

Cooperative Public Health Program
Construction of Dental School Building
of the University of Athens
Project Agreement No.

Pursuant to the Economic Cooperation Agreement dated July 2nd, 1948, this project Agreement is entered into between the Special Mission for Economic Cooperation representing the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the ECA Mission) and the Government of Greece represented by the Minister of Coordination, the Minister of Hygiene, the Minister of Education and the Rector of the University of Athens.

The American Mission for Aid to Greece representing the United States of America entered into an Agreement in February 14, 1948, for a cooperative program of public health and Medical facilities and services in Greece. It is the intention of the parties hereto that this project be considered as a part of the Cooperative Public Health Program of February 14, 1948, and that the terms thereof shall be applicable to this Project Agreement.

I. Problem and Objective.

The School of Dentistry of the University of Athens is the only dental school in Greece. It is housed in an old, dilapidated building never intended for educational purposes. It is greatly overcrowded and the students are unable to receive adequate instruction in this building. Despite the fact that there are over 1000 students enrolled there are only 25 dental chairs so that the students cannot acquire the necessary practical experience under supervision to graduate them as competent dental practitioners. As a consequence, many students have to remain in the school for five or six years in order to graduate.

Standards of dental practice have a direct bearing on the well-being and economic productivity of the people of Greece. Dental disease results in many man-days lost to industry and agriculture and is the indirect cause of many nutritional diseases. Any modern public health program requires that attention be paid to preventable dental diseases especially among children and young-wage-earners.

2. Work Plan.

To the extent of funds available pursuant to this Project Agreement the following work shall be undertaken and executed under the general supervision of the Ministry of Hygiene for the Ministry of Education by the Ministry of Housing and Reconstruction in accordance with Greek law.

A building to be used exclusively by the Dental School of the University of Athens shall be constructed in Athens on a site made available by the University of Athens in a location to be determined by agreement of the signatories to this Project Agreement of their designated representatives.

The building shall include classe rooms, laboratories, administrative Offices, waiting rooms, dental clinics and other essential features of a building devoted to higher education. Construction shall include mechanical installation and such fixed equipment as laboratory tables. Within the limits of funds made available fixed chairs for the lecture halls and office furniture may be provided; however, furniture of the existing building shall be utilized to the fullest extent.

This project Agreement does not provide for the procurement of any scientific equipment.

This project Agreement does not provide for expenses incidental to the acquisition or supervising of the site. The Project Agreement may be amended however to provide for the services of a private architect should it be determined that it is not feasible to utilize the services of the Technical Services of the Ministry of Hygiene.

Under the terms of this Project Agreement no funds may be expended for landscaping, the construction of roadways, or the construction of walls or fences not a part of the building.

3. Technical Requirements.

It is estimated that the costs of carrying out this Project Agreement will involve expenses in approximately the amounts indicated:

a. Local costs in Greece for the purchase of materials obtained in Greece, construction work by contract and all free and miscellaneous work associated therewith for the completion of this project 2,500,000.000 drachmae.

b. Costs of equipment, building supplies and other materials which are to be obtained by import to Greece for the construction of this facility 50,000 dollars or dollar equivalents.

c. It is anticipated that the construction of this School of Dentistry will be a part of the 1951-52 program to be completed during that fiscal year.

4. Method of Finance.

The Government of Greece will purchase the equipment required from abroad and will pay the foreign exchange costs involved in executing this project. The listing of equipment and other items to be so financed shall

be prepared by the Dental School of the University of Athens subject to approval by the ECA Mission. The foreign exchange to be used the Government of Greece in the purchase of the equipment will be provided in accordance, with the terms of Agreement between the Government of Greece and the United States of November 1, 1948. The drachmae required to cover the local costs of executing the agreement shall be transferred to the Ministry of Hygiene for deposit to the "Special Public Health Account" in the Bank of Greece by the Minister of Finance from the "Greek State ECA Drachmae Fund" as requested by the Chief of the ECA Mission. It is understood, however, that if the drachmae funds above referred to are not sufficient to pay the costs of the Cooperative Public Health Program including this project, this Project Agreement may be cancelled or reduced in amount by the Chief of the ECA Mission after notification of the Minister of Coordination, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Hygiene.

5. Reports and Audits.

A financial and work accomplishment will be submitted by the Ministry of Education not later than the 15th day of each month for the proceeding month's activities. Such reports will be prepared and forwarded to the Minister of Coordination and to the Chief of the ECA Mission. The Ministry of Education will keep such records and render such other reports as may be required by the Minister of Coordination or the Chief of the ECA Mission.

Furthermore the ECA Mission will have the right to check the end result or conduct such test audits of the expenditure under this project Agreement as the Chief, ECA Mission may deem necessary.

6. Standard Provisions.

a. Date and duration of Agreement: The Project Agreement shall become effective the date of its signing by the Chief of the ECA Mission and will remain in force until final acceptance of the equipment unless terminated.

b. Termination Clause: The Chief ECA Mission or the Minister of Coordination may at any time, following consultation with each other and notification to the Minister of Hygiene and the Minister of Education suspend or terminate this Agreement should it be ascertained that the project are not being executed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or should the manner of execution prove ineffective in connection with the objective herein set forth. In accordance such decrease suspension of termination shall take into account the amount of drachmae expended or the amount of work already completed by the Government of Greece in execution of the present Agreement.

7. Disposal of Residual Funds and Assets.

Upon completion of this project all unused drachmae funds shall revert to the Greek State-ECA Drachmae Account and be deposited in the Bank of Greece. A report shall be submitted by the Minister of Education upon 30 days after the completion of this project and such time as may be requested on the end-utilization of this equipment. Any equipment not required for the objectives of this Project Agreement will be made available to other State Institutions in a manner to be determined by the signatories to this Project Agreement.

8. Operation.

The facilities to ~~be~~ be provided under this Project Agreement will be used exclusively by the Dental School of the University of Athens and cannot be diverted to other purposes unless required by an emergency threatening the national security of Greece.

9. Modifications:

The total amount of funds to be spent in executing this Project Agreement may not be increased except by amendment to this Project Agreement. However, within the limits of funds presently made available, minor changes can be made by written agreement between the Dean of the School of Dentistry of Athens University and the Director of the Public Health Division of the ECA Mission.

10. Special Provisions concerning number of students and reorganization of the School of Dentistry.

During the past several years the School of Dentistry of the University of Athens has undergone an academic inflation so that there are now over 1000 students enrolled. This is entirely too many students for any school of dentistry, and especially for a school that has such limited physical resources. Furthermore, a country the size of Greece cannot absorb the large number of dentists graduated each year from this school without further decreasing the standards of the practice of dentistry. Because of the lack of equipment, and clinical material students frequently have to spend as many as six years in the school instead of the required four years for the course. The implementation of this Project Agreement shall be dependent upon the Rector of the University and the Minister of Education furnishing written assurance to the satisfaction of the beginning of the next school year the students in the incoming (first year) class will be limited to 100 students and that this provision shall be effective for a period of ten years.

It is further stipulated that a survey shall be conducted which shall include one or more foreign experts in dental education who will make recommendations on matters concerning the administration and teaching of dental subjects.

Furthermore a minimum of 4 dental professorial chairs shall be added to the dental school faculty making a total of 8 professorial chairs teaching dental subjects. These four additional professors should consist of the following specialties.

A. Prosthetic Dentistry, Stomatology, Dental Pathology, and Maxillary-facial surgery including oral surgery.

These four professors must have a doctor of dental surgery degree. The maxillary-facial professor must also possess a doctor of medicine degree.

The years of study in the dental school should be increased from 4 to 5 years so it may be possible for the students to secure better training in the dental and medical subjects.

Of these 5 years the first two shall be devoted to basic medical sciences with the possible exception of one dental subject in each of these years. The third year will consist of a combination of medical and dental subjects with the last two years being devoted to the teaching of dental subjects.

Subjects in general medicine shall be taught by the professors of the medical school.

The Dean of the Dental School is required to have a doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

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