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Subject Foreign Trip Report (AID/RSSA): Panama, October 17-21, 1986--Maternal-Child Health/Family Planning Survey Seminar

To James O. Mason, M.D., Dr.P.H.  
Director, CDC  
Through: Assistant Director for Science, CHPE 1/17

- I. PLACES, DATES, AND PURPOSE OF TRAVEL
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I. PLACES, DATES, AND PURPOSE OF TRAVEL

Panama City, Panama, October 17-21, 1986, at the request of USAID/Panama and S&T/POP/FPSD to assist the Ministry of Health (MOH) in presenting a seminar on the results of the Maternal-Child Health/Family Planning Survey to MOH and other Government personnel. Dr. Morris' trip was in conjunction with duty in Guatemala and Dr. Oberle's with duty in Mexico.

II. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS

A. USAID/Panama

- 1. Raymond Rifeburg, Deputy Director
- 2. Mr. Allan Broehl, Division of Health
- 3. Sra. Angela de Mata, Project Assistant

B. Ministry of Health (MOH)

- 1. Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Vice-Minister
- 2. Dr. Egberto Stanzola, Director, MCH Division
- 3. Sr. Franklin Vega, Contraceptive Supplies Coordinator
- 4. Raul Batista, Director, Demographic and Health Statistics Division
- 5. Lic. Federico Guerra, Survey Coordinator, Demographic and Health Statistics Division
- 6. Dr. Marie Aybar, Maternal Health Director, MCH
- 7. Dr. Max Ramirez, Child Health Director, MCH

III. MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH/FAMILY PLANNING SURVEY

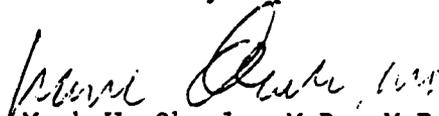
Prior to the survey seminar, we reviewed the draft Spanish language survey report that had been prepared by MOH personnel and consultants. (The English language survey report was issued by CDC in August 1986.) The document had

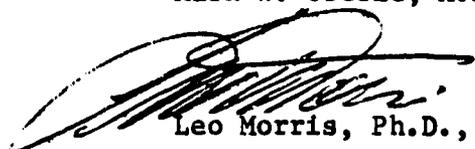
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obviously not been proofread, since it contained many typographical errors in the text and tables. We pointed these out to the survey director who agreed to incorporate the corrections in the final version.

The seminar consisted of 2 days divided between MCH topics on the first day and family planning topics on the second day (See attachment). Some 49 participants from the MOH central office, health regions, and other ministries attended the seminar at the Hotel Soloy. Dr. Oberle presented an international comparison of maternal-child health coverage, and Dr. Morris presented an international comparison of use of family planning services to put Panama's data in perspective. On both afternoons, the participants divided into four groups and discussed plans to improve maternal-child health and family planning services. Considerable discussion focused on the prevalence of Cesarean sections and the issue of sterilization regret. The MOH Statistics Office planned to do additional tabulations of their own on these issues to be analyzed at the MOH once CDC prepares a microcomputer diskette file.

Dr. Stanziola also asked us to review preliminary data from a young adult survey that the MOH had conducted in Panama City with UNFPA funds. Their survey questionnaire lacked key questions; however, we were able to restructure the analysis plan to enhance the survey report's usefulness.

  
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Leo Morris, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Attachment

PROGRAMA

LUNES 20:

- 8:50 - 9:00 Palabras de bienvenida
- 9:00 - 9:15 Inauguración
- 9:15 - 9:30 Objetivos de la Encuesta.  
Dra. María L. de Aybar
- 9:30 - 10:00 Diseño de la Investigación.  
Lic. Federico Guerra
- 10:00 - 10:30 R E F R I G E R I O
- 10:30 - 11:20 Atención Materno Infantil: Embarazo,  
Parto, Puerperio, Control de Creci-  
miento y Desarrollo.  
Lic. Raúl Batista
- 11:20 - 12:15 Comparación de la Atención Materno  
Infantil de Panamá y Guatemala.  
Dr. Mark Oberly
- 12:15 - 1:30 A L M U E R Z O
- 1:30 - 3:30 Trabajo de grupos
- 3:30 - 4:30 Informe de trabajo de grupos

Martes 21:

- 9:00 - 9:15 Lactancia Materna.  
Dr. Max R. Ramírez R.
- 9:15 - 9:45 Fecundidad y uso de Anticoncep-  
tivos.  
Lic. Vilma Médica
- 9:45 - 10:15 R E F R I G E R I O
- 10:15 - 11:15 Fecundidad y uso de Anticoncep-  
tivos.  
Lic. Vilma Médica
- 11:15 - 12:00 Situación de la Anticoncepción  
en Latinoamérica.  
Dr. Leo Morris
- 12:00 - 1:30 A L M U E R Z O
- 1:30 - 3:30 Discusión de temas: *supo (1)*  
-Lactancia            *supo (2)*  
-Fecundidad            *supo*  
-Uso de anticonceptivos
- 3:30 - 4:30 Informe final. *(3) y (4)*