There are also more general research requirements. Through project staff or research arrangements with other government agencies or consultants, the economic environment and the health and nutrition determinants of agricultural production should be surveyed and the lessons applied.

Agricultural Supplies and Credit

Of key importance are the agencies that provide the supply and credit services that are essential to increasing agricultural production. They are the Agricultural Development Corporation, the Cooperative Department, and the agricultural banking facilities.

Relation to Provincial and National Planning

In due course, agricultural production in the project area will become a part of and be influenced by agricultural planning for the province and the nation. The project organization should provide for liaison with provincial agricultural planning. The administrative arrangements for this planning should be reviewed, be they in the Ministry, the Department or the Agricultural Development Corporation.

Role of the Basic Democracies

The Basic Democracy System in the project area should make an important contribution to project success. The system can help to motivate the farmers to make farm plans, to accept extension services and generally to support project goals. Also, the System should make special effort to strengthen governmental services—health, education and roads—in the project area.

Records and Reporting

Also essential in the project organization is a record and reporting center to establish base lines, to assure a flow of operational data, and to provide material for an educational program. This center should have competence in the tactics and techniques of communicating with the farmer and the project community.