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5. PROJECT TITLE
GENERAL STATISTICS IMPROVEMENT
5260018021002

6. PROJECT DURATION: Began FY 1970 Ends FY 1974	7. DATE LATEST PROP 8/14/70	8. DATE LATEST PIP None	9. DATE PRIOR PAR 2/3/72
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10. U.S. FUNDING	a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: \$ 126,000	b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$ 77,000	c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: \$ 88,000
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11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Contractor, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)	
a. NAME	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO.
U.S. Bureau of the Census	PASA IA(CA)16-70 and Amend.
PAHO, OAS, U.N.	International Organizations

I. NEW ACTIONS PROPOSED AND REQUESTED AS A RESULT OF THIS EVALUATION

A. ACTION (X)			B. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
USAID	AID/W	HOST		
X			Revise the PROPOSAL to reflect the changes in the End of Project Status.	Jan. 31, 1973
X		X	Prepare a PIP for the project.	Dec. 31, 1972
X		X	Develop a tentative training schedule that designates the types of training and approximate timing and costs needed to fulfill project objectives.	Dec. 31, 1972
X		X	Continue negotiations with the GOP and Other Donors towards the achievement of a fully coordinated and comprehensive program of statistical improvement.	Continuing

D. RE-PLANNING REQUIRES	E. DATE OF MISSION REVIEW
REVISED OR NEW: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PIP <input type="checkbox"/> PRO AG <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/T <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P	October 26, 1972

PROJECT MANAGER: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE Gen. Statistics Advisor Hans J. Muller	MISSION DIRECTOR: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE (Actg.) Donald B. Harrison
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II. PERFORMANCE OF KEY INPUTS AND ACTION AGENTS

A. INPUT OR ACTION AGENT CONTRACTOR, PARTICIPATING AGENCY OR VOLUNTARY AGENCY	B. PERFORMANCE AGAINST PLAN							C. IMPORTANCE FOR ACHIEVING PROJECT PURPOSE (X)					
	UNSATISFACTORY		SATISFACTORY			MIS-PLANNED		LOW		MEDIUM		HIGH	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	
1. U.S. Bureau of the Census					X								X
2.													
3.													

Comment on key factors determining rating

The quality of performance of the advisor is rated as superior. His work is distinguished for his clear understanding of the project purposes and for having established excellent relationship with the cooperating Government. The non-adherence to the work schedule is due to the fact that the work on the Census, at the request of the Host Government, has taken almost all of his time; counterpart resources were not available for the same reason. It is believed that the Advisor will be able to concentrate on the General Statistics Project from early 1973 on.

4. PARTICIPANT TRAINING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
			X									X

Comment on key factors determining rating

Local training courses are planned for 1973 with the cooperation of the National University of Asunción. A coordinated long-range training program was not developed yet because of the priority given to the Census project. Most candidates for training courses abroad will probably be available only after the Census project is completed.

5. COMMODITIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
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Comment on key factors determining rating

No rating is made since no commodities were provided during the evaluation period. No future commodity assistance is planned.

6. COOPERATING COUNTRY	a. PERSONNEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
	b. OTHER				X								X

Comment on key factors determining rating

The cooperation of the Host Government has been satisfactory. Financial support provided to the project has been adequate to date, with GOP regular budget funding increasing each year. In order to achieve an adequate level of performance, more new positions must be established within the statistical units of the GOP (some are requested in 1973 budget submission for the DGEC).

The main action to be taken by the GOP is the establishment of the sector working groups on whose adequate functioning the future success of the project significantly depends.

7. OTHER DONORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
				X								

(See Next Page for Comments on Other Donors)

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II. 7. Continued: Comment on key factors determining rating of Other Donors

Assistance by PAHO and U.S. was given independently by each donor. Negotiations on coordinated planning of several donors for assistance to the GOP in the improvement of statistics began in August 1972, at the initiative of USAID/P.

Advisory services were provided by PAHO in health and vital statistics. The U.N. provided a TDY expert for evaluating the National Accounts procedures and recommended basic actions in base statistics.

III. KEY OUTPUT INDICATORS AND TARGETS

A. QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS		TARGETS (Percentage/Rate/Amount)					END OF PROJECT
		CUMU- LATIVE PRIOR FY	CURRENT FY		FY 74	FY ____	
			TO DATE	TO END			
Organization of 10 Sector Working Committees	PLANNED	10	0	0	0	0	10
	ACTUAL PERFORM- ANCE	0	0				
	REPLANNED			5	5		10
Training of 20 statisticians in various skills in the U.S. and 3rd. countries	PLANNED	1	0	6	13		20
	ACTUAL PERFORM- ANCE	1	0				
	REPLANNED			4	10		15
Local courses arranged with the National Univ. of Asunción for personnel of the DGEC and other statistical units	PLANNED	0	0	2	1		3
	ACTUAL PERFORM- ANCE	0	0				
	REPLANNED			1	2		3
B. QUALITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS	1.	COMMENT: Regulations were developed by the National Statistical Council for the functions of the sector working groups. There are already signs of increasing cooperation between the DGEC and other GOP offices.					
	2.	COMMENT: The physical improvements and adequate budget support contributed to the increased respect towards the DGEC by other government offices. The work performed on the Census has contributed to increase interest on the part of other offices in cooperating with the DGEC.					
	3.	COMMENT: Progress was made in the Ministry of Agriculture through the work performed under a USAID/P sub-project and in the Ministry of Health through the assistance of PAHO in the field of health and vital statistics.					

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IV. PROJECT PURPOSE

A. 1. Statement of purpose as currently envisaged.

2. Same as in PROP? YES NO

To improve the compilation and dissemination of government statistics in general.

1. Conditions which will exist when above purpose is achieved.	2. Evidence to date of progress toward these conditions.
1. Institutionalization of a coordinated, decentralized national statistics system led by DGEC.	1. Progress was made by the DGEC in establishing contacts with other GOP offices. Full coordination will be achieved only after all the sector working groups are operating effectively.
2. A National Council and Sector Working Groups to handle ongoing planning and programming.	2. The National Council was organized. Organization of the sector groups planned to begin early 1973. Regulations for the sector groups already prepared
3. Coordinated data processing and printing facilities.	3. Printing and Data Processing equipment in DGEC provided and in use. Coordination remains to be achieved.
4. Institutionalized training program.	4. No long-range training plan developed yet, but expected by December 31, 1972.
5. Coordinated and expanded publications program.	5. Some expansion of DGEC publications but no coordination yet by other offices.
6. Central data file.	6. Delayed project implementation due to work on the census may hinder full achievement of this target.
7. Basic set of social and economic indicators.	7. No progress to date. This will not be completed due to delayed project implementation.

V. PROGRAMMING GOAL

A. Statement of Programming Goal

For the GOP to achieve better social and economic development planning with the help of a reliable statistical system.

B. Will the achievement of the project purpose make a significant contribution to the programming goal, given the magnitude of the national problem? Cite evidence.

The International Organizations and GOP institutions involved in social and economic development are facing serious problems in carrying out their planning due to the lack of adequate statistics. Statistical data available is sometimes unreliable or simply non-existent. Data gathering and publishing is made by several organizations which frequently lead to duplicated or contradictory information, e.g. the Ministry of Agriculture prints a statistical year book that duplicates and contradicts DGEC data. There is no good index of industrial production; no reliable data exist about employment and unemployment. The project is mainly aimed towards the professionalization of the Statistical Staff of the DGEC and the establishment of a coordinated, decentralized system with a National Statistical Council and several sector working groups, led by the DGEC, through which the improvement in the compilation and dissemination of statistical data in general is expected to be achieved.