NMSU/IALC/USAID-Yemen Project Yemen Trip Report

Trip Dates: September 27 – October 14, 2004 Prepared by Richard Phillips

Executive Summary:

The objective of this trip was accomplished. Project management training was conducted for the Universities of Sana'a, Dhamar, Ibb and Aden. Multi-disciplinary and multi-organizational project proposals were initiated for northern and southern Yemen. Project emphasis is on strengthening the universities' roles in teaching, research and extension. A holistic approach, from crop selection through sales, is being stressed. Yemen is a poor country that is heavily dependent on the rural community for food and employment. Islamic law influences all its social, political and economic systems. The university faculty understands these realities. With assistance, they can improve the management of the country's agricultural and natural resources. Additional follow-up project management training and consulting will help develop the professional skills needed to lead this change.

Trip Summary:

The major objectives for this trip were: 1) Attend USAID-sponsored Agricultural Assistance Workshop; 2) conduct project management training in Sana'a and Aden; and 3) establish incountry and regional contacts to strengthen the NMSU/USAID-Yemen Project.

Objective #1: Attend Agricultural Assistance Workshop

- Assisted Mr. Wadea Al-Sattar USAID Yemen, Dr. Scott Christiansen USAID Washington DC, and Yemeni meeting facilitator with pre-event planning. The objective of the meeting was to bring together domestic and international organizations to discuss areas of expertise and interest in agricultural development in Yemen.
- Attended workshop and presented overview of NMSU/IALC/Yemen Project and of the main purpose of my visit (Appendix 1 PowerPoint presentation)
- Workshop report and a list of participants are available from the event coordinator, Mr. Wadea Al-Sattar, USAID Yemen.

Objective #2: Conduct Project Management Training and Project Consulting

- Coordinated in-country workshop logistics, including: translator, workshop supplies, support staff and refreshments.
- Conducted project management training for university faculty and Extension staff in Sana'a and Aden. Participant list is included in Appendix 2.
- Conducted 3-day Strategic Planning and Project Management workshops in Sana'a and Aden, with follow-up project management consulting. Twelve faculty and extension professionals from Sana'a and Dhamar Universities participated in Sana'a and xx from Aden and Ibb Universities participated in Aden. The training materials included

FranklinCovey® Two-Day Project Management Workbook and the PowerPoint materials included in Appendix 3. Both training sites included interdisciplinary scientists and extension personnel. The program was structured to teach them strategic planning and project management tools and to develop a focused follow-up project for the team to execute. The teams had a wide range of project needs from water use, pesticide use, marketing, post-harvest and food technology, animal care and nutrition and information systems.

- Facilitated a strategic planning process that enabled two teams to focus on one important project each. Appendix 4 lists the project proposal criterion that was presented to each group.
 - The Sana'a-Dhamar project team, coordinated by Dr. Monsour A. Al-Howshabi and Dr. Adel M. Al-Weshali, will focus on *Water Management for High Value Crops* (Appendix 5). They will use the University of Sana'a's Demonstration Farm and will produce a proposal for this project by mid-December 2004.
 - The Aden-Ibb project team, coordinated by Dr. Abbas A/ Bawazor and Dr. Ali Mashoor Al-Junid, will focus *on High Value Crops: Seed to Stomach* (Appendix 6). This project will integrate production, processing and marketing of high value crops. This project proposal will be submitted to NMSU by mid-December 2004.

Objective #3: Strengthen In-Country and Regional Ties (Contact List Appendix 7)

- Participated in numerous conversations with Mr. Dorvan Stockdale and Mr. Wadea Al-Sattar concerning agricultural development needs and opportunities in Yemen. Follow-up activities include 1) alfalfa seed trials and 2) NMSU Extension publications.
- Participated in two follow-up meetings with ICARDA about joint interest and resources for working in Yemen.
- Traveled to/from Sana'a to Aden to observe farming and natural resources. Travel to Aden was via road and the return, through Hoedeidah, was by air. Both modes of travel gave me a prospective of a large part of the country, both mountains and coastal plains.
- Toured University facilities at Sana'a, Ibb and Aden, including school farms.
- Consulted with Dr. Nuwal, Dean, Computer Sciences, University of Aden, about future e-conferencing opportunities. She will work with Agriculture faculty to explore options.
- Met with Mr. Milael Sehul Mengesha, Team Leader, World Bank-Yemen, to discuss use of e-conferencing facilities. Follow-up correspondence will be used to continue this dialog on accessing World Bank computing resources. Complete e-conferencing (video, voice and document sharing) is very limited in Yemen, almost non-existent. However, they are a useful tool in effective team management and should be considered a cost of doing business.

• De-briefed with Mr. Dorvan Stockdale and Mr. Wadea Al-Sattar at USAID office in Sana'a.

Follow-Up Activities:

- o Coordinate project proposal development and consult with teams in Sana'a-Dhamar and Aden-Ibb.
- o Consult with project teams on an as-needed basis to reinforce training materials and to develop high performance interdisciplinary teams.
- o Network project teams in Yemen with subject area experts in the U.S.
- o Request technical assistance from alfalfa breeder at NMSU CAHE.
- o Gather technical information on irrigated arid land horticultural crops in New Mexico.
- o Brief NMSU team members on this visit and follow up activities for next team visit in January.
- Prepare additional workshop materials for follow-up project management training for Spring '05.



Key Project Deliverables

- Strengthen Agricultural Faculties at Sana'a, Dhamar, Ibb, & Aden
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 - Project Management Training & Consulting
 - Promote strong linkages between agricultural teaching, research, and extension programs



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 - Facilitate establishment of a Consortium of Agricultural Universities (AUC)
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 - Curriculum development for Agricultural Extension & Education and Agribusiness Management & Agricultural Economics Departments
 - Provide jointly-sponsored M.S. level training
 - Host a joint administrative faculty meeting at NMSU







Appendix 1. USAID Workshop Presentation







Appendix 2: Project Management Training Participants from Sana'a, Dhamar, Ibb and Aden

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NMSU Project Management Training Agenda

- Day 1 Search Conference Identify Critical Demonstration Farm Projects
- Day 2 Project Management Training and Demonstration Farm Proposal Preparation
- Day 3 Continue Project Management Training and Demonstration Farm Proposal Preparation

USAID-Yemen/NMSU Project Management Training and Consulting



"The Significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them"

Albert Einstein

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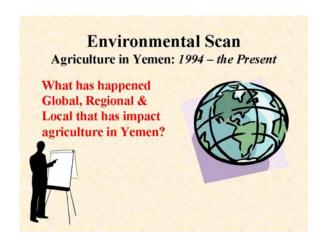


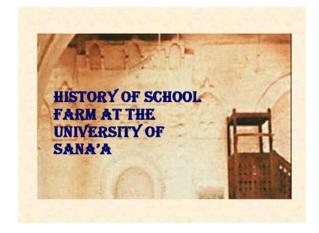
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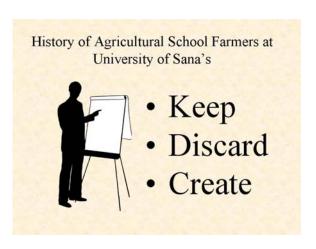










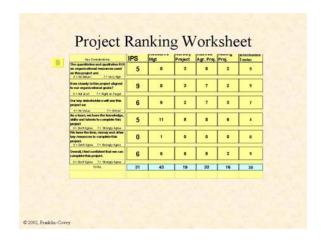


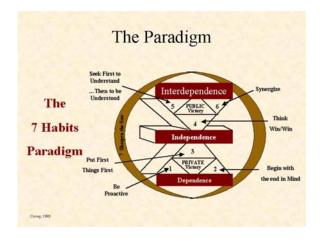




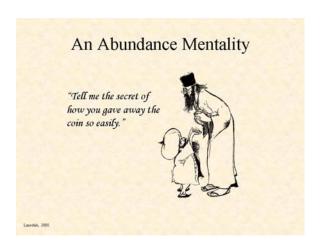








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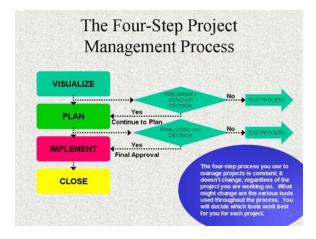
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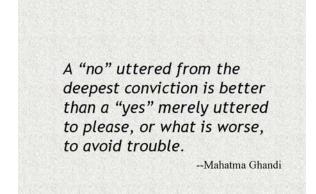


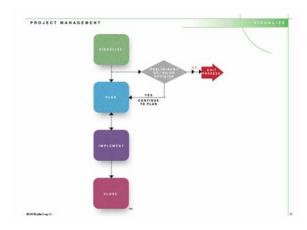




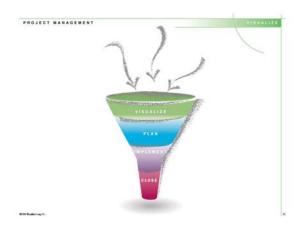


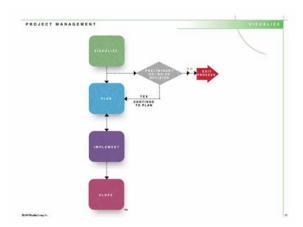
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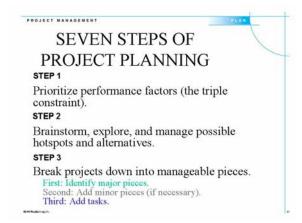




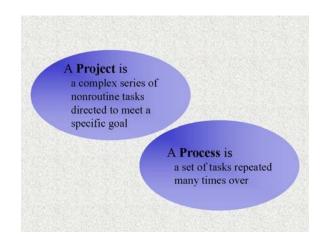








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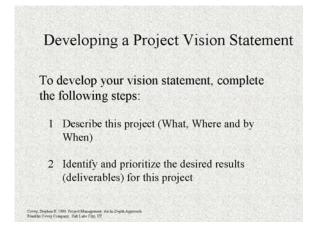
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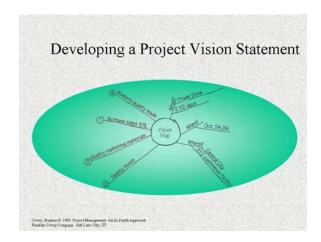
- As you think about success on this project, tell me, what kinds of things are important to you?
- · Anything else?
- · What is your priority for these things?

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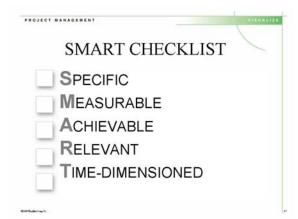
PROJECT VISION
STATEMENT

Project description:

A simple description of the project in terms of what, where, and by when

Desired results:

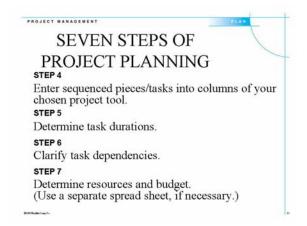
A prioritized list of accomplishments, outcomes, and deliverables of the project

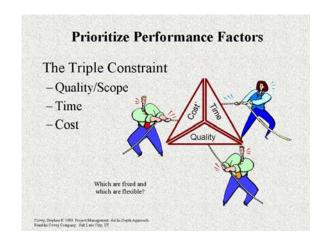


ASK THESE QUESTIONS

- Will the project deliver your key stakeholder desired results?
- Does the project vision statement meet the SMART criteria?
- Does the project support organizational and personal mission, vision, and values?

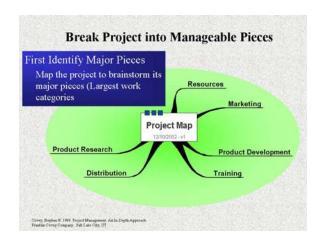
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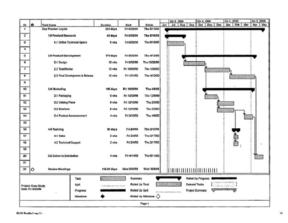












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Resource & Budget Development From the project plan, allocate resource and budget requirements \$ Accounting \$ Purchasing \$ Personnel \$ Overhead

ASK THESE QUESTIONS

- Can the project meet the prioritized performance factors?
- Are the hotspots low to medium risk and manageable?
- Are the resources and timeline realistic and available?

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

TEST

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Project Management

Implement

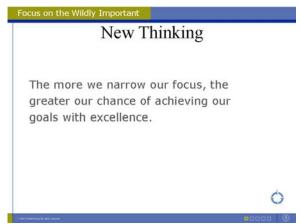
Six Phases of a Team Project

- 1. Enthusiasm
- 2. Disillusionment
- 3. Panic
- 4. Search for the Guilty
- 5. Punishment of the Innocent
- 6. Praise and Honors for the Non-Participants

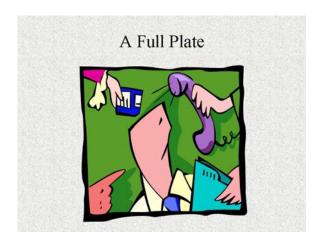
"Frustrated Researcher"

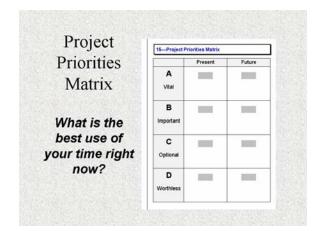
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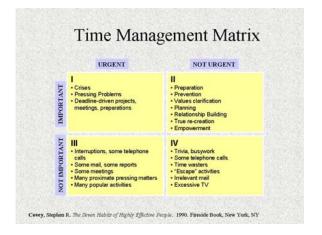




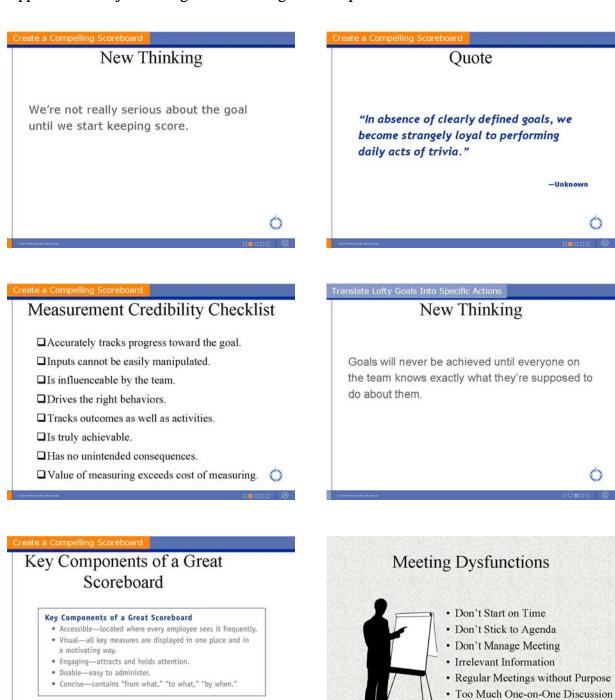




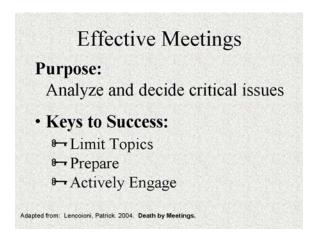




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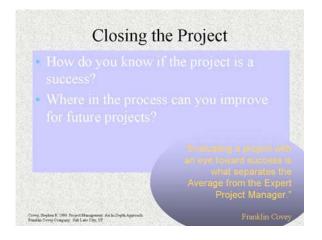


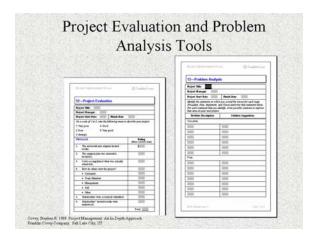
· No Agenda











"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that **ever** has."

Project Proposal Criteria

- 1. Team
 - a. Identify members (Must include Aden, Ibb and Extension)
 - b. Identify team coordinator
 - c. Develop Meeting and Communication Plan
 - i. Include email update to sponsor (rphillip@nmsu.edu) every two weeks.
- 2. Develop Project Plan and Proposal
 - a. Sana'a/Dhamar

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- b. Aden/Ibb

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i. High Value Crops – "Seed to Stomach"

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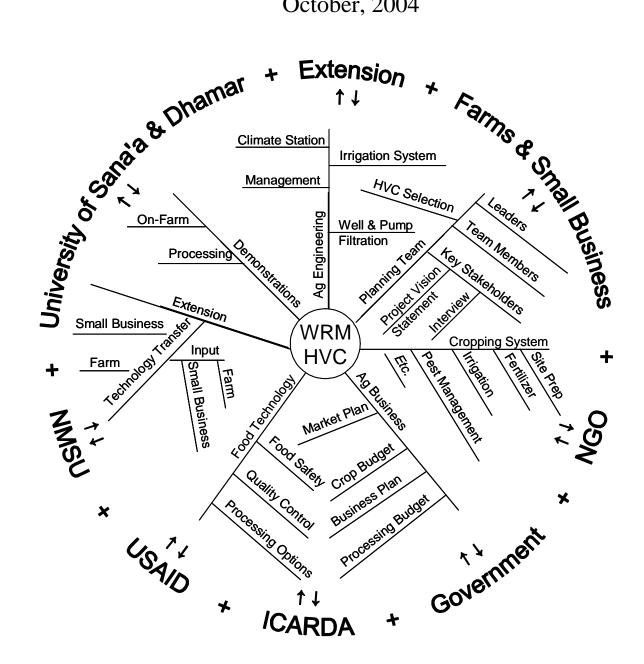
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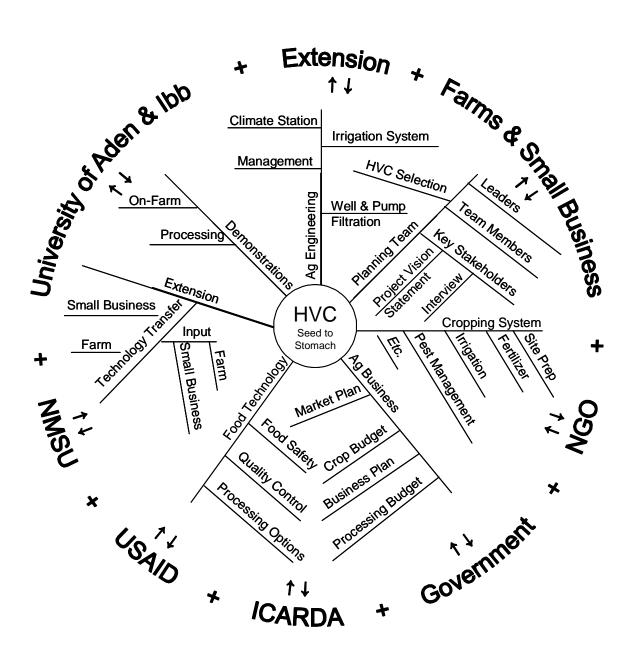
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- 3. Evaluate Triple Constraint
 - a. Quality/Scope......Team Defines
 - b. TimeUp to three years
 - c. Money\$25,000 US
- 4. Identify Project Risks and Develop Risk Management Plan for High-Risk Events
- 5. Break Project into Manageable Pieces
- 6. Develop Project Timeline
- 7. Identify Budget Resource Needs (People, Equipment, Facilities)
- 8. Develop Budget
- 9. Compile Proposal and Budget
- 10. Submit Plan to Sponsor (rphillip@nmsu.edu) by December 8, 2004

Sana'a-Dhamar Water Resource Management for High Value Crops October, 2004



Aden-Ibb Agricultural Development Project High Value Crops – "Seed to Stomach" October, 2004



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Noter:

- 1. Wife's name is Kim, knows Delano & Gayle Lewis (as Kim Carlin, she worked in South African Embassy)
- 2. They own a game farm in Eastern Africa (near Liesatoto)
- 3. Very strong emphasis on agribusiness & marketing

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