

SECTION II. PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS

Problem No. 1

(Answer all questions only in the space provided.)

INSTRUCTIONS

A problem is an unsatisfactory situation that your organization plans to change. For example: *Sixty-five percent of employable low-income youth ages 16-21 in Michael County have difficulty finding jobs.* For each problem you identify, complete a separate Problem Identification and Analysis (Section II), Project Work Plan (Section III), and VISTA Volunteer Assignment Description (Section IV). Make as many copies of these sections as you need.

1. Provide an overview of the purpose of the VISTA project which includes: Overall population statistics of the service area; percentage of low-income people; what VISTA Volunteers are requested to do; how the low-income community will benefit from the VISTA project.

The Project will focus on the establishment of the Food Outlet in which participants of the Cherokee Nation's Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations would receive their monthly allotment of foods. This program currently provides this service in many of the Cherokee communities by issuing from the back of a semi-trailer. The target community Jay is located in Delaware county of Oklahoma. Based on 1990 census data Delaware County's income is \$10,770.

2. State in *quantifiable and measurable* terms the specific problem the VISTA project will address, including the number of low-income people directly affected by the problem.

This program is currently able to serve a small percent of the eligible population in the Jay area due to the limitation placed on the volume of food which can be transported and distributed by trucks. The Food Outlet concept has been implemented in another community and increased services by over 34% in the first year. In January 1994 it received recognition in the Congress Hunger Center's Victory Against Hunger Award. The Outlet allows participants to shop for their commodities rather than being handed food from the tailgate of a semi trailer. The VISTA Volunteers will assist in the clean up and establishment of a selected site. They will also participate in community meetings to inform potential eligible families about the service.

3. If VISTA Volunteers will be assigned to organizations other than yours, list those organizations, and provide a letter of support from the Board of Directors of each organization.

4. If other organizations are addressing the problem described in item 2, indicate any plans to coordinate the VISTA project with these organizations.