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## Trip Report

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**Travelers:** Mr. Pape Gaye, INTRAH/WCA Director

**Country Visited:** CHAD

**Date of Trip:** March 21 - 27, 1987

**Purpose:** To brief Chadian Study Tour delegation and revise INTRAH/MOH contract workplan, March 22-28, 1987.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

INTRAH/WCA Office Director Mr. Pape Gaye visited Ndjamaena Chad from March 21-27, 1987 to brief the delegation traveling to Senegal for a study tour. Mr. Gaye also worked with USAID/Ndjamaena and the Ministry of Public Health to revise the training plan. A third objective of the trip was to familiarize Mr. Gaye with the INTRAH/MOH project prior to the upcoming PAC II mid-term project evaluation.

Mr. Gaye conducted two briefing sessions with the study tour delegation during which he briefed the group on the Senegal Family Health Project, discussed the content of the program schedule developed by ACI and ISTI, and explained logistical arrangements. Participants' input was also sought for integration into the study tour program.

Due to flight delays, the visit was extended two days, which gave Mr. Gaye an opportunity to continue to work with USAID/Ndjamaena. Extensive work sessions were held with USAID/Ndjamaena Population Advisor Ms. Leslie Brandon to revise the training plan to reflect intervention by other donor agencies and new USAID population strategy, discussions with in-country evaluator Mr. Abocar Sou on baseline data collection, and with USAID's Budget and Finance Specialist Mr. Bijan Yazdani on the INTRAH/MOH budget.

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday** Arrived in Ndjamena.  
**March 21**

**Sunday** Reviewed contract and training plan.  
**March 22**

**Monday** Met with Population Advisor Ms. Leslie  
**March 23** Brandon and General Development Officer Ms. Deedee Blanc.

Met with AID Representative Mr. John Woods.

Conducted briefing session with Study Tour delegation at the Ministry of Public Health.

Work session with Ms. Brandon.

**Tuesday** Work session at the Ministry of Health.  
**March 24**

Discussion with Mr. Bijan Yazdani, Budget and Finance Specialist.

Discussion at USAID/Ndjamena with Mr. Abel Albers, Health Liaison Assistant and Mr. Isaac Tedambe, Training Specialist.

Discussion with Mme. Cosingan Aicha, ORT Project Director, Africare.

**Wednesday** Work session with Ms. Brandon on revision of  
**March 25** training plan.

Drafted letter for Chad Ministry of Health to Ministry of Social Development in Senegal.

Finalized logistical arrangements with airline and bank.

**Thursday** Spent morning at airport for scheduled  
**March 26** departure. Flight finally cancelled.

Work session with delegation at the Ministry of Health.

Discussion with Ms. Betsy Stevens from ISTI on upcoming PAC II mid-term project evaluation.

Debriefed with USAID/Ndjamena on new training plan and INTRAH activities in Chad.

**Friday**  
**March 27**

Departed for Dakar with Study Tour delegation.

**Saturday**  
**March 28**

Arrived in Dakar.

Briefing session with INTRAH Consultant Dr. Penda Seck, and ACI staff.

Conducted introductory session with Study Tour delegation.

**Sunday**  
**March 29**

Departed for Abidjan.

**I. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP**

The major purpose of the trip was to brief and accompany the Chadian delegation to Senegal for a study tour designed to give members of various ministries the opportunity to become acquainted with and obtain information on an established family health project.

The objectives of the trip were specifically to:

1. Brief the group on the Senegal Family Health Project.
2. Discuss the delegation's expectations and incorporate them into the tentative program prepared by ACI and ISTI.
3. Review and, if necessary, revise the training plan in light of new contributions from other donor agencies and USAID/Ndjamena's new population strategy.

**II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Due to flight delays, the visit was extended two days, which gave Mr. Gaye the opportunity to accomplish all the set objectives and some unexpected ones. The following objectives were achieved:

- A. Conducted two briefing sessions with the Chadian Study Tour delegation, during which an outline of the major objectives of the Senegal Family Health Project were explained and the overall objectives of the Study Tour discussed.
- B. Prepared all logistical arrangements for the trip, including explanation of per diem, accommodations and local transportation.
- C. Reviewed training plan prepared by INTRAH and assessed the relevancy and timing of activities.

- D. Collaborated with USAID/Ndjamena Population Advisor Ms. Leslie Brandon in revising the training plan to reflect the new population strategy being developed by USAID/Ndjamena.
- E. Discussed baseline data collection with in-country evaluator Mr. Abocar Sou and briefed him on upcoming follow-on evaluation workshop to be conducted in Abidjan June 27-July 14, 1987.
- F. Made financial arrangements with USAID Budget & Finance Specialist Mr. Yazdani for the transfer of money to cover local transportation and other expenses during the study tour in Senegal.

### III. BACKGROUND

USAID/Ndjamena requested that an INTRAH representative come to Chad to brief the Chadian Study Tour group and accompany them to Dakar.

Prior to this visit, an INTRAH team had visited Ndjamena in February and November 1985 for needs assessment and project development, and in April 1986 for contract development and project finalization. Due to difficulties encountered in traveling to and from Chad and in arranging logistics, considerable delays were experienced in implementing the project. Since the Study Tour to Senegal was to be the first activity, the subsequent activities needed to be rescheduled.

USAID/Ndjamena acquired the services of Population Advisor Ms. Leslie Brandon, who began working with the Ministry of Public Health and other ministries to formulate a national family planning policy and a new USAID population strategy.

This trip was very timely in that it allowed Mr. Gaye to formalize the roles and responsibilities of the new INTRAH/WCA Regional Office and clarify expectations of USAID/Ndjamena and INTRAH.

**IV. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES**

The activities during the visit consisted mainly of work sessions at USAID/Ndjamena and the Ministry of Public Health. No major problems were encountered and the sessions yielded results which were found satisfactory by both parties. The lack of available personnel in the country motivated the changes in the training plan. The pool of available health professionals was very small and capacity of the MOPH very limited. The findings, conclusions and recommendations reflect most of the proposed changes in the training plan.

**V. FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Finding/Conclusion**

USAID/Ndjamena did not receive several very important telexes suggesting changes in the Study Tour for Group A. This created great difficulties and misunderstanding between USAID/Ndjamena and INTRAH.

**Recommendation**

INTRAH should seek the assistance of REDSO/WCA or the U.S. Embassy cable network in case problems are encountered with the commercial telex system.

**2. Finding/Conclusion**

USAID/Ndjamena feels very strongly that a visit by Study Tour Group B to a North African country would be very beneficial and was greatly disappointed when the prospect of a visit to Morocco was ruled out. Because INTRAH does not have a program in North Africa, logistical arrangements for a study tour would prove very difficult. USAID/Ndjamena recognizes this fact

but still feels that the second study tour should involve visits to two countries.

**Recommendation**

INTRAH should try to secure two countries for the Group B study tour visit. Contact should be made as soon as possible to Rwanda, Mauritius, and Kenya as possible countries.

3. **Finding/Conclusion**

The training of a core team of trainers might not be appropriate for Chad at this time. This is mainly due to the lack of trained personnel in the country and the fact that training a core team would not be cost-effective, especially when it is known that the team would not be well-utilized.

**Recommendation**

Training should focus on service delivery providers working in the PMI's and the two polyclinics in Ndjamen, where potential candidates for a national core training team will be identified for the future.

4. **Finding/Conclusion**

Efforts are being made with other centrally-funded and donor agencies to lay the foundation for a national integrated MCH/FP policy. If INTRAH's training plan is implemented as it is now written, it would not be consistent with these new efforts.

**Recommendation**

Activities in the training plan should be modified and rescheduled to promote consistency with other activities being planned.

**APPENDIX A**

**Persons Contacted/Met**

**USAID/Ndjamena**

Mr. John BLANC, United States Ambassador to Chad  
Mr. John WOODS, AID Representative  
Ms. Deedee BLANC, General Development Officer  
Ms. Leslie BRANDON, Population Advisor  
Mr. Abel ALBAS, Health Liaison Assistant  
Mr. Isaac TEDAMBE, Training Specialist  
Mr. Kevin GUILD, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Bijam YAZDANI, Budget & Finance Specialist

**Ministry of Public Health**

Mr. Adjid OUMAR, Director of Training  
Dr. Nahor NGAWARA, Physician

**Ministry of Social Affairs and Promotion of Women**

Mrs. Monique DEPOR

**Ministry of Justice and Keeper of the Seals**

Mr. Taher ABDERAMAN

**National Political Party (UNIR)**

Mrs. Fatima AWADE

**Ministry of Interior and Territorial Administration**

Mr. Djitog TRAOTOBAYE, Director

**Secretary of State at the Presidency for Information and Orientation**

Mr. Abba Ali KHAYA

**Islamic Committee**

Mr. Mohamed Idjemi SHERIF

**Ministry Delegate at the Presidency for Planning**

Mr. Saramadji MIGABAYE

**Others**

Ms. Betsy Stevens, ISTI  
Ms. Sarah COMBS, Training Specialist, HIID team  
Mme. Cosingan AICHA, Chief, ORT Project Africare  
Mr. Mbaye SEYE, Pritech Consultant