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BOTSWANA/MEHARRY SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

MAY, 1975 TO OCTOBER, 1975.

This semi-annual report covers the first six months of one project year and the formation of a new team:

- 1 - The Health Educator, Mr. Burchette, April 22, 1975
- 2 - The Administrator, Mr. Mathis, April 29, 1975
- 3 - The Public Health Nurse for Francistown, Miss Edwards, August 2, 1975

This period can be viewed as a time of settling-in orientation and adaptation. Team activities have been as in the past geared to achieving project objectives.

ADMINISTRATION

During the month of May, Mr. Mathis was oriented to project administrative affairs by Mr. Grivetti, and a familiarization tour of facilities used by the project given.

In addition to administrative affairs during the months of June and July, Mr. Mathis served as team coordinator during my leave from Botswana.

Other administrative activities during this period have basically been:

- 1 - Assisting and coordinating activities for the settling-in of new staff members.
- 2 - Coordinating activities for the replacement of Health Education Participant Miss Setidisho.
- 3 - Study and collection of data on Health Plans in Botswana.
- 4 - Assisted with correspondence for the Ministry of Health.
- 5 - Processed and coordinated activities required for the departure of the candidate for the MCH/FP Administration and evaluation course.
- 6 - Coordinated activities for three Ministry of Health candidates for the ALL AFRICA MCH/FP course at Meharry/USA.
- 7 - Processed and coordinated activities for the observational tour of Educational and MCH/FP facilities in Mauritius, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana.

NURSING

The following are the IN-SERVICE classes which have been held during this period.

FRANCISTOWN - THEORY    Session began, September 8, 1975 with 12 Enrolled Nurse participants.

GABORONE - THEORY        Session began, September 15, 1975 with 15 Registered Nurse participants.

The total number of nurses who have completed their training at this period remains the same. The nurses beginning their course September 8th and 15th are still in the practical area and will be included in the next semi-annual report.

TOTAL NUMBER OF NURSES TRAINED

FRANCISTOWN	R.N.'s - -	10
	E.N.'s - -	25
LOBATSE	R.N.'s - -	16
	E.N.'s - -	10
GABORONE	R.N.'s - -	11
	E.N.'s - -	20

Total number of R.N.'s trained this period = 37

Total number of E.N.'s trained this period = 55

Total number of nurses trained this period = 92

Total number of nurses trained since January 22, 1975 = 157

Suggested training objectives in the contract states 150 nurses should be trained by the end of 1975 assuming four, four week courses per year.

This period marks the arrival of Miss Edwards the new team nurse for Francistown. During Miss Edwards stay in Gaborone orientation and official introductory meetings were held.

Clinic facilities used by the project were visited. She arrived in Francistown August 28, 1975. This period reflects her efforts to settle into her new home, and familiarization with the area and educational materials in use. Difficulties have been experienced most notably in housing and completion of classroom repairs.

During this period I participated in the orientation activities of the three new team members and was on vacation leave from June 4, 1975 to July 29, 1975.

Developed and coordinated activities for the first In-Service Educational Refresher Seminar November 10, 1975 to November 21, 1975.

The curriculum developed to intergrate public Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning in conformity to the project objective still remains to be implemented into the Enrolled Nurse Schools. The training session in August, 1975 for the tutors responsible for implementing the curriculum was not held. It should however, be noted. The chief Nursing Officer of Education has been ill and is presently still off duty at this time.

POST - PARDUM CLINICS

FRANCISTOWN - Activities in this area have not been resumed.  
Miss Edwards is still new and orienting herself to the area and its responsibilities.

SEROWE - Total numbers of patients seen in the post-pardum clinic May, 1975 to October, 1975.

MAY

May 6, 1975 =	6	
May 13, 1975 =	10	I.U.C.D. -
May 20, 1975 =	12	Sterilizations - 5
May 27, 1975 =	<u>10</u>	
	38	TOTAL

JUNE

June 3, 1975 =	6	
June 10, 1975 =	13	No F.P. methods accepted
June 17, 1975 =	11	
June 24, 1975 =	<u>8</u>	
	38	TOTAL

JULY

July 1, 1975 =	7	
July 8, 1975 =	11	
July 15, 1975 =	7	I.U.C.D. - 6
July 22, 1975 =	6	Sterilizations - 8
July 29, 1975 =	<u>11</u>	
	42	TOTAL

AUGUST

August 5, 1975 =	7	
August 12, 1975 =	14	I.U.C.D. - 6
August 19, 1975 =	15	I.U.C.D. checks - 2
August 26, 1975 =	<u>3</u>	
	39	TOTAL

SEPTEMBER

September 2, 1975 =	14	
September 9, 1975 =	8	
September 16, 1975 =	14	I.U.C.D. - 1
September 23, 1975 =	10	Sterilizations - 2
September 30, 1975 =	<u>--</u>	
	46	TOTAL

## OCTOBER

October 7, 1975 = 31	
October 14, 1975 = 21	Pills - 8
October 21, 1975 = 20	I.U.C.D. - 3
October 28, 1975 = <u>10</u>	Sterilization - 1

82 TOTAL

Total number of patients seen this period = 285  
Total number of I.U.D.D.'s = 22  
Total number of Pills = 8  
Total number of sterilizations = 16

The following items should be noted:

- a. There has been a slight increase in total number of patients this period.
- b. Though still low more patients are accepting family planning methods at this time.
- c. The nurse in charge of the maternity unit at this hospital was recommended and trained in the Meharry/USA. All AFRICA MCH/FP program. It is our hope that trained, permanent staff may be assigned to project clinics. This would contribute greatly to the achievement of objectives.

## TUTOR TRAINING

Total number of nurses in training = 2

One nurse is in her second year, and one nurse has just entered her first year September, 1975.

## DEGREE STUDY

Total number of participants in training = 2

The two B.Sc. in nursing participants are expected to complete their training the end of this school year June, 1975.

The B.Sc. in Health Education has been dropped from the program as a result of poor grades. A replacement for this candidate has been selected and approved. She will depart for her studies in December and enter the Spring Semester, January, 1976 at the University of Massachusetts.

Two participants are currently being processed for a degree study. One in nursing and one in Health Education. These candidates are expected to depart in December in order to enter the Spring Semester, January, 1976. Dillard University and the University of Massachusetts will probably be the schools of attendance.

A nursing candidate for Master's study is desired to enter school for the fall semester, September, 1976. Official communication with the Ministry of Health has been implemented in this area, to secure a candidate.

It is difficult to evaluate progress in this area in relationship to project objectives due to cut-backs in funds. Suffice it to say that at this point in time

we have implemented action to obtain the participants for what we have been informed there are funds available.

#### ADMINISTRATION AND EVALUATION OF MCH/FP PROGRAMS

One nurse departed September, 1975 to attend the MCH/FP Evaluation and Administrative Course in Chicago. This is a three month program, and arrangements have been made with the Director of International Training to provide our candidates with experiences which will be relevant for the participant upon returning to Botswana.

Two other candidates remain to be trained on this area.

#### OBSERVATIONAL TOUR OF EDUCATIONAL AND MCH/FP FACILITIES IN AFRICA

Three Ministry of Health candidates have just completed a 4 week tour of Educational and MCH/FP facilities in Mauritius, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana.

This leaves 9 participants, or 3 future observational tours which still must be arranged. A report of this trip will be included in the next semi-annual report.

#### HEALTH EDUCATION

The arrival of Mr. Burchette to Botswana April 22, 1975 marks the reactivation of the project involvement in the Health Education Unit.

The initial period spent in country involved orientation, official introductory meetings and a familiarization tour of areas used by the project.

As head of the Health Education Unit, a counterpart is assigned to Mr. Burchette, his staff also includes a health Education Officer and Family Welfare Educator.

Activities during this period include:

- 1 - Participation in the Gaborone Trade Fair. Six 30 minute films on health were provided for the Fair and a static photographic display was organized.
- 2 - HEALTH EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS:
  - (a) Fourteen sessions held with the C.D.A.'s at Sebele
  - (b) Participated in the family Welfare Educator's Course at Sebele.
  - (c) Foru Ante-natal sessions given at Princess Marina Hospital.
  - (d) Two patients sessions at Gaborone Health Center.
  - (e) T.B. Education to health personnel in the Ghanzi district.
  - (f) Nine sessions with students health assistants.
  - (g) Lecture given to Home Economic Student at Sebele on Community Development.
  - (h) One session held with the 4 B supervisor course and the community development course.
  - (i) Two sessions on T.B. education was held at the Health Center.

- 3 - Eight radio programs were recorded on health for radio Botswana.
- 4 - The Unit produced the first informational pictures on the work of the physiotherapy department.
- 5 - Anti-material posters were evaluated and printed. Distribution has begun through the W.H.O. team in Ngamiland.
- 6 - Initiated development of Area North activities in Health Education.
- 7 - Worked in collaboration with the nutrition unit:
  - (a) On a "teach-in" at Gaborone Secondary School.
  - (b) In the production of a radio tape depicting the work of the Botswana Red Cross Rehabilitation Center.
  - (c) With six cooking demonstrations in Kweneng, Kgatleng and South East District.
- 8 - An organizational chart was submitted for projected staffing of the Unit.

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