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The work of the Population Information Program has continued to gather momentum during this period, including:

I. Publication and distribution of five additional Population Reports and an index of Reports through 1973 for a total of 25 English Population Reports plus three mailed in January; also translation and foreign language printings in three languages with a total of 36 non-English Reports printed, and 19 under way;

II. Expansion of Distribution System;

III. Expansion of Information and Computer Activities into a network which has now been successfully used overseas on five different occasions from three continents;

IV. Prostaglandin information fully integrated with computer system and a second major publication well under way.

V. Professional activities of staff expanding in response to national and international recognition.

VI. Subcontracts undertaken to expand information work in specific areas.

VII. International evaluation through a survey to all names on the mailing list; correspondence, and press clippings.

VIII. Administrative Report.

I. POPULATION REPORTS

Between July 1, 1974 and December 31, 1974, five English-language Population Reports were printed and distributed (in August, September and November). Three more Reports, prepared during 1974, were distributed in January 1975. (Attachment A).

Four qualified writers and one executive editor are working full time with additional input from consultants and others as necessary. A Senior Science Editor from a major publishing company joined the staff in February. At least one Population Report has now been prepared on every category described in the Statement of Work and a total of 25 Reports have been distributed as of December 31, 1974.

The titles of all Population Reports to date are printed when space allows on the last page of each Report (see, for instance, Population Report C-5, p-c-60) allowing recipients to request copies of reports they may not have received. To meet these requests, a total of five Reports have been reprinted and additional reprints may be necessary.

Translations

Spanish translations have now been printed for 14 Reports and have been distributed from Bogota, Colombia, where work is proceeding under a subcontract with ACEP. Printing is under way for another six Reports. Distribution is being arranged to include medical schools throughout Latin America and now amounts to 15,000 - 20,000 copies.

French translations have been printed for 15 Reports which are distributed to a French mailing list that now totals 5000 names, including bulk shipment. Nine French Reports are in process of being printed.

Portuguese translations of seven Reports have been printed and four more are in process. (Attachment B)

To provide for the necessary publication and translation services, four subcontracts are now operating: one for typesetting, one for printing, one for Spanish translations, publication and distribution, and one for French translations. These subcontracts, as approved by AID, are operating effectively and have been extended through June 1975. Portuguese translations are being handled on an ad hoc basis by Washington translators pending a possible arrangement with BEMFAM.

Indexing

A 20-page in-depth index has been prepared and distributed for the first 13 Population Reports, through December 1973. A second index, through 1974, is under way.

Loose-leaf Notebooks

On the basis of competitive bidding, procurement of 10,000 loose-leaf notebooks for Population Reports was concluded and approximately 2,500 notebooks have now been distributed to AID population officers, bulk recipients, and individuals responding to evaluation questionnaire, as well as libraries and other key personnel and centers in developing countries.

II. CHANNELS FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

Mailing List Expansion

The international mailing list is expanding and now includes over 28,000 specific addresses. In addition, bulk mailings totaling about 20,000 copies are shipped, mainly to Pakistan, Korea and the Philippines. Names are being coded, corrected, and added on the basis of letter requests at the rate of about 75 per week. In addition, evaluation questions are providing many new names. Over 2000 names from this and other sources have been compiled during November and December 1974 and were included in the January 1975 mailing. Fifteen hundred address corrections have been made in the same period. Besides two full-time staff members, two or three part-time foreign students also work regularly to add and correct addresses and to respond to requests for additional copies. Their help and interest have been of special value to the project. The enclosed statistical report on the Population Information Program as of October 25, 1974 provides the detailed totals for addressees in various categories. (Attachment C)

A grant of nearly \$25,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation makes it possible to meet the requests of appropriate US organizations, such as medical schools and health centers, for copies of Population Reports at no expense to AID. (Attachment D)

Cooperative Use of Mailing List

In cooperative uses of the mailing list, the following persons were sent specific labels for the purposes indicated:

June 1, 1974 - Academic, Medical and Ob-Gyn for Thomas Moulding, MD, University of Colorado, to notify Physicians in Developing Countries of Courses in Family planning, as suggested by Dr. Ravenholt.

August 6, 1974 - Key people in 39 Priority Countries for Mailing of Prostaglandin Abstracts, Vol. I by AID.

October 3, 1974 - Non US Libraries, Policy and Key People labels for Dr. Luke Lee, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy to be used to solicit additional names for mailings of publications of the Law and Population Program.

October 4, 1974 - Libraries, Administration of Health Services and Ob-Gyn Research labels for mailing of PG Annals, Vol. I, 80, NY Academy of Sciences.

November 4, 1974 - Population & Family Planning Organizations, by US and UN personnel for Mr. Carl Gray, ISPC Rm. 202, Scudari Bldg, Bureau of the Census, 28th Ave. and Riviera St., Marlow Heights, Md. 20031, for mailing of AID-funded data and reports.

November 7, 1974 - Academic-Medical, Ob-Gyn, and Communications for John Edlefson, AID, for mailing to encourage applications to Advanced Training in Fertility Management Program.

III. INFORMATION CENTER

Library

The regular program of subscriptions, purchases, acquisitions, searches, and cataloguing by library staff continues at the established budgeted level. The library now includes about 1000 books, 100 periodical subscriptions, and 110 different bulletins and news letters. Some 200 books or other items are regularly on order.

As of December 1974, approximately 21,800 citations have been collected. Approximately 17,314 hard-copy articles are filed and catalogued at present.

Abstracting of articles for the Information Retrieval System is proceeding rapidly. Approximately 10,917 documents are now abstracted, of which 10,648 have been provided to Informatics for key punching into the computer retrieval service. Presently about 9,000 abstracts are in the computer and available for search and retrieval.

A thesaurus on contraceptive technology has been completed and includes approximately 1,300 terms. It is the only thesaurus of population terms stored on-line in a computer and available for display with broader, narrower and related terms. Approximately 1,600 articles have been indexed and sent to Informatics to be added to the computer file.

POPINFORM

The POPINFORM computerized information network now includes six files with over 21,000 entries: Population Information Program (9000 abstracts on line); Columbia University, IISPR, (5000 items on line); Census Bureau International Demographic Data Directory (4000 on tape, 50 on line); Center for Disease Control, Family Planning Evaluation Division (6000 items on line); a part of the East West Communications Institute file (150 items on line); and a separate PIP file on prosta-glandins and fertility control (1350 items on line). (See Attachment E)

Abstracts in POPINFORM have been widely praised as accurate and highly informative. One subscriber commented that they are "excellent; superior to those in TOXLINE" (a drug information system developed by the National Library of Medicine).

There are now six subscribers to POPINFORM in addition to the contributors:

- 1) A. H. Robins Co., Richmond, Va.
- 2) Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.

- 3) University of New Mexico, Technology Application Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 4) University of Texas, Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas
- 5) Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health, Baltimore, Md.
- 6) Calspan Corporation, Buffalo, N. Y.

During the past six months, the POPINFORM system has been successfully demonstrated at eleven conferences or public occasions:

1) AID, Office of Population, August 8, 1974. This was a comprehensive demonstration of the capabilities of the system which was attended in open-house fashion by AID, Office of Population personnel.

2) An exhibit describing Population Reports and POPINFORM was set up at the Population Tribune, Bucharest, August 19 - 30. An actual demonstration of POPINFORM was not possible because of the objections of the Romanian government. The exhibit was well attended and the entire supply of Population Reports was distributed to interested persons. Many others asked that their names be added to the mailing list to receive the reports regularly.

3) Stockholm, World Medical Assembly Conference on the Physician and Population Change, September 1 - 7, 1974. Physicians representing medicinal associations throughout the world attended the conference, saw an exhibit of Population Reports and watched demonstrations of POPINFORM. Many asked for searches related to their on-going projects, others requested copies of documents or reports and asked to have their names added to the PIP mailing list.

4) Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health, October 9, 1974. Faculty, staff and students participated in an all-day demonstration of POPINFORM. As a result, the School of Public Health is now subscribing to POPINFORM.

5) American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, October 22 - 24, 1974. The exhibit of Population Reports and POPINFORM was on display in a booth and computer demonstrations were well attended.

6) International Planned Parenthood Federation, London, November 7 - 8, 1974. POPINFORM was demonstrated to the staff of IPPF who asked for many searches related to present projects.

7) National Institutes of Health, NICHD, November 20, 1974. The regular meeting of the Interagency Committee on Population Research was devoted entirely to a presentation and demonstration of POPINFORM. The Committee has representatives from 20 Federal agencies and is chaired by the director of the Center for Population Research.

8) United Nations, Population Division, and the Rockefeller Foundation, New York, December 10, 1974. Two demonstrations, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, generated considerable interest among representatives of both organizations in the present and potential uses of POPINFORM.

9) American Society for Information Science, 37th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, October 13 - 16, 1974. A booth in the exhibit area was manned by Informatics personnel who demonstrated POPINFORM throughout the conference. ASIS attendees included U. S. and international information scientists. The value of POPINFORM, the only on-line computerized population information system, has been recognized by the information science community.

10) Latin American Center for Demography (CELADE), Santiago, Chile, December 4, 1974. POPINFORM was demonstrated to the CELADE staff and visitors with financial support from IDRC for communication costs. Access to the data base in Washington was established by commercial telephone and satellite communications. There was great interest in the content of the data base and in addition, the demonstration confirmed the technical feasibility of using on-line computer systems in Chile.

11) Interamerican Training Center in Population Communication (CIACOP), San Jose, Costa Rica, December 12 - 13, 1974. At the request of the Ford Foundation and with Foundation support for communications costs, POPINFORM was demonstrated at the meetings of the CIACOP Advisory Board which included Walter Rodrigues, BENFAM, Brazil; Victor Morgan, Demographic Association of Costa Rica; Manuel Casado, Regional Adviser, UNESCO; J. Mayone Stycos, Cornell University; Kanwar Mathur, Department of Mass Communications, UNESCO; Victor Blenes, Professor of Philosophy, University of San Jose; Luis Beltran, Center for International Development Research, Bogota; Jose Oliva, Columbia University; William Sweeney, Ford Foundation, New York; John Nagel, Ford Foundation, Mexico City; and Jose Maria Blanch, Carlos Cordero, and Guillermo Carillo of CIACOP. Access to the Washington data base was established by direct-dial telephone communications. The demonstration on December 13 was videotaped by Jack Moore, UNESCO VTR consultant. Interest was expressed by Dr. Blanch in collaborating with PIP to put Spanish-language population training material into the POPINFORM data base as CIACOP develops its information resources.

Requests for computer searches and copies of documents have been increasing. The staff has responded to approximately 120 requests for searches or documents. Among the organizations requesting information services are: Population Council, Korea; AID, Korea; Family Guidance Association of Ethiopia; UNEPA, New York; AID/Office of Population; Consumers Union; Planned Parenthood-World Population, Southwest Region; Syntex; Center for Disease Control, Atlanta; University of Minnesota; University of Wisconsin, University of California; Ford Foundation, Philippines.

IV. PROSTAGLANDINS

Prostaglandin information activities during this period involved:

(1) The continued gathering and abstracting of scientific articles on prostaglandins as they relate specifically to fertility regulation. This data is now processed for computer storage in a manner comparable to other material and abstracts. Nearly 1500 prostaglandin citations have been catalogued for the year 1974, approximately one third of which specifically relate to fertility. As of December 1974, there were 1350 documents on line in POPINFORM from years 1934-1973, representing a near-complete record of the world's literature on fertility-related aspects of prostaglandin research and use. A prostaglandin thesaurus is complete and on line to facilitate computer searches.

(2) The July 1974 issue of Population Report: Prostaglandins entitled Physiology and Pharmacology of PGs in Parturition prepared by Dr. John R. G. Challis has been published and distributed. A future Report on uterine PG binding by Dr. Malcolm Johnson is in the drafting stage. A comprehensive review of PG usage for early first trimester and second trimester abortion and induction of labor is a possible topic for future publication.

(3) Prostaglandin Abstracts Volume II is presently being prepared. The book will be photocomposed by the computer from the POPINFORM data base. Volume II comprises 1080 abstracts of articles published 1971-1973, with a complete index. Unlike Volume I, which covered all aspects of prostaglandins, Volume II emphasizes the role of endogenous and exogenous prostaglandins in fertility control and regulation but includes a bibliography without abstracts of non-fertility-related material. This is the first Population Information Program attempt to print abstracts in book form from the computer. The price is slightly below normal typesetting costs. If, as anticipated, the volume is satisfactory, new possibilities for printing and disseminating of abstracts on any subject in the data base will be opened at a significantly lower cost.

V. RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF STAFF

Phyllis T. Piotrow, Ph.D.

(1) Served as an adviser on US delegation to the World Population Conference in Bucharest, August 19 - 30, 1974.

(2) Organized and chaired panel discussion on Information Sources in the Population Field at World Population Tribune, Bucharest. Discussants invited to participate included Dr. Sodhy (Malaysia); Mrs. Carrasco de Gomez (Colombia); Mr. David Radel University of Hawaii; Ms. Jaqueline Forget, IPPF-UNESCO; and Dr. M. Ioanid (Romania).

(3) Served on Advisory Panel for AAAS population project including preparation of materials for Anthropology Seminar in Bucharest.

(4) Spoke to Society for International Development and American University, George Washington University, and Congressional panels on the work and results of the World Population Conference, September-October 1974.

Theresa van der Vlugt, M.D., M.S.P.H.

(1) Conducted seminar on contraceptive methods for Family Planning Orientation Int. on August 21, 1974 and met with overseas leaders visiting on numerous occasions.

(2) Lectured at George Washington University to class in Population Problems on the present and future methods of contraception.

Helen Kolbe

(1) Wrote an article on POPINFORM for the UNESCO Bulletin for Libraries.

(2) Presented a paper on POPINFORM at the 37th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science, Atlanta, Oct. 17, 1974.

(3) Served as Chairman of the Committee on International Activities of the Association of Population/Family Planning Libraries and Information Centers and coordinated the collecting, organizing and staffing of the Population Reference Library for the Population Tribune, Bucharest, August 19 - 30, 1974.

(4) While on leave from PIP, served for two weeks as consultant for IDRC (Canada) to CELADE in Santiago, Chile and San Jose, Costa Rica to assist in writing a final proposal for a Spanish-language documentation system in the field of population in Latin America.

Judith Wortman, B.S., R.N.

(1) Prepared article appearing as: Wortman, J.S., Sciarra, J.J. and Markland, C. Control of Male Fertility - Report of a Workshop. *Contraception* 10(5): 561-568. November 1974

(2) Graduate courses at George Washington University - neuropathology, Forensic Medicine, etc.

Sallie Craig Huber, M.S.P.H.

(1) Presented a paper on adolescent contraceptive services at the 102nd annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, October 20 - 24, 1974.

(2) Consulted with FDA providing upon request references and data in preparation for a hearing regarding the Dalkon Shield and other intrauterine devices held August 21 - 22, 1974.

Frances G. Conn, M.A.

(1) Participated in annual workshop, American Association of Sex Counselors.

(2) Copy-edited manuscripts published in Contraception, UNESCO Bulletin for Libraries and papers presented at American Public Health Association and ASIS.

VI. SUBCONTRACTS

In June 1974, two substantive subcontracts were undertaken to provide additional types of information for use in developing countries. These included \$160,183.00 for the American Institutes for Research and \$96,070.00 for the Population Reference Bureau (PRB).

Under the AIR subcontract, which began November 1, 1974, one newsletter has been printed and distributed to date; a seminar has been held in Nepal; and a Summary of International Classification of Abortion Legislation, 1974 prepared. (See Attachment F)

Under the PRB subcontract, two Population Bulletins have been printed and distributed and four more publications are under way. (See Attachment G)

VII. INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

To evaluate the effect of Population Reports in developing countries and to see whether the Reports should be revised or improved in any way to meet LDC needs better, a questionnaire was enclosed in the September 4, 1974 mailing of two Population Reports to all recipients. (Attachment H)

Analysis of the responses through December 1974 from developing countries reveals the following: (See Tables 1, 1A, 2, and 3)

- The overall response rate was 8.0%
- The response rate from Africa was 6.3%
- The response rate from Asia was 8.7%
- The response rate from Latin America was 7.5%

A majority of all those responding indicated that the Reports should remain as is. Responses did not vary greatly depending on the number of copies received. Regarding length, 81% said Reports were the right length; 5% said they were too long; 4.2%, too short. Regarding technical nature, 60.5% said Reports should remain as is; 19.6% wanted them more technical; 10.6%, less technical. Regarding style and format, 88% found the Reports easy to read; 3.5%, difficult to read. Regarding support data, 56.0% said they should remain as is; 27.2% recommended they be expanded; 6.2%, reduced. In general, the more copies had been received, the more recipients expressed satisfaction with the Reports.

Of the 865 respondents to date, 51.4% (445) requested multiple copies in future; 90.3% (781) requested loose-leaf notebooks; and 590 new addresses were suggested.

To analyze the responses further, a sample consisting of all responses received every third day was taken. In this group, the responses of all those receiving at least one Report in each series were tabulated to determine which specific series or Reports were most useful. The results of this tabulation are as follows:

<u>Series</u>	<u>No. receiving</u>	<u>No. finding series useful</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Orals	196	174	88.8
IUDs	190	149	78.4
Family planning programs	209	154	73.7
Sterilization	204	139	68.1
Barrier methods	166	108	65.1
Pregnancy termination	190	114	60.0
Periodic abstinence	161	95	59.0
Law and Policy	166	82	49.4
Prostaglandins	226	98	43.4

<u>AFRICA</u>			
Country	Number Mailed	Number Returned	Return Rate
Algeria	38	2	5.3
Botswana	29	4	13.8
Cameroon	42	2	4.8
Egypt	185	9	4.9
Gambia	13	1	7.7
Ghana	213	13	6.1
Lesotho	25	3	12.0
Liberia	65	4	6.2
Libya	26	3	11.5
Malawi	29	4	13.8
Maurituis	54	4	7.4
Morocco	44	1	2.3
Mozambique	7	1	14.3
Nigeria	486	30	6.2
Rhodesia	123	12	9.8
Senegal	31	1	3.2
Sierra Leone	47	3	6.4
Swaziland	10	2	20.0
Tunesia	55	5	9.0
Zaire	99	3	3.0
Zambia	138	3	2.2
TOTAL (AFRICA)	1,759	110	6.3

*Mailed first class surface rate
 September 4, 1974.

<u>ASIA and OCEANIA</u> Country	Number Mailed	Number Returned	Return Rate
Afghanistan	79	1	1.3
Bangladesh	172	6	3.5
Burma	24	1	4.2
Cyprus	40	1	2.5
Fiji	20	2	10.0
Gilbert Islands	3	1	33.3
Hong Kong	92	20	21.7
India	1,591	128	8.0
Indonesia	348	43	12.4
Iran	219	16	7.3
Iraq	18	2	11.1
Israel	165	2	1.2
Jordan	24	3	12.5
Khmer Rep.	6	1	16.7
Korea, S.	259	28	10.8
Kuwait	31	1	3.2
Laos	39	2	5.1
Lebanon	87	15	17.2
Malaysia	202	39	19.3
Nepal	206	7	3.4
New Caledonia	4	1	25.0
New Guinea	57	3	5.3
Pakistan	580	18	3.1
Philippines	778	47	6.0

ASIA and
OCEANIA (cont.)

<u>Country</u>	<u>Number Mailed</u>	<u>Number Returned</u>	<u>Return Rate</u>
Singapore	94	9	9.6
Solomon Islands	10	2	20.0
Sri Lanka	146	7	4.8
Syria	12	3	25.0
Taiwan	162	41	25.3
Thailand	466	60	12.9
Turkey	180	29	16.1
Vietnam, S.	211	11	5.2
TOTAL (ASIA)	6,325	550	8.7

LATIN AMERICA and
CARIBBEAN

<u>Country</u>	<u>Number Mailed</u>	<u>Number Returned</u>	<u>Return Rate</u>
Argentina	222	13	5.9
Bermuda	25	1	4.0
Bolivia	135	3	2.2
Brazil	294	27	9.2
Chile	267	19	7.1
Colombia	238	21	8.8
Costa Rica	109	3	2.8
Curacas	31	2	6.5
Dominican Rep.	85	4	4.7
Ecuador	113	5	4.4
Guatamala	107	5	4.7
Haiti	84	2	2.4
Honduras	48	1	2.1
Jamaica	67	5	7.5
Mexico	358	50	14.0
Nicaragua	37	3	8.1
Panama	34	2	5.9
Paraguay	101	3	3.0
Peru	139	15	1.1
Surinam	2	1	50.0
Trinidad	31	6	19.4
Uruguay	60	8	13.3
Venezuela	96	3	3.1
W. Indies	65	3	4.6
TOTAL (Latin America and Caribbean)	2,748	205	7.5

Table 1 --Overall Return Rate
Population Reports--Less Developed Countries
December 31, 1974

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<u>Region</u>	<u>Number Mailed</u>	<u>Number Returned</u>	<u>Return Rate</u>
Asia	6,325	550	8.7
Latin America	2,748	205	7.5
Africa	1,759	110	6.3
TOTAL	10,832	865	8.0

Responses by persons receiving Reports in the following number of series:

Q4. Do you think Population Reports are:

	<u>Too long</u>		<u>Too Short</u>		<u>Right Length</u>		<u>N/A</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
≤3*	5	2.8	9	4.5	111	62.0	55	30.7	179	100
4-6	12	6.7	10	5.6	151	84.4	6	3.4	179	100
7-9 series	26	5.1	18	3.6	446	88.0	17	3.4	507	100
Total	43	5.0	36	4.2	708	81.8	78	9.0	865	100

Q5. Would you like Population Reports to be:

	<u>More Technical</u>		<u>Less Technical</u>		<u>Remain as Is</u>		<u>N/A</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
≤3*	33	18.4	20	11.2	70	39.1	56	31.3	179	100
4-6	42	23.5	20	11.2	112	62.6	5	2.8	179	100
7-9	95	18.7	52	10.3	341	67.3	19	3.7	507	100
Total	170	19.6	92	10.6	523	60.5	80	9.2	865	100

Q6. Do you find the style and format of Population Reports:

	<u>Easy to Read</u>		<u>Difficult to Read</u>		<u>N/A</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
≤3*	121	67.7	2	1.1	56	31.3	179	100
4-6	163	91.1	12	6.7	4	2.2	179	100
7-9	477	94.1	16	3.2	14	2.8	507	100
Total	761	88.0	30	3.5	74	8.6	865	100

Q7. Do you find the support data in Population Reports should:

	<u>Be Expanded</u>		<u>Be Reduced</u>		<u>Remain as Is</u>		<u>N/A</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
≤3*	42	23.5	6	3.4	70	39.1	61	34.1	179	100
4-6	58	32.4	14	7.8	101	56.4	6	3.4	179	100
7-9	135	26.6	34	6.7	313	61.7	25	4.9	507	100
Total	235	27.2	54	6.2	484	56.0	92	10.6	865	100

*Includes those who have received no Population Reports prior to this mailing.
 N/A - No answer given

Table 3

Q8. How many other people read your copy of Population Reports?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
None	102	11.8
1-5	463	53.5
6-10	101	11.7
10-20	91	10.5
20	33	3.8
N/A	75	8.7
Total	865	100.0

Comments on Questionnaires

Many of those responding to the questionnaires volunteered comments and suggestions about the Reports, some of which included specific suggestions and notes as to how the Reports are used. A selection of comments is retyped below, exactly as they were sent in:

COMMITTEE ON FAMILY PLANNING, HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION, TAIWAN

Thanks for sending Population Reports to us. They are useful for us. We usually translate them into Chinese in our published Family Planning News to contact with OBGYN doctors and Family Planning workers in our country.

M.D., THAILAND

Please send me all of Pop. Reports, I really need them.

M.D., REPUBLIC OF KOREA

I think, the population reports is very useful for my family planning works especially to medical students and nurses, sometimes I gained early news, and new technical methods.

I really hope to continue receiving population reports. Thank you.

M.D., BRAZIL

Please discontinue sending me "Prostaglandins", and besides sending me "Family Planning Programs" start sending also "Pregnancy termination", both in Portuguese.

BRAZILIAN CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES, BRAZIL

We don't work in family planning, but the Population Reports are used by us as a systematic source of information in fertility control.

EDITOR, NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING BOARD, MALAYSIA

As an editor I use to read this report and very useful, hope you will send me the other publications you already published which I didn't get.

M.D, PERU

Las publicaciones que Uds. me envian son de gran utilidad para mi práctica profesional.

Por favor, continuen envion domelas.

PROFESSOR, INDIA

Population Report is extremly useful to me in teaching students of Reproductive Biology and in keeping abreast of the literature in the field.

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER, LIBERIA

For my own use, I can easy assimilate and retain the information but working with rural village women, I have to rewrite and simplify always - posters, graphs - any visual aids are most beneficial. I am with Peace Corp - in Home Economic's Extension in Liberia. Anything which can be distributed to local women and teachers is beneficial.

M.D., REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Many thanks for your kindness that you have put my name on your mailing list and have sent me the population report periodically without charge which help me so much in my family planning business here - teaching, service and research in fertility control.

M.D., PROFESSOR, LEBANON

The Reports are very helpful for teaching - at graduate and undergraduate levels - I like to see Reports on experimental methods and innovative techniques pertinent to family planning so that collaboration in testing can become a possibility.

RESEARCH ASST., NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING BOARD, MALAYSIA

The Reports on the ongoing contraceptives research and new development or new techniques are most interesting and enlightening to me who is not a medical personnel.

M.D., SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

I would like to thank you for your big & usefull effort. I am rensdy & my center (Medical Center for Endocrinology-Fertility & Sterility & Marriage Couselling) Abbara-Aleppo-Syian Arabic Republic To represent you either in the Middle East or in Syria only & to give any help you consider necessary for the success of the Program in this Area of the world

LAWYER, NICARAGUA

En nuestro medio -Nicaragua - publicaciones del tipo de "Population Report" resultan su mamente interesantes, para maestros, alumnos e intelectuales en general, porque esta clase de información, con base científica, es sumamente escasa.

M.D., INDONESIA

In my opinion the contents, format or distribution of Population Reports is very good. It is pleasure to receive it. Please send me regularly.

MARKETING EXECUTIVE, NIRODH PROGRAM, INDIA

Population Report is an excelent and useful publication which, by bringing together all pertinent information on different aspects of Family Planning in a concise and precise manner, has filled a long-felt need of many family planning executives--both technical and administrative. Many thanks are due to the Editor, the Publisher and the Science Communication Div. for bringing out these reports and making them available to us free of cost.

M.D., INDONESIA

Your Population Report is very useful for me, for through Population Report I can so deepen and refreshing my medical knowledge, especially about family planning.

For my place is rural area, could you make your Population report more technical, and also discussing many problems in family planning field, for example about side effect and management about it.

M.D., LIBYA

The contents, format etc. are quite upto the standard. But the distribution system is not regular, e.g. I receive copies of Population Report at great interval and irregularly, viz, I received July 1974 issue series G in December 1974 at about 5 months time. I would like to have prompt and regular distribution and mailing.

BROADCASTING EXECUTIVE, MAURITIUS

I work as Secretary Accountant at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation. These materials have interested me as I am a life member of the Mauritius Family Planning Association since its creation and its chariman since March 1974. I am also a member of the I.P.P.F. Regional Council of Africa. Certain valuable extracts of the materials have been used over the radio and television and seminars organised by the Mauritius Family Planning Association.

COORDINATOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES, MISSION HOSPITAL, NIGERIA

I would like for you to include more general family planning information which can be understood by persons in a developing country who have English as a 2nd or 3rd language. Also more practical examples of what is being organized and done in developing countries that other areas might emulate.

PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, INDIA

I have been studying this journal very carefully and have found it to be useful and informative. I suggest that the scope of this journal may be enlarged to include articles and reviews and data on social, cultural and psychological aspects of population problem.

M.D., PHILIPPINES

Population Report is an excellent periodical for persons involved in population and family planning activities. It provides a means for updating knowledge in the areas covered so far.

M.D., INDIA

Population information program is doing tremendous work and giving lot of help and insight to practicing obstetrician and gynaccologist like me regarding this immense problem of population control. It is a pleasure to read these reports. I like the format, the concise way of presentation and choice of subjects. I would suggest to prepare a report of work done in undeveloped country like ours and compare the experience of workers in our country and developed countries.

LAW LIBRARY, PHILIPPINES

I think that the contents and format of the Population Reports is comprehensive enough. The presentation of statistics is very well done.

M.D., VICE PRESIDENT, PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN

It will be worthwhile to supply such valuable literature to various Pakistan National Centres situated in majour cities.

Movie films, slides, charts and Models etc. should be used. Since our Society is of religious type the material to be instituted should have its presentation in a rather insulated form.

M.D., DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH, PAPUA, NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea's programme is based on paramedical health workers and information about simpler techniques (IUDs, oral & injectable contraceptives, condoms, ovulation method) are more useful, also about delivery of services and programme development, e.g. the condom article.

Thank you for sending us the reports

PRESIDENT, FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION, PAKISTAN

I was sent July issue of Prostaglandins so far. I went through it and found it very usefull. I hope you keep on sending this in future, as well as the other ones regularly and in time.

PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, INDIA

The Population reports are very useful in my teaching of Ecology at the University of Delhi and at the Delhi School of Planning and Architecture. I often use the data, graphs and other material contained in these reports for my class lectures and for the course work. I have also used on many occasions information given in these reports in a number of popular lectures for which I have been invited on various occasions regarding population and natural resources problems. I would very much welcome continuous supply of these useful publications.

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ZAMBIA

If possible, would you please send me copies of your series from January 1974 on all subjects listed over leaf. The only one I have seen and read is Series J Number 2 of August 1974, on family planning. I was very much impressed by your work as reflected in this report. I look forward to being on your mailing list in the New Year, 1975. Happy Xmas and a prosperous and successful New Year. Thank you.

M.D, INDIA

I look forward to receiving Pop. Rep. as it keeps me abreant of the latest developments in Family Planning and seems reliable, fully researched, and without bias.

M.D., KUWAIT

A more interest should be directed to the G.P. who are in direct & more contacts with the population for propogation of the ideas and methods of the proper planning.

M.D., PHILIPPINES

Population Report is a very informative consolidation of developments in fertility control. More copies should be sent to recipients in developing countries.

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN, HONG KONG

The Report is authoritative in style & content. It can be used to due with many subjects concerning about family planning & all other things.

HEALTH DEPT. OFFICIAL, ZAMBIA

The format of the Population Report is satisfactory and easily readable. The Reports should give some details of methods of Family Planning practiced in individual countries and progress made in these countries after adopting these methods.

NURSING SISTER, BANGLADESH

In developing countries where the greater bulk of population is in the rural areas and the concentration of highly qualified personnel is in the urban areas, one contribution you might make is to bring knowledge and experience and know-how closer to the less qualified who are within the reach of the greatest number of the population.

PEACE CORPS, ZAIRE

Here in our office your materials have been invaluable since over 1/2 of volunteers in Zaire are female and our resources are limited for printed material re: OB-GYN field. Many thanks!

HOSPITAL DIRECTOR, INDIA

Visual aids if available should be included for using for propaganda in villages.

PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EGYPT

Please supply more of the extended large self explanatory charts, graphs, and tablen.

MEDICAL STUDENT, HONG KONG

Well done!

MEDICAL STUDENT, MALAYSIA

Congratulations for your marvelous reports.

M.D., PROFESSOR, PRES. - PLANNED PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION, TAIWAN

The reports are most informative and useful to us. Your center deserves to be highly commended.

M.D., DIRECTOR OF FAMILY PLANNING TRAINING CENTER, INDONESIA

A good periodical, it gives almost all information about family planning in the developing countries.

In response to a question asking what topics should be covered in future reports, many different suggestions were made. These are listed below according to the following categories: orals, IUDs, sterilization, periodic abstinence, law and policy, pregnancy termination, prosta-glandins, barrier methods, general (all methods), other methods of contraception, family planning programs, family planning evaluation, sociological and psychological aspects, demographic, religious aspects, education and communication, reproduction physiology, family planning population and development; and miscellaneous, such as lactation, tera-togenic effects, genetics, role of youth and infertility.

Topics marked by an asterisk were mentioned more than once; by two asterisks, five or more times; by three asterisks, ten or more times.

Orals

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|---|---------------------------|
| *Post-coital pill | *Male pill |
| *Clinical management including practical tips | Non-clinical prescription |
| *Side effects | Once-a-month pill |

IUDs

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| *Clinical management | Review Article |
| Dalkon Shield | Copper T |
| Lippes Loop | Progesterone devices |
| New ideas | |

Sterilization

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|--------------------------|---|
| *Female-Micro-laparotomy | *Male-Vasectomy |
| *Reversibility | *Side effects-psychological and psychological |
| *Culdoscopy | *Reversibility |
| *Hysteroscopy | Failures |
| *Laparoscopy | *Chemical sterilization |
| Hysterectomy | Psychological effect |
| Endoscopic techniques | |

Periodic Abstinence

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cervical mucous method | Billings "ovulation method" |
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Law and Policy

*Comparative legal studies
Marriage

Status of women
Abortion Laws
Sterilization

Pregnancy Termination

*More on menstrual regulation
*Psychological studies
Health aspects

Second trimester with urea
Second trimester methods
Abortion in fp programs

Prostaglandins

Regulation of menstrual cycle
Role as contraceptives

Effects on shock
Complete literature review

Barrier Methods

Spermicides
Condoms--use, techniques of manufacture, prevalence

General **All Methods

*Side effects-good and bad by nationality
*Treatment for complications and side effects
Long-term follow-up after using contraceptives

*Mode of action
*Effects on future offspring
History of methods

Other Methods of Contraception

*Developments of new methods
*Immunological methods
**Injectables
*Male contraception

Long-acting delivery systems
Vaginal rings
Male thermal cycles
Vaccine against pregnancy

Family Planning Programs

*Field workers
***Describe programs in LDCs
*Rural and urban distribution systems and programs
*Non-clinical distribution of fp
*More program oriented-less medical
Organizational methods and techniques
Beyond fp
Programs for adolescents
MCH and fp
*Use of paramedical workers

** Training of all types of fp workers
Types; categories or classification of fp clinics (services provided and staffing)
Creating demand for fp
Consumer research in fp
Rural Muslim programs
** Administration

*Family Planning Evaluation

*Operational research	Statistics on the different methods
*Cost-benefit analysis	Record forms (especially for field workers)
*KAP studies	Epidemiologic aspects of fertility control
Life table techniques	Incentive systems
Packed computer programs	Statistical indices
Demographic impact (of particular methods)	Field reports

***Sociological and Psychological Aspects

*Socioeconomic and educational characteristics of fp users	*Beliefs, taboos, and native methods
**Economic aspects of fp	Barriers to fp acceptance
*Fertility attitudes and behavior	Acceptability of various methods
*Relationship between fp and child survival	Social responses to fp programs
*Constraints of traditional and environmental values	Changing behavior patterns

*Demographic

*Maternal morbidity and mortality	Urban growth in developing countries
World population changes	Perinatal mortality
Child spacing	

Religious AspectsEducation and Communication

*More emphasis suggested	Centers for population education
*Population and birth control education	Annotated bibliography on population education and fp
**Sex education	Methodology of teaching POPED
*Health education aspects of pop programs	Multimedia education programs
*Motivation for acceptance and continuation	Instruction in modern contraception
	Folk media
	Population education for out-of-school population

****Reproductive Physiology** (topic most often suggested)

***Endocrinology**
hypthalamo-hypophysical axis

Biology of sperm and ovum
Uterine physiology

***Family Planning, Population, and Development**

***Population and food and agri-culture**
Integrated approach to life
Environmental issues
Political problems of fp in LDC's

Interdisciplinary approaches to fp
Summaries of population theories
LDC reactions to population problem
Opposition to fp

Miscellaneous

****Infertility**
***Food and nutrition**
***Present negative side of fp**
***Genetics and population**
***Dates and location of population meetings**
***List foundations giving financial support**
***Where to buy equipment**

Sample instructions for contraceptive use
Role of youth and fp
Contraception and prostitution
Oxytocics
Lactation
Cytogenetics
Drug effects on fertility

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The attached voucher provides financial data on cumulative expenditures made for the first 30 months of the contract as measured against budgeted accounts. (Attachment J)

The listed reserve of \$259,178.80 consists of funds which will be allocated to subcontracts to carry out the schedule of work. Approval from AID is required to amend these subcontracts and was requested in December 1974.

A detailed report on wage and salary personnel compensated under this contract, including consultants, is also enclosed. It should be noted that the totals for staff and wage employees and the overhead and fringe benefits calculated therefrom as presented in the attachment do not agree precisely with the over all figure for salaries and wages on the voucher AID 3643-30. The figures on the voucher do not reflect expenditures made during the last week of the month. There also may be slight differences in the calculation of pay for individuals who began employment or terminated employment during this period. (See Attachment K)