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DATE: May 20, 1993 10:04am

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SUBJECT: Bolivia Second Social Investment Fund, FEPS and SAR

Just returning to the office today, I have not had time to read carefully the FEPS and SAR that was sent to me two days ago for the meeting this morning. However, I note in a quick read that the SIF II will continue the nutrition activities of SIF I. This is to be commended but I wonder what lessons have been learned specifically in nutrition from SIF I? We have commissioned a study on nutrition in SIFs (coming to you by special messenger) that suggests slightly different "lessons learned" than those detailed in the FEPS and SAR. In particular, because demand for nutrition is often subliminal and unfocused, there often needs to be a fair amount of outreach to the community to help them structure an appropriate project. Also, it seems advisable to bring onto the SIF staff itself, someone who is familiar with nutrition program design and implementation. Perhaps the SIF has already learned these or different lessons. I'd like to see discussion of this somewhere. If the SIF hasn't encountered any problems committing money for good nutrition projects, I'd like to take a closer look at it to learn lessons from it myself.

A second question concerns the relationship between the SIF nutrition component and the upcoming childcare/nutrition project. Shouldn't some mention of this be made in the FEPS?

Finally, I understand that Bolivia has had some difficulty expanding to national level and maintaining their iodine deficiency control program, particularly the salt iodization aspect. Has the SIF incorporated salt iodization as a legitimate nutrition project? If not, perhaps the Bank might even promote this.

I apologize for not being able to give the documents a closer read before the meeting. I would be happy to discuss these further with you.

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