

(c) Maintaining continuous liaison with other USDA and non-USDA Federal agencies to oversee and expedite, from the standpoint of the Department's rural community development objectives, the operation of programs and provisions for coordination between the several agencies;

(d) Formulating plans for and overseeing the execution of special demonstration projects in rural community development requiring the coordinated participation of two or more agencies or designed to achieve novel or exceptional community development benefits;

(e) Continuous review of working relationships between the several USDA, non-USDA Federal, other public, and private agencies involved in work affecting rural community development, in the interest of expediting communications, remedying causes of delay or ineffectiveness, and developing plans for improvement.

2. Operations

The Rural Community Development Service is furnishing leadership and direction within the Department of Agriculture in developing plans and procedure whereby USDA agencies will perform "out-reach" services to help other departments and agencies of the Federal Government to reach rural residents equitably. It is also developing plans for "packages of programs" which will integrate services of the various agencies of USDA and non-USDA Federal agencies so as to achieve maximum overall effectiveness in overcoming the disadvantages of rural people and promoting advances in rural communities.

The Rural Community Development Service is composed of the Office of the Administrator and Administrator's staff, two operating divisions, and a planning and liaison staff.

Office of the Administrator and Administrator's staff.—Consists of the Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and five professional specialists in program review and administrative management and management support liaison with the Office of Management Services.

Field Operations Division.—Consists of a Director and three professional men located in Washington and, by the end of the 1966 fiscal year, 23 State directors located in the field.

The Washington office is responsible for direction and coordination of field operations of RCDS State offices. It processes and distributes to State offices program information and instructions prepared by the Program Operations Division, and seeks to correct bottlenecks or other impediments to expeditious processing of applications for services from rural people.

Each State director serves as executive director of the State technical action panel (TAP), which consists of the heads of the USDA agencies operating in the State.

Regional development staff.—The regional development staff is composed of a chief, deputy chief, and program analyst, who are responsible for leadership within the Department of Agriculture in formulating plans and conducting liaison with other agencies as required of the Department by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 and the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.