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DETERMINANTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF FERTILITY  
(SURVEY ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF RURAL WOMEN)  
Project Agreement 932-0616 No. 7 (FY'77)

SIXTH MONTHLY REPORT  
June 16, 1978 - July 15, 1978

Submitted by  
Dr. Judith F. Laird  
Contract AID - 526 - 446

Asunción - Paraguay  
July 24, 1978

## ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Administrative

This report is abbreviated and is submitted late because the Contractor was on combined vacation-leave without pay status from June 29 until July 18 (See attached memorandum). In addition she returned to Asunción with severe laryngitis and took sick leave from July 18-21. In her absence, coding, key punching and verification continued under the supervision of Vera and Schoemaker, the DGEC technician and survey demographer.

Prior to her departure, the Coordinator supervised the first two weeks of the coding of the questionnaires, working with the coders and supervisors to clarify coding procedures. A week later we dismissed one of the coders who could not master the coding system and added an afternoon shift of two coders to speed up the process, which proved to be more time consuming than we had anticipated. Completion of coding is now estimated for July 31.

### Processing, June 16 - June 29

Laird and Vera began designing the processing procedures to be followed in Washington, and Laird began writing the Code Book. To facilitate the processing in Washington, the Coordinator wrote to Carl Kemmer, Chief of ES/POP/Policy, briefing him on the status of the survey and spelling out anticipated technical assistance needed. The Coordinator expressed her concern that Jerry Weaver's planned departure from AID in late August might seriously disrupt the Washington phase of the survey, especially if alternate resource personnel could not be located.

Key Punching of the data began in June 26, under the direct supervision of the DGEC computer technician, Sr. Flores. The Coordinator, Vera, and Schoemaker also helped supervise the process to ascertain that key punching and verification were proceeding smoothly. Key punching, verification, blocking of the tape and the consistency control should be completed by August 25.

### Publicity and Public Relations

June 28 - Laird and Vera met with the regional OIT (Organización Internacional de Trabajadores) representative, Ms. Alicia Claro Marchant, to discuss the women's survey. Betty Schwartzman from the Education and Human Resources Development Office, USAID/Paraguay, arranged the session.

An article describing the visit of Ms. Mary Anne White to interview teams during the survey was prepared for publication (with photographs) in the last week of June, but due to events of the following week was

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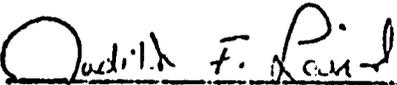
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not submitted. The article was prepared in cooperation with Mr. O. Cazenave of ICA (International Communication Agency) and is being kept on file at ICA for possible publication in ABC Color or  Hoy at a more appropriate time.

The Coordinator completed the photography undertaken in connection with the field work documentation and returned the camera to ICA on June 27, after first having it cleaned.

DGEC Staff Activities

Both the Director of the DGEC, Sr. José Díaz de Bedoya, and Sr. David Vera, of the División del Censo, participated in special courses organized by the U.S. Bureau of the Census with AID funds held in Caracas and Santiago, respectively, in June and July.

  
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Dr. Judith F. Laird  
Survey Coordinator

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# memorandum

DATE: June 26, 1978

TO: Spencer M. Silberstein, Population Officer

FROM: *LMS*

SUBJECT: Contract AID-526-446

TO: Daniel F. Sutton, Jr., General Services Officer

1. Dr. Judith F. Laird, would like to take time off from work from June 29 to July 17, 1978. July 4th is an official holiday and should not be charged to annual leave. Ms. Laird has already accrued 5 1/2 days annual leave. She would like to take the remaining 6 1/2 days as leave without pay. I have no objection to her plans which are in accordance with General Provisions 5a and 5c of her contract.

2. For Controllers Office:

I certify that the days accrued for vacation time are accurate.

*\* 160 hrs of work in June (7 hrs 11) h. to be submitted June.*

*Lauryn C. Drengler*  
 Lauryn C. Drengler, Controller

cc: POP  
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POP:brhs, 6.26.78



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I APPROVE USE OF ALEAVE WITHOUT PAY PER THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT.

*Daniel F. Sutton, Jr.*  
 Daniel F. Sutton, Jr.  
 Contracting Officer/GSO  
 June 27, 1978

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