary schistosomiasis were common in Kwale workers, and may contribute to anemia.

(4) Low weight for height was strongly and significantly associated with a lower work productivity (Regression $p < .0001$; $N = 220$).

(5) Workers with anemia were found to be less productive and to take longer to complete a task than men who had normal levels of hemoglobin.

The feasibility of intervening with an energy containing supplement and with provision of medicinal iron was investigated. It was felt that the length of intervention was not sufficient to demonstrate its effect on worker productivity nor to determine the economic implications of such a strategy.

A report of this work is available as IBRD Technical Memorandum No. 26, May 1977 entitled "The relationship of nutrition and health to worker productivity in Kenya" under the general heading "World Bank Study on the Substitution of Labor and Equipment in Civil Construction".

On the basis of the findings in this short preliminary study it was decided that further investigations were desirable. These, it was proposed, should consist of three parts as follows:

Study No. 1 An evaluation of health/nutrition effects on the productivity of casual laborers in rural civil works. In this study the effects of an intervention with calories on work output will be determined.

Study No. 2 An evaluation of practical interventions to improve health and worker productivity. In a series of sub-studies an evaluation will be undertaken of alternative methods for feeding workers; of the routine provision of iron and calorie rich foods to road workers; of the provision of medicinal iron; and of the feasibility of controlling certain parasitic infections. In all these studies the prevalence of parasitic diseases and their relation to anemia will be studied.

Study No. 3 A study of health and nutritional status in two new ecological areas where rural access roads are being constructed.

(Note - Study No. 4 is the roundworm study described later.)

Present Status of Nutrition and Worker Productivity Study

The proposed time table for work in Kenya calls for Study No. 1 and Study No. 4 to be initiated in January 1978. A part of Study No. 2 will be begun in June-July 1978, and the remainder of Study No. 2 and all of Study No. 3 will be initiated in early 1979.

what part?

This part of the report therefore deals only with Study No. 1. The main objective of this study is to determine the effects on worker output or productivity of providing extra calories to workers at a site where undernutrition appears to be prevalent, and where parasitic infections and anemia are less prevalent or can be easily controlled. The work in 1976 in Kenya suggested that Nyeri met these criteria. On two road sites (Ndunyu and Kihuyu) 38% of 102 road workers had a weight for height below 85% of the standard; anemia and parasitic infections were uncommon. In Kwale District, of 179 men examined, a rather similar percentage (41%) had low weight for height but in contrast to Nyeri anemia was common (34% had hemoglobin below 13.0 grams/100 ml.) and parasitic infections very common (66% had hookworm, 45% Trichuris, and 23% Ascaris).

It was therefore decided that a highland area such as Nyeri District would be most suitable for Study No. 1.

Meetings with Mr. John Simpson (in charge of Rural Access Roads) and Mr. B. Nilsson (IBRD in Nairobi) were held in January 1978. Agreement was reached that Nyeri or Muranga Districts would be suitable for Study No. 1. A decision was to be left to the Investigators in consultation with Mr. Michael Knowles, Engineer in Charge of Rural Access Roads for those districts.

The Investigators had decided that it was desirable to select first

a "preliminary" road site. On this site the methodology to be used would be thoroughly tested, field workers would be trained, and a feasibility study would be undertaken. A second road site would then be selected for the definitive study. At a meeting with Mr. Knowles in the Karatina Rural Access Roads headquarters camp, alternative sites were discussed. A decision was reached that Road No. 55 at Igoka (near Makurweini) in Nyeri District would be used as the preliminary road site. A road site where work was planned to begin in April/May 1978 in Muranga District was chosen for the definitive study. (This has now had to be changed due to difficulties of obtaining adequate numbers of workers at this site.) *What's the new site??*

In February 1978 a 10 foot by 10 foot corrugated iron hut was set up at Igoka for use by us as a clinic and field study examination room. A landrover was provided by the Ministry of Works for the project. *(via ISRD?)* Two field workers were recruited from among some 20 applicants.

Examinations of all workers at the Igoka road site were then conducted over a period of 3 weeks. Clinical, medical and nutritional status examinations were conducted by Dr. Latham, anthropometric examinations were performed by Ms. Wolgemuth who also obtained relevant social information on each worker, and stools were collected from each worker by Mr. Hall for later examination by him at the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases in Nairobi. *what exactly?*

The results of these examinations have only partly been analyzed. Table 1 shows the findings in terms of the weight for height of these workers. From this it can be seen that 73.5% of men were below 85% and 57.5% were below 80% of standard weight for height. 85% is the cut off point used in the previous study. Persons below this were considered

Table 1

Weight for height findings for male road workers
at Igoka site (No. 55)

<u>% weight for height</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
Above 95	2	5
90 - 94	1	2.5
85 - 89	8	19
80 - 84	7	16
75 - 79	18	40
70 - 74	4	10
65 - 69	3	7.5
Total	43	100

to have below optimum calorie reserves, or to have an indication of undernutrition. These data indicate that undernutrition is a problem in a substantial percentage of men (and women). If similar findings occur in the definitive road site this would more than satisfy one of the needed criteria for an intervention study.

The clinical examination showed a picture of a population who have relatively little access to medical treatment and who suffer from a variety of illnesses notably skin infections, respiratory conditions, hypertension, hernias and so on. The final report will provide details of these. Simple treatment was provided to all those requiring it and some were referred to hospital for further treatment.

The results of the stool examinations are shown in Table 2. This indicates that intestinal parasites are fairly prevalent. The rates of infection are higher than was found in 1976, almost certainly because in 1976 a commercial laboratory was used, and a less thorough and precise examination of the stools was performed. Most of these parasitic infections are quite easy to treat. Appropriate anthelmintic drugs were supplied, and a re-examination of the stools performed to make certain that the workers had been freed of parasites. Results of the second stool examination are not available.

① What parasites?
② Previous report said that parasites were not a problem - Highlands

As a result of the preliminary examination of the men, Dr. Latham made the following recommendations to the Engineer in charge concerning conditions for the definitive road site:

(a) Men should be recruited, not women, because a mixed group would create problems for the study (women may be or become pregnant which would effect weight, continuation of work, and calorie needs. Also if both men and women are used then two separate groups would have to be used in the analysis).

Table 2

Infections with intestinal parasites from stool examinations (Igoka road workers)

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Ascaris</u>	<u>Hookworm</u>	<u>Cysts</u>	<u>Taenia</u>	<u>Trichuris</u>	<u>Strongyloides</u>
Males	39	12 (31%)	13 (33%)	8 (20%)	3 (8%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
Females	20	14 (70%)	9 (45%)	11 (55%)	0	0	0
Total	59	26 (44%)	22 (37%)	19 (32%)	3 (5%)	1 (1.5%)	1 (1.5%)

Men
eat more
meat?

interesting difference! (Women do more "dirty" work 2/11)

Number of workers with 0 infection = 19 (32%)

Number of workers with 1 infection = 16 (27%)

Number of workers with 2 infection = 16 (27%) ✓

Number of workers with 3 infection = 8 (13.5%)

(b) Workers should be 18 years of age or older. Some workers at Igoka were well below this age. Because they are still growing this affects their nutrient needs and their weight.

(c) No substitution of one worker for another should be allowed. At Igoka it was found that on occasions a male worker unable to work for a day or two might send his wife, son or some other relative to substitute for him. This substitution would obviously create problems in a calorie supplementation program.

In the period March to May 1978 Ms. Wolgemuth and Mr. Hall (having taken up residence in Karatina) worked full time on Study 1 (with the exception of a short period when Mr. Hall went to Machakos District to assist with Study 4).

During this period the following activities have been undertaken:

(a) New workers have been enrolled and all examinations except the clinical examination performed on them.

(b) Dietary information on each worker was obtained using a 24 hour recall. *Results?*

(c) On a sub-sample of workers dietary information was collected using the weighing method in the household. *Results?*

(d) Different methods of providing approximately 700 extra calories per day to a "study" group than to a control group have been tried. The feasibility of each method is being carefully assessed, the acceptance by the workers assessed, and the costs determined.

(e) Weights of men are determined prior to and after each period of dietary intervention.

The preliminary results of these activities will be reviewed by Dr. Latham with the staff in June 1978. On the basis of the findings

and this review a decision will be made about the protocol to be followed at the definitive road site.

In May 1978 Mr. Mark Sharrock, the work study engineer, will arrive in Kenya. He will immediately begin his task of developing suitable work output measures first at the Igoka or some other road site. He will also train one or more field workers. In June 1978 Dr. Latham and Dr. Stephenson (Latham) will arrive in Kenya to work on the project. They will be accompanied by Mr. Terry Elliott who will be involved mainly with the anemia studies proposed for Kwale District.

In June or July, at the definitive road site Dr. Latham will conduct physical, clinical and nutritional examinations of the new men, Ms. Wolgemuth will get social information and do anthropometric measurements, and Mr. Hall will do stool and haematological examinations. Over a period of time ^{DEFINE} Mr. Sharrock will do work output studies on each man.

When these data have been obtained (probably in July 1978) the calorie intervention will begin. Advice from Mr. Chesher will be used to assist with the assignment of men to the "study" and "control" groups. Any men having serious medical problems, or other conditions which might markedly effect work output, will be eliminated from the study. Men with parasites will be treated, and stools re-examined. Men will receive treatment when appropriate and needed.

In June or July work will start probably in Kwale District on Study No. 2. Dr. Latham, Dr. Stephenson, Mr. Hall and Mr. Elliott will all be involved in this. Ms. Wolgemuth and Mr. Sharrock will remain in Nyeri District involved in Study No. 1. In Kwale District, Dr. Stephenson will play a major role in the evaluation ^{How?} of different types of mid-work day snacks and of appropriate delivery systems. Mr. Elliott will be involved

mainly on the study of the routine provision of iron to workers, and the effects of this on anemia. Mr. Hall will do parasitic examinations on stool and urine, and will do haematological examinations. Dr. Latham will do clinical, medical and nutritional status examinations on all road workers enrolled in these studies.

Ascaris Study (Study No. 4)

Background

The present project to control roundworm infection (Ascariasis) in Kanzalu and Mwatati villages in Machakos District in Kenya, are a logical extension of an earlier project supported by the World Bank. The previous study conducted in Kenya in 1975 and 1976 was conducted by the same investigators as the present project. The principal objective was to determine whether common roundworm infections adversely affected the growth of young children and by so doing contributed to malnutrition which is very prevalent in Kenya, as in most poor countries. The work was extended by Dr. Stephenson (Ms. Lani Stephenson Latham) to an evaluation of the economic implications of roundworm infection and its control in Kenya.

A detailed report of this earlier study on roundworm infection has been issued as "The Nutritional and Economic Implications of Ascaris Infection in Kenya" (by L. Latham, M. Latham and S. Basta) in September 1977. A further, more detailed analysis and discussion of the methodology, the locale, the findings and the conclusions for that study are available as the Ph.D. dissertation of Dr. Lani Stephenson (Latham) entitled "Nutritional and Economic Implications of Ascaris Infection in Kenya: Studies in Experimental Animals and Preschool Children".

This original project, for the first time in a well controlled field study, demonstrated that roundworm infection was significantly associated with a retardation of growth in children, and was therefore contributing to protein-calorie malnutrition in preschool age children. The cost of the disease to Kenya, and to individual families, was found to be high, and it was suggested from the data that the cost of control was relatively low.

On the basis of these findings, and the experience of the investigators (Prof. Latham, Dr. Crompton and Dr. Stephenson) in Kenya it was felt that a project should be instituted to attempt to control roundworm infection in these two Kenyan villages, and to evaluate the effect and effectiveness of a low cost practical control program.

Present Ascaris Control Project

The Ascaris project in Kenya is an attempt to lower the prevalence of Ascaris (Roundworm) infection in 2 rural villages by giving 1 dose of Roundworm medicine (levamisole) to all preschool and primary school children 3 times a year for 3 years, and to evaluate this.

The project began in January 1977. At that time, Dr. Latham, Dr. Crompton and Dr. Stephenson spent 6 weeks in Kenya. Anthropometric, stool and clinical examinations were performed, and a dose of levamisole was given to all available preschool and primary school age children. This entire procedure, including all examinations performed by the investigators, will be repeated each January in 1978 (already completed), 1979, and 1980. The second 2 doses of the drug for 1977 were given by a locally hired field worker during visits to homes and schools in May and September of 1977. (See Table 3)

In January 1978, the 3 investigators plus Ms. June Wolgemuth, a nutritionist from Cornell University, and Mr. Andrew Hall, a parasitologist from Cambridge University, repeated the anthropometric, stool and clinical examinations and gave 1 dose of levamisole. In April 1978, 4 locally hired field workers, under the guidance of Mr. Hall and Dr. Ad Jansen, delivered the second yearly dose to preschool and some primary school children at home visits. In May 1978, the field workers will visit the 2 local primary schools to give levamisole to the primary school children.

Table 3

Schedule for delivery of levamisole

<u>Dose</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	January 1977	completed
2	May 1977	completed
3	September 1977	completed
4	January 1978	completed
5	May 1978	partially completed
6	September 1978	to be given
7	January 1979	to be given
8-9	May-September 1979	to be given
10	January 1980	to be given

Results of examinations and visits to date

a. 1977

In January 1977, over 750 children were seen and examined by the principal investigators. Dr. D. W. T. Crompton and his staff completed the very thorough stool examinations on all 752 stool specimens in fall 1977. Prevalence of Ascaris in preschool children was 21%, while prevalences of hookworms and Trichuris (whipworm) were 5% and 2%, respectively. For school children, these figures were: Ascaris, 14%; hookworms, 13%; Trichuris, 3%. (See Table 4)

An additional estimated 200 children who did not attend the January survey were also given dose 1 of levamisole in February 1977 by a field worker (Mr. Mutinda Munyao). An estimated 800 children received doses 2 and 3 of levamisole from a field worker in May and September of 1977. The target group is estimated to be about 1200 children, but precise figures await computer analysis.

b. 1978

In January 1978, over 700 stools were again collected for examination and anthropometric and clinical exams performed. Over 1100 children received dose 4 of levamisole in January and February. Dr. Crompton and co-workers are presently examining the stool samples and expect to complete the examinations by fall 1978. A subsample of examinations completed now suggests that the prevalence of Ascaris has decreased since January 1977, but no firm conclusions can be drawn until all examinations are completed and the results analyzed by computer.

Dose 5 has been given to 480 preschool and younger primary school children in April 1978 at home visits by the 4 field workers. Dose 5 is being given to the remaining primary school children in May 1978 at

Table 4

Stool examinations for parasite ova.

Kanzalu and Mwatati. January 1977.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Total n</u>	<u>% Ascaris</u>	<u>% hookworm</u>	<u>% Trichuris</u>
<u>Preschool</u>				
Kanzalu	121	12	4	2
Mwatati	187	28	5	1
Both villages	308	21	5	2
<u>Primary School</u>				
Kanzalu standard				
1	33	15	3	0
2	53	19	2	4
3	52	15	4	0
4	43	5	12	0
5	22	23	4	4
6	26	19	31	0
7	15	7	33	0
all standards	244	12	9	1
Mwatati standard				
1	34	32	15	6
2	42	14	12	5
3	35	11	14	3
4	34	18	18	3
5	23	17	17	4
6	19	10	37	5
7	13	8	31	8
all standards	200	17	18	5
Both schools	444	14	13	3

All stools collected by Dr. D. W. T. Crompton in Kenya and analyzed by Dr. Crompton and his staff at the Molteno Institute, Cambridge University, England.

visits to the 2 local primary schools. Mr. Hall and Dr. Jansen are supervising the activities of the field workers (Mr. Josphat Wambua, Mr. Kiio Mwilu, Mrs. Esther Ndunda, and Ms. Rose Nzuki).

Computer analysis of stool examination results will provide useful information on reinfection rates and will help determine whether or not the same children get continually reinfected with Ascaris. It will also be important to determine whether levamisole, which is partially effective in treating hookworm infection, can lower prevalence of hookworm in school children. This type of long term study, with 4 yearly stool examinations on the same children, is extremely difficult and time consuming, and is rarely attempted on sample sizes this large.

The anthropometric and clinical data will allow the authors to monitor nutritional status of children for 4 years and will also provide valuable longitudinal growth data on preschool and primary school Kenyan children. Growth of siblings and nutritional status of mothers and their children will be compared. The need in East Africa for longitudinal growth data on children living at home has been recognized. Most growth data in Kenya, and other countries in Africa, has been based on cross sectional studies.

Conclusion

This is the Preliminary Draft of the Inception Report. The final draft is due on August 31, 1978.



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*① This is OK w/ me
② It would probably appear
more sensible to Dr. Nesheim
if you signed it rather
than the Highway Adviser!*

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Dear Clell:

As you may know Lani has recently finished her Ph.D. and is now officially Dr. Lani Stephenson Latham. From June 1 she will become the paid Research Associate for the Kenya project rather than an unpaid assistant working very hard for it.

It would be helpful if you could write a letter something like the attached to Dr. Nesheim so that she can officially be appointed a Cornell Research Associate. This will get round complications such as having to advertise the position etc., and it will give Lani a position with status here and health benefits etc. It also seems better if such a letter comes from you rather than from her husband.

I have kept Mal Nesheim fully appraised about the project, and I think he understands why it is not being funded through Cornell. He is very supportive of our work, and is a close personal friend of mine.

I hope that this is agreeable to you.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Michael C. Latham
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Dear Lincoln,

Thank you very much for your March 1st letter. I apologize for the delay in answering but I have been extremely tied up with supervision work on the Brazil National Nutrition project.

Your comments about the ascaris study are very kind. Your query about skinfold differences and growth in treated and non-treated children should best be answered by Lani Latham who is primary investigator. However, since that very question also disturbed me, I did give some thought to it. My only conclusion (Lani could have a better one), is that evidence from England (St. Mary's in London), Jamaica (Picou), etc.) indicates that during certain infective processes, or in severe malnutrition, or in kidney disease, there is a compensatory mechanism at work which among other things, leads to re-utilization of a number of nitrogenous by-products and a recycling of amino acids from muscle protein breakdown back towards protein synthesis. This "adaptive shunt" may take some time to wind down to normal after the infection has been eradicated, and hence a relative rapid growth spurt may occur in that period just after eradication when both the agent is removed and the compensatory shunt is still operating. Perhaps this process may explain in a little more detail parts of the "catch-up" growth phenomenon. Conversely, it may be that maximum gene expression (i.e. protein synthesis) for certain processes may decline during the infective process, and once the agent is removed, transcription, replication, etc. speeds up first quickly and then gradually to satisfy a certain pre-determined fixed point.

Certainly, we should include an untreated ascaris group in the next study (which has just been funded) and I think if it is relatively isolated from the others and treated at the study's termination, the ethical problems could be reduced. Thank you for suggesting it.

I hope you keep in touch with us. I have many "suggestions" for future studies, being desk and airplane bound these last few years! Let's talk when you are next in Washington. In the meantime think

about studying something regarding "compensatory mechanisms". It is a subject which is both fascinating and extremely relevant (e.g. for work related to calorie/protein requirements for different (infective/non-infective?) populations).

Best regards,



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P.S. I enclose the four copies of the ascaris studies and the two on anemia in Indonesia that you asked for.

Enclosure

cc: Messrs. Latham (Cornell U.)
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March 1, 1978

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Sincerely,



Lincoln C. Chen
Scientific Director

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Dear Lincoln:

I was very pleased to receive your letter and your comments on the Ascaris report. I'll respond to the comments point by point.

a) Regarding absence of cross sectional differences between Ascaris and control groups at the start of the study, I think it's likely, as you suggested, that we picked one point in time when certain children happened to be infected and others did not. At another point in time some of the controls would have been infected, etc. It's also possible that only certain children tend to contract Ascaris infection but that they do so on a seasonal basis and that our first measurement was taken before the worms had caused a measurable change in skinfold thickness. Our three year deworming program in the same villages with stools examined once a year should help determine who gets reinfected in this particular community.

b) I was interested in your comment that the Ascaris infected children after deworming should not have grown better than the controls, but rather should have grown at the same rate. I personally don't find this surprising but both Michael and Jean-Pierre Habicht felt, as you did, that this finding ran contrary to standard theory.

As confirming evidence, two other groups of workers have found that Ascaris-infected children grew faster after deworming than did controls.

1) Michael received a letter last week from a Walter Willett at Harvard Medical School. He said that their department in Dar es Salaam had just "conducted a randomized trial of 3-monthly levamisole given to pre-school children, and like you, observed the treated group to grow faster." (The abstract will be presented at the American Federation for Clinical Research in May.)

2) A study in India (Lancet, Gupta et al., July 16, 1977), also using 3 monthly administration of an anthelmintic for a year to preschool children, reported that a higher proportion of children infected with Ascaris at the beginning of the year gained at least one percentage point in wt/age during the year than occurred in "control" uninfected children. This study does not appear to be particularly well controlled but their evidence and Willett's and ours do point in the same direction.

3) I have a feeling that we simply don't know enough about recovery from intestinal helminthiasis to be able to predict what should happen in the long term. The only field studies I'm aware of on growth of Ascaris-infected

children after deworming that include a control group are the three mentioned here. It's likely in field studies that the children studied (both Ascaris infected and "controls") have many more diseases other than Ascaris which influence their growth. I think it's also likely that there may be synergism or occasionally antagonism between diseases, so that getting rid of one disease causes a greater effect on growth than one might expect.

I do think that what we saw was catch-up growth of some sort, but I can't come up with an airtight physiological explanation for it.

c) It did occur to us to have a control group that didn't receive treatment, but we didn't think it was completely necessary or justifiable under the circumstances. In retrospect, the worm burdens were generally so low that it probably wouldn't have made much medical difference to most of the children, but having read of enough cases of intestinal obstruction and aspiration of worms, I didn't want to take chances and neither did Michael.

d) I did look at worm burden in relation to growth rates and found nothing. There are 2 possible reasons for this. First, children were lightly infected (mean number of worms was 7 ± 9 worms) so most children had between 1 and 14 worms. I don't think there was enough variation in worm load to show a significant effect on growth rate. I would definitely expect a fairly linear relationship with a mean of say 50 and a range of 1-100 worms. My studies at Cornell with Ascaris infected malnourished pigs showed a clear linear relationship between number of worms harbored and degree of hypertrophy of the tunica muscularis of the small intestine of infected animals.

The factor that complicates effects of worm burdens in the field is migration of larvae through the tissues, which we were unable to detect. We have no idea whether children in our area ingest a few ova each week or whether they tend to get most heavily infected during a rainy season but not during dry seasons. It is clear that ingestion of large numbers of ova can cause a serious pneumonitis, which probably effects growth much more per unit time than a few adult ascarids do.

At any rate I heartily encourage you to carry out work with Ascaris, especially in preschool children, in Bangladesh, to try to choose areas where you expect high worm burdens, and to try if possible, to get the mothers to collect the worms after deworming, so that someone can shed light on the worm burden question. We found the mothers curious to see the worms "come out" and perfectly willing to collect them. I think the majority are passed within 24 or at most 36 hr. after a dose of levamisole.

e) Regarding the economic study, I don't really expect that any of us rather "hard" scientists will ever be completely satisfied with cost-benefit type methodologies. But then, there hasn't been much, if any, attention given to economic costs of ascariasis in the past, so we did the best we could with the available data. I do think that improper absorption of food in Ascaris infection is an issue which deserves more controlled study. I did find the beginnings of a decrease in villus height and an increase in crypt depth in the jejunal mucosa of Ascaris infected malnourished pigs. This was obviously done under controlled conditions and the animals had had adult ascarids for only 8 weeks, so I think there is something to the findings by Tripathy et al of malabsorption type lesions in the mucosa of Ascaris infected children.

f) I agree that a targeted approach aimed at deworming children 1-3 years of age is perhaps more sensible than deworming of entire populations. On the other hand, we don't know (and can't really find out by asking) how much environmental contamination is caused by older children and adults through inadequate latrine use. No matter where the ova come from, it is still the preschool children who will be most likely to pick them up and to suffer from the resulting infections. This is one reason that I would recommend treatment of school children and adults, though much less frequently than the treatment for preschool children.

The other reasons for recommending treatment of all available people are two. First, if you contact preschool children and their mothers through the primary schools, as we are trying to do in Kenya, the school children are already a captive audience, and so are the mothers who bring their preschoolers to the primary school to receive medication. The broad spectrum anthelmintic we are using (levamisole) has reasonable activity against both human hookworms, which school children and mothers are more likely to have than are young children. It also removes part of a burden of *Strongyloides* and *Trichuris*. I think in places where medical care is pretty scarce, it's sensible to use the same drug and delivery system to reach everybody. The particular approach, target group, and drug have to be adapted to the individual community or area of a country. But the mass treatment approach at least does have a large element of systematic prevention in it (through killing of ova producing worms).

I hope you do conduct further studies with Ascaris in Bangladesh. I get the impression that cross sectional studies probably won't yield much and that a longitudinal approach is, unfortunately, necessary. Please do keep me posted about your decisions.

Again, thank you very much for your helpful comments. Michael is now in Indonesia for 10 days on an AID consultancy dealing with nutrition surveillance. I am almost finished with my Ph.D. dissertation, at long last, and will take a post-doc here to continue the Ascaris projects in Kenya.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,



Lani Stephenson Latham

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cc. Dr Samir Basta
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Mar 17

Dear Samir,

Enclosed is a copy of the abstract that I'm submitting to the AT International Nutrition Congress in Rio. It's similar to the data I'm presenting at Federation Meetings in April 78 but the audience in Rio will obviously be more international & more interested in applied nutrition, not to mention more familiar with Ascaris.

Will you be going to Rio? It sounds like a fascinating city but apparently the conference hall for the Nutrition Congress doesn't have walls

Yet so we're anticipating
a bit of disorganization!

Michael's off for a few days
to help set up a nutrition
surveillance system in
Indonesia & sends his

warmest regards. He's also
planning to present the
worker productivity data
in Rio & will be sending
you a copy of his abstract.

I plan to take my B exam
on May 3 so am up to my
ears in thesis writing. It will
be so nice to FINISH!

Best wishes to you & Marina
and the little Bastas & please
don't drown in the paper
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P.S. I wish I spoke French better - could
you start a worm project in a Spanish or
English speaking country!

P.S. I also sent the abstract to Cell



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TO: Mr. Armeane M. Choksi, DED
 FROM: C. G. Harral, TRP, and S. S. Basta, AGR
 SUBJECT: KENYA: Review Panel Discussion on Health, Nutrition and Productivity Studies (671-73)

DATE: March 6, 1978

1. A review panel consisting of Messrs. Berg, Casazza, Greene and Schebeck met on March 2, 1978 to consider implementation of the recommendations for the above project as set forth in Mr. B. B. King's memorandum of January 31, 1978. Also present were Dr. M. Latham, and L. Stephenson (Cornell University), and Messrs. Beenstock, Basta and Harral, as well as yourself.
2. The reviewers, the sponsors and the primary investigators all agreed that the issues mentioned in Mr. King's memorandum were or are in the process of being resolved. Specifically, it was first agreed that in study 1, since the objectives were to measure productivity changes accurately, the caloric vehicle and placebo should be as simple as possible, and for that reason an acceptable drink or maize gruel would be used. For study 2a which would focus on the effectiveness of feasibility of worker feeding, more elaborate mixtures would be used and the effectiveness of each evaluated in terms of cost, acceptability, and physiological impact.
3. The panel then addressed itself to questions 4, 5, and 6 in Mr. King's memorandum dealing with logistics and objectives for study 2a. It was agreed that Dr. Latham would carry out certain procedures in choosing the 700 Calorie supplement which would involve surveying what is currently being consumed, and what additional foods in that specific region could be consumed. In addition, an investigation would be made as to choice of food vehicle (in the case of fortification), and effective means of distribution involving different levels of subsidy, free-food etc. Actual consumption and acceptability over time would be carefully monitored.
4. In regards to question 8 of the King memorandum, Dr. Latham discussed his recent meeting with the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Kenya Ministry of Finance and Planning, as outlined in his letter to Mr. Harral of February 23 (attachment 1). The Government of Kenya finds the study relevant, and extremely useful for the formulation of strategies in its next 5-year plan. The study would also affect Bank lending policies by helping to define nutritional status and strategies in Kenya, and by obtaining the only known data on longitudinal growth of Kenya children. It would also determine the feasibility and cost effectiveness of deworming large population groups, and assess reinfection rates in rural areas, at present unknown. This series of data would be essential to helping define a national nutrition project. In addition, by helping to define methods to improve worker productivity, the research could affect the efficiency of many of the Bank's future projects.
5. In regards the need to define more clearly the statistical methodologies to be used, the Bank has engaged Dr. Andrew Cheshier (University of Birmingham), to work closely with Dr. Latham in the application of an optimal statistical design. Dr. Cheshier's preliminary conclusions were discussed (see attachment 2). He has already met with Dr. Latham and approved the overall design of the project. Currently, he and Dr. Latham are investigating the possibilities of increasing the sample sizes for study 1.

March 6, 1978

6. In regards question 10, which recommends the hiring of an economist for the research staff, Dr. Latham is consulting with two economists. These are Dr. Peter Hopcraft at IDS, Nairobi and Dr. Maarten Immink at Cornell University. As noted in the enclosed letter, Dr. Latham is optimistic that they will join the study. In any case, the panel gave him the names of other economists familiar with these types of studies, and Dr. Latham stressed that he fully intends to provide an economic analysis of the various components in the project.

7. After the discussions, we conferred with each of the above members of the review panel who indicated that the questions previously raised had been satisfactorily resolved or would be in the course of the work, and it was agreed that the Bank will proceed to finalize contractual arrangements with Dr. Latham.

cc: Messrs. Berg, Schebeck and Greene (AGR); Casazza (PAS); Beenstock (PPR); Faruquee and Chernichovsky (DED)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. C. Willoughby, TRPDR

DATE: February 23, 1978

FROM: I. M. D. Little, VPD *Imoh*SUBJECT: Research Committee Action on the Research Proposal:
Kenya - Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies


1. At its meeting on February 17, the Research Committee approved funding for this proposal as requested, subject to the proviso that a panel be constituted to ensure that the issues raised in the panel recommendation memorandum of January 31, 1978 are satisfactorily resolved in a meeting with Dr. Latham. The panel is expected to report the outcome of its meeting to the Research Advisor.

2. The project identification code and authorizations are as follows:

(i)	Identification Code:	671-73
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3. Please use the identification code in all financial documents and other communications concerning this project, including letters of appointment to consultants.

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cc:  Messrs. Basta, Harral, Panickaveetil, Benitez
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Armeane Choksi

DATE: February 9, 1978

FROM: Clell G. Harral and Samir Basta

SUBJECT: KENYA: Health Nutrition & Worker Productivity Studies

1. In his memorandum to Mr. King of January 17 Mr. Waide, although complimenting the quality of this research proposal, inquired whether WHO, UNICEF (or possibly other international organizations) might more suitably sponsor this particular research rather than the Bank. Several factors explain why this would not be so. First, there are several components of the project (particularly studies 2 and 3) which are designed primarily to assist the Bank in developing the methodology and particularly empirical basis for economic analysis of nutrition projects.^{1/} We specifically invited Prof. Latham to prepare proposals to the Bank on these matters because we felt that it would unlikely be of interest to other organizations. Second, WHO Research Division is hampered by lack of funds and has not initiated significant new research recently; also UNICEF does not normally finance research activities. Third, even if other funding might be found, the time delays would be critical. All the studies (and programming of staff) are designed as an integral whole to be undertaken simultaneously, and Prof. Latham's team is already in the field under ODM funding for study 1. It would not be sensible or feasible (and certainly much more costly) to schedule studies 2-4 at a later date. We note that our successful effort to obtain parallel financing from U.K. Overseas Development Ministry for about \$71,500 (or almost 60% of the costs of Phase I and 45% of total costs) required a significant effort by Bank staff, and more importantly the lapse of several months. Even then, ODM was not interested in the components of the project of greatest relevance to Bank needs. Thus we believe there is a compelling case for Bank financing of the small additional funds required.

2. Taking into account the comments of the review panel (paragraph 10, Mr. King's January 30 memorandum to you) concerning the need to add an economic analyst, we wish to add an additional \$4,000 for this purpose. We have also corrected some minor errors which occurred in the November 16 proposal and the corrected cover sheets are attached herewith.

3. We have initiated arrangements for the meeting with Professor Latham as requested by the review panel and I expect to confirm the date to you within a few days.

^{1/} Which, it should be noted, will be helpful in other countries, not only in Kenya.

CGHarral:

cc: Messrs. B. WAide, ASNVP
H. van der Tak, PAS
C. Willoughby, B. Coukis, TRP

WORLD BANK RESEARCH PROGRAM

Project Proposal

Date of Submission

November 16, 1977 (Revised 2.9.78)

PART I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1. Title: KENYA: Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies

2. Department(s) Responsible:

Transportation

3. Staff Participation

a. Principal Supervisor: Clell G. Harral

b. Others Responsible: S. Basta

4. No. of Contracts:

1

5. Estimated Total Cost:

\$168,500⁷⁵⁰ (less \$71,500 co-financed)

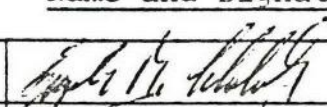
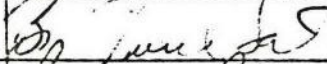
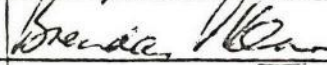
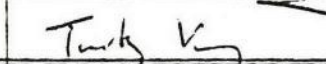
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Professional: 6

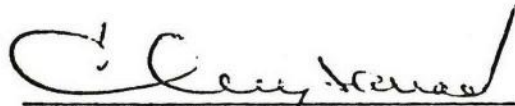
Assistant: _____

PART II. COORDINATION AND APPROVAL

1. Interdepartmental Coordination:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name and Signature</u>	<u>Support Project</u>	<u>No Objection</u>	<u>Do not Support Project-Comments Submitted</u>
a. Nutrition Division Agr. & Rural Dev.		X		
b. East Africa Programs		X		
c. East Africa Projects Population and		X		
d. DPS Human Resources		X		

2. Departmental Approval:


Division Chief (signature)


Department Director (signature)

PART III. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Date Work to Start: 1/78 2. Date First Draft Expected: 12.30.79

3. Date Final Report Expected: 12.1.80

4. Implementation Method: Names:

a. Bank Staff..... _____

b. Individual Consultants..... _____

c. Developing Country Contractor/Institute.. _____

d. Developed Country Contractor/Institute... _____

e. Conference or Seminar..... _____

5. Proposed Liaison with Operating Departments:
 Informal advisory group and discussion of progress reports

6. Reports Expected in the First Year:

PART IV. FINANCIAL AND STAFF RESOURCES

1. Dollar Costs (Estimated Disbursements by Fiscal Year):

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	After FY	Total
a. Consultant Fees	22,000	22,000	(34,500)		44,000
b. Travel (Bank staff)	3,750	7,500	(7,500)		11,250
c. Data Processing					
d. Other Contractual Services					
e. Contingencies					
Total	25,750	29,500	(42,000)		55,250

2. Staff Requirements (Estimated staff-weeks by Fiscal Year):

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	After FY	Total
a. Professional	4	4	(4)		8
b. Assistant					
Total	4	4	(4)		8

P.S. Could you please share this
with Basil Coukis

M. Bastia
I am drafting a cable reply.
C/O DR. A. JANSEN 28
MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE
Box 20752
NAIROBI

Mr. Clell Harval,
World Bank
Washington, D.C.

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9/11/78

24 JANUARY 1978

Copy made for Mrs. B. Dec also to Kariuki.

Par: (1) Have you or Helen sent the
reports written in p. 2? If not
please to H.A.P.
(2) Tell Nutrition Programme

Dear Clell,

This is just to let you know that we have been busy in Kenya for 3 weeks, and that things are going well. The five of us (Dr. David Crompton and Andrew Hall from Cambridge Univ.; June Wolgemuth, Lani and I from Cornell) have been mainly involved with the round worm study in Machakos. But we ~~do~~ have had discussions with Mr. Nilsson and Mr. Simpson on 3 occasions in Nairobi, and have spent time in Nyeri with Mr. Knowles. We have selected a road site in Nyeri for a preliminary study, and a second one near this in Murangaa District for the definitive study (Study No. 1) on nutrition and worker productivity. It has been agreed that this 14 km. stretch of road will be geared especially for our study. That is very satisfactory. Up to now co-operation has been very good. Very soon we will be hard at work in Nyeri.

We still have some financial problems. Apparently O.D.M. do not provide money in advance, but they repay for expenditures already incurred. This is not the way that

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FAY

, or Cornell are used to working. I am therefore having, rather desperately, by correspondence to get Cornell to advance \$6000.00 to cover out rather heavy expenditures incurred while the five of us are here, and when the project is beginning.

I would be most grateful if you could send me a cable when and if the World Bank Research Committee meets and makes a decision on the funding for Studies 2, 3 & 4 of our project, provided that is before Feb 18 when I leave Kenya.

I have arranged to meet with Mark Sharrock and Andrew Chester in London on Monday 20th February, on my way back to the United States. At that time firm arrangements can be made for their participation, and a date set for Mark Sharrock's visit to Kenya in the spring or early summer.

There are a number of persons in Kenya who are very interested to read the Staff Working Paper No. 271, on Roundworm infestations in Kenya. Could you please send 10 copies of this, and perhaps also 10 copies of Technical Memorandum No. 26 which is the report on Nutrition and Water productivity, by pouch to me in Nairobi? Could you also if possible send a copy of our research proposal to Dr. DAVID CROMPTON, MOLTENO INSTITUTE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, DOWNING ST., CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND?

Lani sends her best wishes
Sincerely,
Mabel Latham

Done

Meeting on March 2, 1978

A panel consists of: Berg, Beensalk, Greene,
Harval, Carreras, Schobels, + Baba
Student in Field + Parasit. for Cambridge

study 1

question 4 King tremis: Only study in which W.Produce is being looked

drink
or
gruel
value
used
(only)

at. - 700 Cals. - Mark Shorokk will measure productivity.
at baseline. - Food to be used not necessarily that
which will be used as an acceptable food - Pure research. (became of placebo)

Study 2a will provide the real food + delivery system. No work output studies here. Assumption is if 700 cals for study 1 O.W., then 700 cals in study 2a given in another food will be O.W.

Absenteeism & other records will be looked at.

700 cal

How is the foods going to be chosen?

1. What is being eaten
2. Foods in region
3. Vehicle
4. Sales, subsidy, give away,
5. ^{variety of} Consumption, acceptability, etc

7.8:

and parasite control study
W.M. Seeding

Harris Muller) Min of Plan, Change, partic-
interested in study 2a - ways to include parasite
control program + nutrition in 5 yr. plans

The World Bank

Worms:

It is not a drug trial, in the sense that the effect of the drug is known already. What is not known is reinfection rates etc in a village situation. — also no data exists in Kenya, ^{or elsewhere} of longitudinal growth of children. — Relevance to other Bank projects eg NE Brazil.
Random sample of adults will also be taken to determine prevalence

10. Economics:

Get names for letter for IDS guy
cd Cornell guy.



The University of Birmingham

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23 February 1978

Dr C.G.Harral,
Highway Design & Maintenance Adviser,
Transportation Department,
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1818 H Street N.W.,
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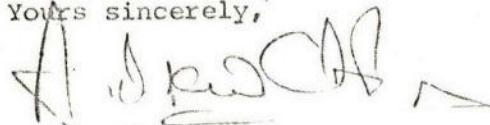
I enclose my comments on the Kenya Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Study. These expand the comments in my Telex of 22 February. Dr Latham, after reading the minutes of your meeting of 31 January, particularly paragraph 9, asked me to write a note on the statistical analysis of the data and the presentation of results - this is also enclosed. I have sent copies of these to Dr Latham and to SWKP.

Having read Dr Latham's proposal and Technical Memorandum No.26 I think you may be right to have a few worries over statistical analysis. Regarding Technical Memo 26 the presentation of results is incomplete (for instance where are the actual estimated regression equations?) and some curious manipulations are carried out with the data. For example, in one equation all task times are regressed on weight as a % of weight for height but these are times to perform different tasks - the meaning of this equation is not clear to me. Regarding Dr Latham's proposal, the eschewing of multivariate statistical techniques (Appendix, p.5) may not be sensible. The analysis in Technical Memo 26 might have benefitted from multiple regression analysis relating task time to weight as % of weight for height and other clinical and anthropometric attributes simultaneously.

Let me know if my comments require clarification.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,


Andrew Chesher

OF ICE MEMORANDUM

C/O Ashok in London
+ C/O Nilsson in Kenya

A. Cheever
Sharrock
J. Greene
B. Conkin

DATE: January 31, 1978

TO: Mr. Armeane M. Choksi

FROM: Benjamin B. King *B.B.K.*

SUBJECT: Kenya - Health, Nutrition and
Worker Productivity Studies *file*

Dr. Casazza

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4. They were not so concerned about Study No. 1; there the proposal clearly states that "a careful analysis will be made of the costs of the intervention" and that "these costs will be compared with the benefits to be gained as a result of the intervention in terms of worker productivity." However, when confronted with the difficulties of obtaining conclusive results in other countries, and the failure of the earlier exercise in Kenya due to insufficient study period and the poor general health status of the workers, one is uncertain whether one will actually obtain such a cost-effectiveness measure from Study 1. Finally, a critical element in a study of this type is the food supplement to be fed for the eight to ten months intervention period. The panel would be interested in details of the control and intervention menus as well as the logistics for providing the food, when these are available.
5. There was strong consensus that the proposal should be explicit about what will be evaluated in Part (a) of Study No. 2 (page 11) and how it will be done. For example, it is not clear whether the intention is to evaluate:

- (a) differences in work output ascribable to different kinds and levels of food intervention;
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O'Brien

cc: Messrs. Basta, Harral

OF ICE MEMORANDUM

C/O Asher in London
+ C/O N. Asher in Kenya
A. Choksi
Sherrill

Mr. Armeane M. Choksi

DATE: January 31, 1978

TO: Benjamin B. King *BBK*

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Mr. Greene

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January 31, 1978

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O'Brien

cc: Messrs. Basta, Harral

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. A.M. Choksi, VPD
 FROM: James Greene, AGRNU

DATE: January 18, 1978

SUBJECT: Research Proposal: Kenya - Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity Studies

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Distribution:

Messrs. Casazza, Faruqee, O'Brien, B.B. King, Basta, Harral,
 Willoughby, Schebeck

JGreene:wb

Selective memo re seminar to be sent to:

B.S. Minhas
✓ Selowsky
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✓ Jim Lee
Goladay
Chener
Yudelman
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Jim Green
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Turnham
✓ Chernichovsky
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whoever is chief of Indian Region
Ranganathan
✓ Beenstock
Koch-Weser (with note: You may wish to show this to Mr. McNamara).

SB
Copies of Staff Working
Paper # 27 were
sent to UN agencies
and individuals indicated
on list - per Berg's request.
Jun 1/24

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January 17, 1978

E. Eevan Walde, ASNVP

Research Proposal - Kenya: Health, Nutrition
and Worker Productivity Studies

Many thanks for taking my place in the panel review of this proposal. The research seems to a layman to be beautifully designed -- although it is possible to ask a few detailed questions, for example, would the provision of food during work result in a reduction in food intake in the home? Such questions could, I am sure, be satisfactorily answered by the principal researcher.

The main points that occur to me are really more for the Research Committee than the Review Panel. Firstly, should the Bank be sponsoring this kind of research at all? I have never seen a proposal better suited to WHO or UNICEF, and if there is to be any division of labor between international organizations this is a good example of a project we could forego. despite the fact that it doubtless could offer a lot towards the design of a successful basic needs strategy - at least for Kenya and maybe for other countries as well if the results are transferable.

Secondly, there is the question of the balance of cost: another research proposal is forthcoming on the behavior of Public Sector Industry, the cost of which is \$80,000 or half that of the work on nutrition. Given the relative importance of these subjects to the Bank it might be possible to conclude that our research priorities should seek to give more weight to public industry, world-wide than nutrition, in Kenya.

cc: Mr. Choksi

(*) Could you, briefly, let us have your views on this comment as soon as possible? *MB*

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Jan 9, 1978

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TI DISCUSS DESIGN OF KENYA HEALTH AND NUTRITION
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Mr. Mark Sharrock
Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick
Scott House
Basingstoke
Hants., England

Dear Mr. Sharrock:

I understand that Clell Harral of the World Bank in Washington has been in touch with you concerning the possibility of getting your assistance for our project in Kenya. I believe that you have been sent a copy of the proposal. I look forward very much to working with you.

My colleagues and I from Cornell and Cambridge Universities will be going to Kenya in early January in order to undertake the next stage of the research project on roundworm infection in children, but also to begin work on the worker productivity study. I plan to stop in London for a day or two on my way back. I believe that it would be very useful if we could get together for a couple of hours then. The best day for me would be Monday, February 20, in London.

I expect to be staying at the Royal Commonwealth Society, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2. Could we meet there at say 11 a.m. that day, or somewhere else if that is more convenient for you.

Could you let me know if this arrangement is satisfactory. A second possibility would be Tuesday, February 21. Please write to me c/o Dr. A. Jansen, Medical Research Centre, P. O. Box 20752, Nairobi, Kenya.

I expect that Clell Harral has let you know that it is my view that the most useful time for you to be in Kenya would be beginning in late May or early June 1978. I will have a much better idea about this when I see you in London in February.

I am delighted that we will have the advantage of your expertise in this next stage of our project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael C. Latham
Professor of International Nutrition

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cc: Mr. Clell Harral ✓

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WORLD BANK TELEGRAM TODAY REPORTED GOVT OF KENYA APPROVAL FOR YR
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2. ODM RESEARCH GRANT OF £36,600 CAN ISSUE ON RECEIPT OF
CONFIRMATION FROM CORNELL THAT UNIVERSITY WILL ADMINISTER FUNDS.
DETAILED ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS CAN THEN BE AGREED WITH
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3. PLEASE STATE WHETHER YOU REQUIRE ADVANCE OF FUNDS EQUAL TO
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September 30, 1977

Professor Michael C. Latham
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Michael
Dear Professor Latham:

This letter recapitulates the main points touched upon during our recent telephone conversations and, more specifically, the issues discussed during the conference call among yourself and Messrs. Basta and Coukis on September 8. We look forward to hearing your presentation here in the Bank on October 11, when we hope also to finalize any outstanding details in your proposal.

We have agreed that the proposed continuation of your work on health and nutrition in Kenya be regarded as one package composed of four distinct studies which would be financed from different sources:

- (i) Evaluation of Health/Nutrition Effects on the Productivity of Casual Laborers in Rural Civil Works.
- (ii) Evaluation of Practical Interventions to Improve Health and Worker Productivity.
- (iii) Brief survey of Health and Nutritional Factors in Two New Ecological Areas.
- (iv) Evaluation of the Feasibility and Effectiveness of a Parasite Control Program.

We understand that Study 1 is virtually assured of financial support by the Overseas Development Ministry of the United Kingdom which will shortly enter with you into the necessary contractual arrangements. However, to ensure that productivity measurements, a crucial element in your proposed research, be carried out on the basis of the most rigorous scientific methodology, we shall undertake to provide the services of a qualified Work-Study Engineer.

In addition, we propose to submit Studies 2, 3 and 4 to the Bank's Research Committee for financing. I would, accordingly, be grateful if you could revise the proposal towards this end; it would facilitate matters greatly if you can have revisions in the proposal to take account of the points

made below in advance of the seminar. Immediately following the seminar we would hope to incorporate responses to any other issues which may be raised.

As Mr. Basta mentioned to you, we would appreciate if the revised proposal would pay particular attention to the following points:

- (i) Statistical design and sampling procedures. We require that a rigorous statistical design for the experiments, sampling procedures and estimated sample sizes be provided in advance of the fieldwork. (e.g. 20 man year subgroup on p. 15 of the old proposal should be increased to 2 or 3 times that number to take account of dropouts.)
- (ii) Number of Ecological Zones. Various persons have indicated that they did not understand the relationship of study 3 to the previous and proposed work, nor the costs thereof. The description of study 3 and its costs should be clarified.
- (iii) Calorie Supplement. 1000 calories is too high as a supplement in terms of cost effectiveness and for future implementation recommendations. Mr. Basta recommends 500 to 700 since the earlier studies showed that this was effective in weight gain. Lower amounts may also be tested if you think it is feasible.
- (iv) Iron Supplementation. Local iron rich foods or fortified beverages or condiments should be explored as alternatives to ferrous sulphate pills, since they might be more cost-effective as longer term solutions on the feeding of large numbers of workers. They may also be important in a natural nutrition program.
- (v) Amount of Iron. The amount of iron administered (elemental and salt) must be specified. It should be based on a hemoglobin response, as in previous studies, occurring in 2 to 3 weeks.

The Kenya Government, through the Deputy Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Mr. Harris Mule, has given approval in principle to the continuation of the health/nutrition work. Mr. Mule has asked for a copy of your report on "The Relationship of Nutrition and Health to Worker Productivity in Kenya" which we are now printing as a (draft) Technical Memorandum. (I hope to be able to post a copy to you later today.) In this connection, it would be very helpful if you could have new drawings of Figures 1, 2 and 3 made, as suggested in your letter of August 30 for the final version.

September 30, 1977

The Ministry of Works, through the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Simon Mbugua, has approved that the Rural Access Roads Program continues to be used as the research vehicle for your work on health and nutrition.

With respect to administrative matters, please clarify whether the contract would be made directly with you, Nairobi University, Cornell or some combination. Also, please clarify how much of your own time, as well as that of other staff, will be allocated and when; we would prefer this in the form of a simple bar-chart.

I trust that the cost estimates for Studies 2, 3 and 4 will represent marginal costs since many of the overheads will have to be covered by the ODM contract. Please also indicate a proposed payments schedule; if the study is approved by the Research Committee, we could advance working capital as before.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Clell G. Harral
Highway Design & Maintenance Adviser
Transportation Department

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<p>I enclose for your interest the summary results of the Nutritional/Productivity study that we financed in Kenya last year.</p> <p>The complete report will be issued in a month or so by Urban Projects / Transportation Projects Dept.</p>			
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Dietary intakes of calories, protein, minerals and vitamins were found to be fairly similar in Nyeri and Kwale. ✕

IV. Conclusions

The study has shown that undernutrition is common in road workers both in Nyeri and Kwale. Using low weight for height as evidence of undernutrition, it was shown that this is significantly related to lower worker productivity. Workers on the road sites are on the average losing weight which indicates that their calorie intakes are lower than their caloric expenditure. Clearly if this process went on for many months the workers would become very thin and weak, or they would reduce their work output.

An intervention with calories reversed this trend. It led to some gain in weight, in arm circumference and in skinfold thickness. The intervention therefore is having a positive impact on nutritional status of the workers, ^{because of time constraints} but showed no effect on increased worker productivity.

Anemia was common in Kwale but not in Nyeri. It is often associated with parasitic infections particularly with hookworms in the intestinal tract, and with urinary schistosomiasis. Both of these parasites cause a loss of blood and therefore of iron. Worker productivity was significantly correlated with hemoglobin levels. An intervention with iron resulted in a rise in hemoglobin and in hematocrit levels, and an increase in worker productivity.

The interventions to supply approximately 700 extra calories and to provide regular iron therapy were found to be acceptable and feasible.

Clearly the provision of food at work to the laborers working on the Rural Access Roads would be beneficial to them. It would be expected to improve their health and nutritional status, to reverse the weight loss that they are suffering, and it could be expected over time to

increase worker productivity. There is a need for a trial of different foods and alternate delivery systems for worker feeding.

In Kwale District, and in other areas of Kenya where anemia may be common, the regular use of iron tablets by workers is likely to have a beneficial effect on both health and worker productivity. Similarly the treatment of common parasitic diseases such as hookworm and schistosomiasis will improve health, reduce the prevalence of anemia, and probably increase productivity. An investigation is needed to determine the relative contribution to anemia of dietary and parasitic factors. It should be stressed that treatment of these parasitic diseases is only a temporary control measure. In the long run appropriate public health measures in the community are needed to control these diseases.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. S. C. Hardy, Standards & Procurement Adviser DATE: September 19, 1977
Transportation Department

FROM: Basil P. Coukis *BPC*

SUBJECT: Coordination with the Overseas Development Ministry of the United Kingdom on the Proposed Health/Productivity Studies in Kenya Back-to-Office and Full Report

1. I summarize below my discussions with Messrs. Jordan and Chard on August 10 and 31 about the proposed health/productivity studies in Kenya.

2. After the completion of his report (currently under publication in our Technical Memoranda series) on the health/nutrition research he carried out during 1976 in Kenya, Professor Latham prepared a proposal for the "Evaluation of Health/Nutrition Interventions on the Productivity of Casual Laborers in Rural Civil Works" to be carried out in Kenya, starting in January 1978. This comprises the following four interrelated, but separate, studies:

- (a) Evaluation of Health/Nutrition Effects on the Productivity of Casual Laborers in Rural Civil Works.
- (b) Evaluation of Practical Interventions to Improve Health and Worker Productivity.
- (c) Study of Health and Nutritional factors in Two New Ecological zones.
- (d) Evaluation of the Feasibility and Effectiveness of a Parasite Control Program.

3. A copy of the proposal was addressed to, and discussed by Professor Latham with, the Overseas Development Ministry. The Ministry had expressed interest in funding work that would follow up on Professor Latham's research within the Kenyan Rural Access Roads Program.

4. During my August 10 meeting with ODM, it was proposed that the four studies be regarded as a package to be jointly financed and administered by the Bank and ODM. ODM would undertake to finance Study 1, which they regard as "non-regional specific research", while the Bank would finance the remaining three. ODM expected to get internal clearance for Study 1 by the end of August and we agreed we should meet again on my way back to Washington from Kenya.

5. I reported on the above in a telex to the Bank and after communicating with Mr. Harral while I was in Kenya, I did the following:

- (a) Secured approval for the "package" by Mr. Harris Mule, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, on behalf of the Kenya Government.
- (b) Secured permission from Mr. Simon Mbugua, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works, that the Rural Access Roads Program continue to be used as the vehicle for the health/nutrition research.
- (c) Discussed with staff members of the IBRD Technology Unit in the Ministry of Works the requirements for a Work Study Engineer who would collaborate with Professor Latham in the rigorous measurement of worker productivity.

6. During my August 31 meeting with the ODM, I was told that internal clearance for the health/nutrition research had not yet been secured but that it was a virtual certainty it would be forthcoming shortly. I mentioned that Bank procedures will probably prevent the Bank's portion from being approved before December. The question therefore arose as to whether ODM financing could be forthcoming quickly enough for Professor Latham to start his work sometime in January without waiting for Bank funding approval. The answer given me was that, although in the absence of internal approval no commitments could be made, all indication pointed to a contract being signed with Professor Latham during September/October.

7. I told ODM that, following the exchange of communications between Mr. Harral and myself, the Bank will provide a qualified Work Study Engineer to assist Professor Latham in the productivity measurements for both the ODM and the Bank-sponsored portions of the package. ODM was appreciative of the offer and are awaiting its formal confirmation.

cc: Messrs. Willoughby, Harral (TRP)
S.S. Basta (AGR)
Mrs. S. Boskey (IRD)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mr. Clell G. Harral

DATE: May 9, 1977

FROM: Basil P. Coukis *BAC*SUBJECT: SOL/KENYA - Health and Nutrition Studies:
Current Status and Prospects*ES We may discuss
Can we make the
contribution of this work
a Bank Research Project?*

1. Mr. Latham has submitted the draft final report on "The Relationship of Nutrition and Health to Worker Productivity in Kenya" 1/. Mr. Basta and I have agreed that it is a very interesting piece of work and that it deserves rapid, and wide, distribution before it is finalized. We have agreed to issue it as a Technical Memorandum and Mr. Basta is in the process of editing it.
2. When comments have been received, and Mr. Latham has had the opportunity to complete the analyses mentioned in the fourth paragraph of his letter, we feel that the report might be issued as a Bank Staff Working Paper. This can be done sometime in late summer, early fall.
3. The report reveals a number of issues specific to two construction units of the RAR Program (in Nyeri and Kwale):
 - (a) Clear evidence of undernutrition: the majority of the men consume far too few calories;
 - (b) Clear evidence of significant anemia problems in Kwale; in addition, the majority of subjects had more than one parasitic infection;
 - (c) Low weight for height was strongly associated with a lower work productivity over time, and anemia was also correlated with reduced work output, as in the previous Indonesian studies;
 - (d) The two interventions (provision of 700 extra calories and of 600 mg. of ferrous sulphate) led to physiological improvements. Iron treatment led to an increase in work output, but caloric supplementation did not, probably because the time period was too short;
 - (e) Weight loss of workers seems to be common, and to result from an inadequate calorie intake.
4. The health and nutrition status of the labor force are critical parameters in a construction program that relies on the efficient use of casual workers. It is stressed in the report, that treatment is only a temporary control measure. In the long run, appropriate public health measures in the community are needed to control these diseases. (e.g. better nutrition and control of parasite infestations).

1/ Attached with covering letter.

5. In September 1976, the Overseas Development Ministry of the United Kingdom expressed interest in a possible intervention program that might result from the Study recommendations. A draft proposal ("An Evaluation of Practical Interventions Designed to Improve Health, Nutrition and Worker Productivity in Kenya") was prepared by Mr. Latham and I discussed this document with Messrs. Jordan and Chard, and with Professor Waterlow when I visited the ODM in October 13, 1976. The draft proposal recommends that different treatment/feeding programs be attempted and evaluated on a large, applied scale.

6. At the end of that meeting, the following conclusions emerged:

(a) ODM was very interested in the follow-up phase;

(b) Before committing any resources, they would like to review the final report.

7. On May 5, 1977, I met with Miss Mason and Messrs. Reid and Kennedy of EAP, briefed them on the above, and asked for their reactions to a possible program of intervention (over a 3-year period and costing about \$100,000, as in Mr. Latham's September 1976 proposal). The EAPHW, which is responsible for the Bank's participation in the RAR Program, is prepared to collaborate with Mr. Basta who, if the intervention program gets underway, would supervise its technical aspects. I have given Miss Mason a copy of the draft final Report and we have agreed to meet again sometime next week and discuss with Mr. Basta the next steps.

8. It seems to me that the Bank (through departmental, research or other funds) ought to continue its involvement in health/nutrition work in Kenya. The ODM assistance ought to be welcomed but, I believe, ultimate control and responsibility ought to remain with the Bank.

9. Perhaps you could discuss the matter with Mr. Reid sometime during the week of May 7. Professor Latham will be stopping in London on May 30 and he will be visiting the ODM, to whom I have sent a copy of his draft final report. It would help if he had an idea of the extent of the Bank's involvement so that he could discuss with greater precision the possible role of the ODM.

BPCoukis:sf

cc: TRP
Messrs. Willoughby
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. C.G. Hurrell, Chief, Transport Research
Division

DATE: March 22, 1976

FROM: S.S. Basu, Urban Division 11A

SUBJECT: KENYA: Nutrition/Productivity Road Construction Workers and
Roundworm Study (RP0315) - Back-to-Office Report

1. Following my terms of reference dated January 7, 1976, I arrived in Nairobi from Jakarta on February 21, 1976 and met with Dr. Michael Latham and the rest of his study team. On February 22, I proceeded up-country to the Nyeri Valley in order to examine at first hand the productivity and clinical measurements of the road construction workers. On February 23, I spent the day at Kenyatta General Hospital, Nairobi, discussing with Mrs. Lani Latham details of the roundworm/growth study on young children and examined the conditions of several of these infants. The productivity study will cost US\$28,000 and the Hospital study US\$7,000.
2. The Productivity study, modelled in the lines of our research in Java and India on adult laborers, can be divided into three parts. The first part deals with representative work output measurements on 48 quarry workers and 40 road construction workers (rural access roads program) in the hills of the Nyeri Valley and is proceeding on schedule. The second part deals with the supplementation of half these workers (paired controls) with a 600 to 800 caloric drink for six to eight weeks and a repeat of the work output measurements, and the third part deals with similar work output measurements and caloric/iron supplementation in road laborers working in the lowlands around the Mombasa coastal region. This last study will aim at assessing the difference between highlanders and lowlanders in order to obtain results that are representative, since clinical differences (i.e. worm infestations and dietary intakes) differ among geographical regions. The coastal region studies are due to begin around the middle of April and the sample will be of the order of around 100 laborers.
3. In more detail, the productivity measurements on the quarry workers in Nyeri is proceeding as follows: each worker is given a clinical, dietary and anthropometric examination and then paired with a fellow worker. Each is given a "karai" which is a local implement shaped like a large hollowed out dish and is held on the back by two hands, and a numbered tee-shirt. He is then told to fill the karai with the loose gravel and small rocks in the quarry (supervised by foremen) and proceed 50 to 60 metres to an open trailer where he dumps the rocks. When he finishes fifty "karais", he is allowed to go home. Two field workers (senior high school students) record the time it takes for each worker to complete his cycles. The load on each karai is about 30 kg and the foremen and field workers ensure that each is full. Five open trailers are used so it is possible to record several workers simultaneously. Three day measurements are recorded for each worker.

Anthropometric measurements are taken before the study and before and after supplementation.

4. In the road construction work, 40 individuals are divided into two groups, such that each worker in the first group is paired with a worker of nearly identical weight for height in the second group. These pairs work together on a stretch of the road to be built. The work entails the removal of a standard amount of earth which has been previously demarcated by the site engineers. The amount of earth to be removed is the same for each worker, and all the workers use the same type of tools, namely a type of hoe to loosen the earth, and a shovel to dig it out and dump it over the road parapet or edge (such that a road 'shoulder' is made). The amount of earth to be removed per day per worker is around six cubic metres. After each worker finishes this amount he is allowed to go home. The time taken per worker to finish ranges from three to six hours - a remarkable variation considering the standardization of the task.

5. To summarise so far, there are therefore two parameters of "productivity" which are being measured. The first is time taken to finish a standard task in both quarry and road workers, and the second is weight for height as well as arm and chest circumference and skin-fold thickness. If the work task is expending more calories than are being ingested, then there will be a steady decline in these anthropometric measurements during a two month period. During caloric supplementation of the control groups, this decline should be arrested or reversed and work time should also, theoretically, decrease.

6. The procedure for supplementation or intervention is based on the current practice that around mid-morning each worker purchases a porridge like drink from a female vendor present on site. This porridge made from cornmeal millet and sugar is termed "oojie", and costs around 40 Kenyan cents per cupful (around 5 US cents), which is 5% of their daily salary. For intervention (caloric supplementation) it is proposed and I agreed that half the workers will get a fortified oojie containing an extra 600-800 calories obtained by adding more sugar and a little fat, while the other half will continue to receive the "unfortified" oojie. Both types of drinks will be provided free and only one cupful will be provided free and only one cupful will be allowed per worker (as is the case now, but here, price is the constraint). The female vendor will continue to make up the unfortified "oojie" and will be paid accordingly, while the fortified oojie will be made up by Dr. Latham's student, Mark Brooks, and then given to the vendor for distribution under strict observation. This intervention period will run for six weeks in Nyeri, and at the end of that time anthropometric measurements will be taken (e.g. weight for height), to see if the supplemental workers have maintained (or increased) their body weight relative to controls, and if work output has differed among both groups. A similar six week design will be followed in the site near Mombasa. It should be noted that the "oojie" these workers drink represents both "breakfast" and "lunch".

7. In regards iron deficiency anemia, the results of the hemoglobin and hematocrit (blood iron) determinations have revealed that no anemia exists in the male worker population at Nyeri, even if one adjusts for the effect of altitude and the resulting polycythemia. In fact, compared to the previous population studies by us in Java we can say that in regards hemoglobin we are dealing with a non-iron deficient population. Dietary and stool tests will be undertaken to determine the reason. The relatively high altitude in Nyeri and the cold temperature will make it unlikely that hookworm will exist. However, in the coastal lowland population that will be studied near Mombasa, hookworm will probably be present, and the likelihood of finding anemia is much stronger.

8. In any case, in order to examine the effect of hemoglobin values upon work output, a sample of ten workers divided into high (above 16g%) hemoglobin and "lower" hemoglobin (13g% to 15.9%) have been assigned in to groups to do ditch digging. The ditches lengths are 30 metres each, and they measure 40cm x 40 cm. Both groups will be treated with iron supplements during intervention, in order to see if blood iron levels will rise even higher, and whether this will have a beneficial effect upon workput.

The Hospital (Roundworm) Study

9. The objectives of the hospital study which we are financing for US\$7,000 are to examine the effect of roundworm infestations and their removal upon the metabolism and growth of young children. Given that this subject has been very poorly researched in the past, and that some 70% of the low income populations in developing (and some "developed") countries suffer from this problem, it is of some importance to assess to what measure roundworm infestation contributes to malnutrition both directly and indirectly.

10. Accordingly, as part of a much larger study financed by the Royal Tropical Research Institute of the Netherlands which will also examine socio-economic characteristics and the growth patterns of 400 children from two semi-urban villages in terms of their ability to contract roundworms (ascariasis), the Bank's portion of the study will only concentrate on the metabolic aspects of 20 hospitalized malnourished children regarding their ability to absorb and metabolise protein and carbohydrates (nitrogen balance and D-xylose tests) while undergoing treatment for both malnutrition and roundworms. It should be noted that infestation by worms other than ascaris had shown to be almost non-existent in these populations.

11. In more detail, children suffering from malnutrition (kwashiorkor) are selected visually from the pediatric waiting rooms and wards of Kenyatta General Hospital. Their mother's consent is obtained and both mother and child are transferred to a lying-in ward for a period of 2-1/2 weeks. The children are divided into those with ascariasis and those without, on the basis of stool tests. They are initially put on a ward diet for two to four days, then on the "balance" or "metabolic" diet (high calorie, high protein) formulated on the basis of 150 calories/kg body weight and 3.4 gm. protein per kg. body weight for

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four days, then dewormed using the product "Ketrax", which is well tolerated and made by Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. of the U.K. The "deworming" period lasts another four days, and the children are then put on the balance diet for another four days. During all this time, the children's growth is carefully recorded, and blood, urine, and faeces collected. 'Absorption' is recorded by means of measuring the end product of protein metabolism (nitrogen) in both urine and faeces and relating this to the amount ingested. The other absorption test used is one in which a non-metabolizable carbohydrate (D-xylose) is ingested and its subsequent appearance in the urine measured.

12. The theory behind these studies is that if roundworms interfere with absorption (either by metabolising some of the food, producing a toxin, or causing some physical alteration in the gut's structure or motility) then this will be reflected in changes in nitrogen or D-xylose absorption, relative to children without worms, or relative to deworming.

13. The cycle, absorption - nutrition - infection - absorption will thus be examined. The results of this study, which will be supplemented by some of the socio-economic and seasonal data obtained from the Dutch study will be analyzed by computer in Cornell University, USA, starting September, 1976. The report will be sent to us by the end of February 1977, and will also include an economic study on the cost benefit of treatment on a large scale.

14. In regards the nutrition/productivity study on the road construction workers, the report will be sent to the Bank by November 1976. Dr. Latham and Mrs. Latham agreed that no outside publication will be sought unless the Bank has first examined any and all manuscripts, and cleared these for outside publication.

15. On February 24, 1976, I departed for Washington via Cairo (annual leave).

SSBasta:mrd

cc: Messrs. van der Tak (2), Carmignani, Ray, Raizen, Lee, Golladay, Koch-Weser, Ms. Leone (Office of the VP/Projects Advisory Staff); King (Development Policy); Jaycox, Churchill, Dunkerley, Hardy, Nanjundiah, Strombom, Venkateswaran, Carnemark, Ms. Mitchell, Coukis, Sud, Ms. Tager, Stone, Cook, Rathnam, Ahmad, Ms. Haldane (Trans. & Urban Projects); Please, Barry, Adler, Hendry, Hablutzel, Loh, O'Brien, Ahmad (East Africa Region); Keare (2), King (Development Economics); Christofferson, Berg, Venkitaramanan (Agri. and Rural Dev.); Miller, Jones (EDI); Casazza (Population Projects).

possible that the planktonics were out-competed by the nonplanktonics.

Evidence presented here supports the hypothesis that larval ecology has an effect on evolutionary rates. Along continental shelves, nonplanktonic, low dispersal species are easily isolated by local barriers during periods of regression. The subsequent increase in rates of extinction and speciation decreases average species longevity. Planktonic, high-dispersal species are less frequently isolated and tend towards long species duration. In any group of organisms, however, evolutionary rates will be influenced by a number of factors. Within the ecologically and morphologically uniform group of Lower Tertiary volutids, species longevities are primarily controlled by a combination of two factors, dispersal and environmental tolerance. Whether these factors control mollusks in general or even other families of gastropods is yet unknown, because many other ecologic controls must be taken into account.

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- (14) was adopted. Only species that passed the following criteria were used: (i) a part of their range must include Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, or Texas, (ii) only fully named species were used (for example, not *Athleta* sp.), (iii) species based on a single unique specimen or species poorly described and in which the sole type has been lost were disqualified, and (iv) all subspecies were included under the specific name.
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16. The single long-lived nonplanktonic-eurytopic species is a problematical form present in one formation in the Upper Paleocene and one formation in the Upper Middle Eocene. Whether it is truly a single species is questionable, but it passed all the criteria of (12) and so is included.
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Aeolanthus biformifolius De Wild.: A Hyperaccumulator of Copper from Zaïre

Abstract. *Aeolanthus biformifolius* (Labiatae) from Shaba Province, Zaïre, has been shown to be a hyperaccumulator of copper. The copper content of the total plant during the rest period after the rainy season was 1.3 percent (dry weight basis) and is easily the highest copper concentration ever found in living material. This species should be classified as a "copper flower" because of its exclusive occurrence over mineralized ground.

Numerous studies have been concerned with the vegetation associated with copper mineralization in south-central Africa, namely, Shaba Province, Zaïre (1, 2), and the "Copper Belt" in Zambia (3, 4) and Rhodesia (5-7). Several plants have been described as "copper flowers" and are of considerable interest

for mineral exploration. Typical copper flowers include *Becium hirtibilei* (De Wild.) Duvign. et Plancke in Zambia and Rhodesia (3, 6, 7), *Haumaniastrum katangense* in the vicinity of Luumbashi, and *H. robertii* around Kolwezi in Shaba Province, Zaïre (2). More recently, the copper and cobalt contents of African

Table 1. Copper concentrations (in micrograms per gram, dry weight) in *Aeolanthus biformifolius* compared with values for other accumulator species in south-central Africa.

Species	Location	Organ	Mean copper concentration	Reference
<i>Aeolanthus biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Basal leaves (1/7/77)	2,600	*
<i>A. biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Basal leaves (2/2/77)	2,150	*
<i>A. biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Flower stems (1/7/77)	3,500	*
<i>A. biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Flower stems (2/2/77)	2,150	*
<i>A. biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Corms (1/7/77)	2,600	*
<i>A. biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Corms (2/2/77)	11,800	*
<i>A. biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Corms (3/24/77)	13,700	*
<i>A. biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Whole plant (2/2/77)	10,000	*
<i>A. biformifolius</i>	Shaba (Étoile)	Whole plant (3/24/77)	13,700	*
<i>Ascolepis metallorum</i>	Shaba (Dikulwe)	Leaves	1,200	(2)
<i>Becium aureoviride</i>	Shaba (Niamumenda)	Leaves	210	(2)
<i>B. homblei</i>	Zambia	Leaves	324	(3)
<i>Crotalaria cornetii</i>	Shaba	Leaves	12	(9)
<i>C. peschiana</i>	Shaba	Leaves	268	(9)
<i>C. prolongata</i>	Zambia	Leaves	15	(9)
<i>Eragrostis boehmii</i>	Shaba (Tilwizembe)	Leaves	78	(2)
<i>Fimbristylis exilis</i>	Rhodesia (Copper King)	Leaves	420	(7)
<i>Haumaniastrum homblei</i>	Shaba	Leaves	74	(8)
<i>H. katangense</i>	Shaba	Leaves	75	(8)
<i>H. robertii</i>	Shaba	Leaves	662	(8)
<i>H. robertii</i>	Shaba (Mupine)	Leaves	1,960	(2)
<i>Indigofera dyeri</i>	Rhodesia (Copper King)	Leaves	890	(8)
<i>Pandaka metallorum</i>	Shaba (Dikulwe)	Leaves	740	(2)
<i>Trumfetta dikuluwensis</i>	Shaba (Dikulwe)	Leaves	123	(2)

*This study.

species of the genera *Haumanium* (8) and *Crotalaria* (9) have been reviewed. Hyperaccumulators have been recently defined as plant species with a specified elemental content, which in the case of nickel is $>1000 \mu\text{g/g}$ on a dry weight basis (10). Until now, the highest recorded copper concentration has been that of *bertii* (2), although further research (8) has shown that it contains considerably more cobalt than copper.

A survey of the copper content of various plants collected from Shaba Province, Zaïre (Table 1), carried out by atomic absorption spectrophotometry, has revealed the existence of a new hyperaccumulator (using the same $100 \mu\text{g/g}$ criterion as for nickel): *Aeolanthus biformifolius* De Wild. (Labiatae). This species, which was previously only known from the vicinity to the Luiswishi Mine, has a very marked ability to accumulate copper. We have, however, recently discovered this dwarf perennial growing at the old "Mine de l'Étoile" and at the Euashi Mine, both in the vicinity of Lubumbashi. From its present known distribution, it must be considered as endemic to the southern part of the Shabar Copper Belt.

There is a seasonal variation in the copper content of individual plant organs of *A. biformifolius*. Concentrations are lowest at the beginning of the rainy season and then increase rapidly with the development of the new corm, which is fully mature by the end of the rainy season some 3 months later. *A. biformifolius* should be considered as a copper flower for the southern part of the Shaban Copper Belt, since it appears to be confined to substrates rich in copper.

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Abstract. In a computer simulation of branch pattern and leaf cluster in *Terminalia catappa*, right and left branch angles were varied, and the effective leaf surface areas were calculated. Theoretical branch angles that result in maximum effective leaf area are close to the values observed in nature.

The shape or geometry of a living tree has been related to its adaptive strategy for light interception (1, 2). The woody framework of branches presents the photosynthetic surface, the leaves, to sunlight in a manner that is primarily, but not totally, related to the photosynthetic efficiency of the leaf and the distribution of light in the environment of the tree. Horn (1), on theoretical grounds, has established two basic types of leaf distribution: the monolayer with leaves densely packed in a single layer, and the multi-layer with leaves ~~densely scattered~~ shown to be greater in evergreen broad-

leaved trees than in deciduous ones (5), among many layers. Understory trees and forest floor species tend to be monolayered; canopy tree and pioneer species tend to be multilayered. Among crop plants, the shape of the leaf canopy (as determined by branch and leaf arrangement) directly affects light interception and, hence, productivity (3). In the simpler system of an individual leaf, the biophysical and adaptive significance of shape and orientation have been studied (4). Although the bifurcation ratio (a measure of the degree of branching) was shown to be greater in evergreen broad-leaved trees than in deciduous ones (5), there are no published studies that quantitatively relate the parameters of tree branching to the interception of light by the leaf surface. The greatest obstacle to investigations of the adaptive function of branching pattern has been the three-dimensional complexity of tree branches and the varying orientation of the leaves borne by them. We present the finding that, in at least one tree species, the natural limits placed on branching and the asymmetry of branch angles observed in nature are, in fact, very close to theoretical values which maximize the effective leaf surface area (the horizontal projection of the leaf area), a feature with obvious adaptive value.

The tropical tree *Terminalia catappa* L. (Combretaceae) has certain architectural features that make it ideal for quantitative studies of branch pattern and leaf surface area. Its distinctive pattern of growth and development, *Terminalia*-branching, is widespread among tropical dicotyledonous trees (6). The tree, basically, consists of an erect leader axis with tiers of three to five lateral branches that result from periodic outgrowth of axillary buds and form a characteristic pagoda shape to the crown. The older lateral branches are horizontal and dorsoventrally flattened. Each lateral branch complex is composed of a repeating series of branch units, and each of these bears a cluster of horizontal leaves at its distal end (7). Therefore, most of the leaf surface of the tree is presented as a series of flattened layers, each one equivalent to a monolayer; these are well spaced along the trunk. Branching in *Terminalia* has already been studied quantitatively, and average values of different morphological parameters have been calculated (8). These ac-

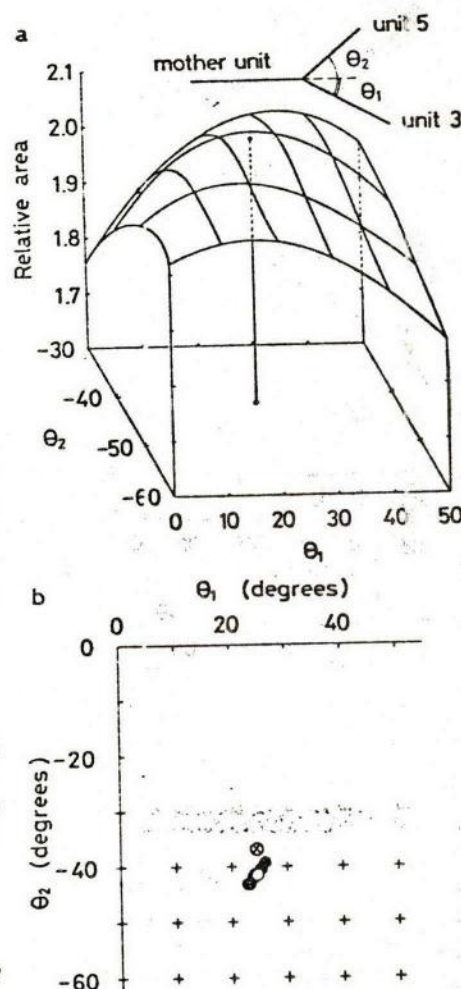


Fig. 1. (a) The effective leaf area versus θ_1 and θ_2 . Conditions of the simulations are the same as Fig. 2. The maximum effective leaf area is shown by a vertical line indicating the optimal θ_1 and θ_2 . Inset: explanation of branch angles θ_1 and θ_2 . (b) Comparison of the actual θ_1 and θ_2 (●) with the optimal values derived from simulation in Fig. 2c. The conditions of the simulation are the same as Fig. 2. Results obtained with the six different values for the leaf disk radius between 0.7 and 0.9 (●), instead of 0.8 (○), are shown.