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Trip Report

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Country Visited: Regional Office for Francophone Africa, Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Date of Trip: August 20 - 27, 1986

Purpose: To assist Mr. Pape Gaye, Director, INTRAH Regional Office for Francophone Africa, with opening the office in Abidjan.

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SEPTEMBER 1986 THROUGH MARCH 1988

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this assignment was to assist Mr. Pape Gaye, the newly-appointed Director for INTRAH's Regional Office for west and central Africa, with opening and establishing the office which will be based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The Abidjan Regional Office will be primarily responsible for Francophone African countries south of the Sahara.

Mr. Herrington and Mr. Gaye discussed in detail the historical development and current status of INTRAH projects in west and central Africa, giving particular attention to the Francophone countries of Chad, Mali, Rwanda and Zaire. Duplicate country files were delivered from the Chapel Hill Office and potential office space was investigated for the new regional office.

Mr. Gaye and Mr. Herrington interviewed two potential candidates for the Regional Training Officer position during this assignment. Also, brief introductory meetings were held with officials of REDSO/WCA and the Ministry of Promotion Feminine to discuss possible INTRAH assistance to the Ivory Coast in FP training.

SCHEDULE DURING ASSIGNMENT

Wednesday,
August 20: P.M.: Mr. Herrington arrives in Abidjan and meets with Mr. Pape Gaye, Director, INTRAH/FA.

Dinner with the Gaye family and Mr. Magette Diop, Director General, Citibank.

Thursday,
August 21: A.M.: Meeting with Mr. Gaye to discuss assignment schedule and INTRAH/FA organization.

Visit potential INTRAH/FA office sites.

P.M.: Briefing with Ms. Joyce Holfeld, Regional Population Advisor, and Ms. Ming Hung, Assistant for Population Issues, REDSO/WCA, to discuss W/CA population activities.

Meeting with INTRAH/FA travel agent, Afrique Voyages.

Friday,
August 22: A.M.: Continue briefing with REDSO/WCA.

Meeting with Mr. Kouakou Kouame, Assistant Director for Education and Planning, Ministry of Promotion Feminine, to discuss FP initiatives in Ivory Coast.

P.M.: Interview Ms. Adelaide Fergusson Mingle, Regional Training Officer candidate.

Saturday,
August 23: A.M.: Interview Mr. Mutombo Yatshita, Regional Training Officer candidate.

Lunch with Mr. Mutombo.

Sunday,
August 24: P.M.: Meeting with Mr. Gaye to review training plans and background of INTRAH/FA countries.

Sunday,
August 24:
(Continued)

P.M.: Meeting with Ms. Joan Schubert, Program Officer, Population Communication Services (PCS), to discuss PCS activities in Ivory Coast, Mali and Burkina Faso.

Monday,
August 25:

A.M.: Assist Mr. Mutombo with confirming return flight to Kinshasa, Zaire, and per diem payment.

Meeting with Mr. Gaye to continue INTRAH/FA country review.

Visit Columbia Center for Population and Family Health (CPFH) regional office in Abidjan. Discussions with Ms. Terèse McGinn, Operations Research Division. Also met Mr. Tom Fenn and Ms. Terry Jo Bichell, both of Operations Research Division, CPFH.

P.M.: Meeting at Coopers & Lybrand with Mr. Alistair Impey and Ms. Monique Zeze, Account Managers.

Meeting with Mr. Thomas Jefferson, Executive Officer, REDSO/WCA, to discuss potential office sites and post privileges.

Meeting with Ms. Susan Nalder, Assistant Clinical Professor, CPFH, to discuss CPFH activities in Ivory Coast and Niger specifically, and regional CPFH activities in general.

Tuesday,
August 26:

A.M.: Meeting with Mr. Gaye to finish country review and draft tentative time chart (September 1986 - March 1987) for INTRAH/FA countries.

Lunch with Mr. Henderson Patrick, Program Development Officer, REDSO/WCA, and Ms. Sue Ford Patrick, First Secretary, U.S. Embassy, Abidjan.

Tuesday,
August 26:
(Continued)

P.M.: Debriefing by Mr. Herrington and Mr. Gaye with Mr. Lawrence Bond, Director; Mr. Duncan Miller, Assistant Director for Planning and Design Division (PADS); Ms. Holfeld; and Ms. Hung, all of REDSO/WCA.

Tuesday,
August 26:
(Continued)

P.M.: Meeting with Ms. Nealo Assurim, real estate agent.

Write trip report.

Wednesday,
August 27:

A.M.: Final meeting with Mr. Gaye regarding INTRAH/FA organization and potential office sites.

Mr. Herrington and Mr. Gaye depart Abidjan for Dakar.

I. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP

The purpose of this assignment was to assist Mr. Pape Gaye, the newly-appointed Director for INTRAH's Regional Office for Francophone Africa (INTRAH/FA), with opening and establishing the office which will be based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Specifically, the assignment objectives included:

- transfer of duplicate correspondence and telex/cable files concerning INTRAH/FA priority countries;
- discussion of training plans for Francophone Africa country projects;
- interviewing potential candidates for the INTRAH/FA Regional Training Officer position; and
- meeting with Ivorian and REDSO/WCA officials regarding potential for INTRAH FP training assistance in the Ivory Coast.

II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The specific objectives of the assignment were fully accomplished. Mr. Herrington delivered two cases of materials and files to INTRAH/FA and discussed in detail with Mr. Gaye the historical development of INTRAH projects in W/CA and specifically those currently underway in Chad, Mali, Rwanda and Zaire.

Priority countries for INTRAH assistance such as Burkina Faso and Niger were also discussed in terms of the potential degree for INTRAH involvement. A timeline of INTRAH activities in the Francophone countries covered by the INTRAH/FA was also drafted (see Appendix B).

III. BACKGROUND

This assignment follows a visit by INTRAH staff to Abidjan in November 1985 during which formalities of registering the Regional Office with the Ivorian government

were initiated through the firm of Duncan, Allan and Mitchell; a bank account with Citibank was opened; and candidates for INTRAH/FA Director and Regional Training Officer were interviewed (see trip reports 0-28 and 0-178).

IV. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

A. REDSO/WCA:

Mr. Herrington and Mr. Gaye met with REDSO/WCA officials to provide an update on INTRAH/FA progress, brief on INTRAH activities in W/CA Francophone countries, and learn of REDSO/WCA actions in, and concerns for, the same countries covered by INTRAH/FA.

Highlights of the INTRAH-REDSO/WCA meeting include the following:

- An announcement cable to W/CA missions on the INTRAH/FA office's opening should be sent either by REDSO/WCA or ST/POP/IT.
- Francophone countries should have priority for INTRAH/FA action.
- Requests for travel concurrence will be sent from INTRAH/FA directly.
- REDSO/WCA has requested \$2 million in Sahel Population Initiatives funds for FY 1987 - 1988, of which \$800,000 is scheduled for training activities.
- \$48,000 has been allocated for INTRAH-sponsored training in the Ivory Coast.
- INTRAH should concentrate services on clinical FP training.
- REDSO/WCA continues to plan for an Experts' Meeting on Quality of FP Services to be held in Abidjan on/about April/May 1987. A planning meeting may take place in Abidjan in December 1987 to which representatives of all involved cooperating agencies (CAs) will be invited to participate.

--Ms. Joyce Holfeld, Regional Population Advisor, REDSO/WCA, gave a country-by-country review of REDSO/WCA initiatives relative to INTRAH activities.

--Debriefing with Mr. Lawrence Bond, Director, REDSO/WCA.

B. Population Communication Services (PCS):

Mr. Herrington and Mr. Gaye met Ms. Joan Schubert, Program Officer, Population Communication Services (PCS), who was also on tour of duty (TDY) in Abidjan, to coordinate INTRAH activities with PCS initiatives in Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast and Mali. Mr. Herrington and Mr. Gaye found the meeting with Ms. Schubert quite productive in terms of defining and clarifying the parameters of INTRAH and PCS assistance and also in tentatively planning a joint project development visit to Niger.

C. Columbia University:

Mr. Herrington met with Ms. Susan Nalder, Center for Population and Family Health (CPFH), who was also on TDY in Abidjan, to discuss and coordinate INTRAH activities with the operations research and management training initiatives of CPFH in W/CA. Specifically, a tentative joint project development visit to Niger in early December 1986 per a request from USAID/Niamey (Niamey 05200) was discussed.

D. Regional Training Officer Interviews:

Regional Training Officer candidates, Mr. Mutombo Yatshita from Zaire and Mrs. Adelaide Fergusson Mingle of Ghana, were interviewed by Mr. Gaye and Mr. Herrington.

E. Other Activities:

The team also met with an Ivorian official, Mr. Kouakou Kouame, Assistant Director for Education and Planning, Ministry of Promotion Feminine, to discuss FP training needs in the Ivory Coast.

F. Office Space:

While INTRAH/FA currently has temporary office space in the Deux Plateaux section of Abidjan, sites for permanent space were visited and judged according to criteria developed by Mr. Gaye, including three rooms for offices, a large room for training workshops/conferences, adequate space for educational and office materials storage, secure building and location, and reasonable costs for rent and utilities/maintenance. Several real estate agents are working with Mr. Gaye to locate a suitable site for the INTRAH/FA Regional Office.

Finally, it was learned from Duncan, Allan and Mitchell that INTRAH/FA is officially registered with the GOIC and that Mr. Gaye's work contract has been officially approved.

V. OBSERVATIONS/CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OBSERVATIONS/CONCLUSIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

- | OBSERVATIONS/CONCLUSIONS | RECOMMENDATIONS |
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| <p>A. The addition of Mr. Pape Gaye as INTRAH/FA Director in Abidjan has quickly and firmly established INTRAH's presence on the continent for timely assistance to W/CA countries.</p> | <p>A. INTRAH/Chapel Hill should anticipate, as effectively as possible, the needs of INTRAH/FA and respond in a timely manner to INTRAH/FA requests for assistance.</p> |
| <p>B. The projected volume of activities in Francophone countries appears to be so great that it will be necessary for INTRAH/FA to allocate most, if not all, its resources to the Francophone sector.</p> | <p>B. Due to the projected heavy volume of activities in the Francophone countries, it is recommended that INTRAH/FA's functional and public name be "INTRAH Regional Office for Sub-Saharan Francophone Africa".</p> |
| <p>C. INTRAH/FA has made contact and/or has had working sessions with PCS and CPFH representatives.</p> | <p>C. INTRAH/FA should continue to work collaboratively with CRs, as appropriate, in order to ensure complimentary coordination of activities in-country and to decrease the possibility of overburdening the host country governments and USAID missions.</p> |

APPENDIX A
PERSONS CONTACTED

REDSO/WCA:

Mr. Thomas Jefferson, Executive Officer
Ms. Joyce Holfeld, Regional Population Advisor
Ms. Ming Hung, Assistant for Population Issues
Mr. Henderson Patrick, Program Development Officer
Ms. Sue Ford Patrick, First Secretary, U.S. Embassy
Mr. Lawrence Bond, Director, Planning and Design Division
Mr. Duncan Miller, Assistant Director for Planning and
Design Division

COLUMBIA CENTER FOR POPULATION AND FAMILY HEALTH (CPFH):

Ms. Terèse McGinn, Operations Research Division
Mr. Tom Fenn, Operations Research Division
Ms. Terry Jo Bichell, Operations Research Division
Ms. Susan Nalder, Assistant Clinical Professor

COOPERS & LYBRAND:

Mr. Alistair Impey, Account Manager
Ms. Monique Zeze, Account Manager

MINISTRY OF PROMOTION FEMININE:

Mr. Kouakou Kouame, Assistant Director for Education and
Planning

OTHERS:

Travel Agent, Afrique Voyages
Mr. Magette Diop, Director General, Citibank
Ms. Joan Schubert, Program Officer, Population Communication
Services

OTHERS (Continued):

Ms. Adelaide Fergusson Mingle, Regional Training Officer
Candidate

Mr. Mutombo Yatshita, Regional Training Officer Candidate

Ms. Nealo Assurim, Real Estate Agent

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APPENDIX B

TIME CHART OF INTRAH/FA COUNTRY ACTIVITIES:
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COUNTRY	1986 SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER				NOVEMBER				DECEMBER				1987 JANUARY				FEBRUARY				MARCH			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
BURKINA FASO	0-----0 10/6-17 Proj Dev								0-----0 <TBD> Contr Dev																			
BURUNDI																												
CONGO																												
GUINEA																												
MALI					0-----0 10/13-30 <3 wks> Mgmt FP Progs-Banako				0-----0 11/10-12/6 <4 wks> TOT/CHE				0-----0 1/12-31 Mgmt FP Prog				0-----0 3/2-14 CHE											
NIGER									0-----0 <2 wks> Proj Dev								0-----0 <2 wks> Contr Dev											
SENEGAL	0-----0 <1 wks> Reg Trg/Prop Dev								0-----0 <2 wks> Contr Dev																			
TCHAD									0-----0 <TBD-2 wks> Study TM A Senegal/Morocco				0-----0 <TBD-2 wks> Study TM B Ruanda/Mauritius				0-0 <TBD-3 dys> Natl Sem				0-----0 <2 wks> Prog Ping				0-----0 <TBD-3 wks> FP Meth/TOT			
RWANDA									0-----0 11/3-15 Curr Dev								0-----0 <TBD-1 wk> FP Clinical				0-----0 <TBD-1 wk> FP Clinical							
ZAIRE					0-----0 <2 wks> Supv Mkzpl				0-----0 11/10-12/12 <5 wks> R2/R3 Teachers Trg								0-----0 <TBD-2 wks> TOT Basic Trg											

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