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This is the seventh quarterly report for the International Research Awards Program on the Determinants of Fertility in Developing Countries. Since the previous report included information on the April 1-2, 1982 meeting of the Program Committee, this report will include only activities between April 3 and June 30, 1982.

This quarter had three objectives: (1) continued proposal generation, receipt, review and preparation of subagreements; (2) appointment of additional members of the Program Committee; and (3) extension of the program. In addition, proposal generation and technical assistance activities took place in Latin America.

Proposals, Awards, and Subagreements

The flow of proposals at various stages continued. A report on the flow for the period will be included in the next quarterly report which includes the July/August meetings of the committees.

A great deal of time was spent on trying to get clearances for the CEBRAP/CEDEPLAR proposal (81/0971). By the end of the period, the clearance issue was not resolved. It will be an item on the Program Committee's agenda at its August meeting. The Project Monitor in AID has copies of all correspondence.

In addition, a number of proposals received and approved by the Program Committee have ending dates beyond 29 September 1983, the finishing date of the current Cooperative Agreement between USAID and the Population Council. On 26 April 1982, the Council requested an amendment to the agreement extending it for 3 years to 29 September 1986. This request would include the final two years in the original Council proposal and requests an additional year during which no awards would be made but would allow time to finish up agreements made in the last 3 years of the program. The final year included requests for a smaller PC staff and contained no subagreement funding. The request was pending at the end of the quarter.

Program Committee Members

During the quarter USAID and the Council mutually agreed to three new members of the Program Committee. These replaced two members, W. Parker Mauldin and Harvey Leibenstein who served on the original Committee. The new members appointed, and their terms of appointment, are: Rodolfo Bulatao-7/1/82-5/30/83; Jason Finkle-7/1/82 to 12/31/83; and Ronald Freedman-7/1/82-12/31/83. Dr. Bulatao's shorter term was at his request.

Technical Assistance

Axel I. Mundigo, the Council's Senior Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, met with researchers in Peru, Chile and Mexico during

June. These meetings took place while Dr. Mundigo was on other business and no travel expense funds from this project were expended. His trip reports are appended.

Next Quarter

The tasks for next quarter are: continued proposal generation, receipt, review and subagreement preparation; meeting of the Peer Review and Program Committees; resolution of the CEBRAP/CEDEPLAR clearance issue; conclusion of the request for an extension of the project.

Attachments

Trip reports (3) from Axel Mundigo re proposal generation activities

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mead Cain / Charles Keely
FROM: Axel I. Mundigo
SUBJECT: Fertility Determinants: Potential Chile Proposals

DATE: 6th July 1982

C.C.: G. Brown
P. Demeny
G. McNicoll
J. Potter

During my recent visit to Chile June 12-17, I met with researchers of three different social science centers who expressed an interest in future project presentations to the Fertility Determinants Program. As a caveat, I should note that none of these projects has materialized yet into a developed proposal. The three are at various stages of discussion/preparation as it will be appreciated by the discussion below. The fact that there was nothing very concrete to respond to was a relief since we are not yet sure that Chile is off the list of proscribed countries for US/AID assistance.

For the record, I should note that the Chile trip did not have AID Mission clearance, but I took advantage of the small add on following a fully AID cleared (not for Fertility Determinants) visit to Perú. Although, the Perú visit did have at least a day devoted to Fertility Determinants projects, its main purpose was a project with the Ministry of Health. Returning now to the Chilean institutions, they are.

1. CELADE: I was informed by Mr. Bardessi, its new director, Dr. Urzúa, and Macció, that several discussions have been held internally at CELADE concerning the preparation of a project proposal to the Fertility Determinants competition. Partly because of the recent difficult situation that CELADE has gone through, that resulted in the nomination of Bardessi, a non-demographer as director, and partly due to the departure of staff and consequent need to reorganize priorities, the discussions never materialized into a fully developed proposal. CELADE would probably come in at one point with a comparative scheme centering on certain determinants, possibly proximate and institutional, of recent fertility declines in several Andean countries. I suggested that if they were

truly interested in presenting a proposal to let me know once they had prepared a draft document with these ideas. I told them that I would be pleased to assist them at that point. Generally the feeling I got at CELADE was that they should have sent in a proposal but that because of a complex internal situation that has meant responding to existing commitments with reduced staff, the idea of an application had to be postponed.

FLACSO: Here I met with José Joaquín Brunner (director), Augusto Varas and Angel Flishflish who had prepared a tentative project that would concentrate on family decisions concerning life-cycle events utilizing an anthro-demographic approach. The project would center on role definitions, decision-making-processes and the structure of options and opportunities available to low-income families in two urban marginal settings in Chile. The project would attempt to look into the motives for low fertility maintenance and to check whether the fertility levels of these families is as low as it is assumed and why it is so. As it is well known Chile has a pro-natalist policy, has curtailed family planning services but fertility remains very low. The project would use some secondary data (household surveys) but it would rely principally on a small sample of in-depth interviews. Given the ban on social science surveys in Chile, the interviews must be conducted with extreme care. Flishflish would be the principal investigator of this project. For the moment, I told them that as it was the proposal was not ready for submission being notably poor on references to recent fertility determinants literature. I provided them with an adequate bibliography and suggested extensive conceptual revisions. I also explained to them the situation with AID in Chile. Again, I left it open with this group for a possible follow-up visit in late October. They expect to have a revised proposal ready by September.

GIA: (Group for Agricultural Research). I was surprised by the interest of this center on fertility research but they are thinking of adding demographic capacity to their research group to look into issues such as migration and fertility. I met with Drs. Crispí (Director) and Leiva, their interest stems from the rapid change in land tenure systems in Chile. Former small farmers who received land through the agrarian reforms of the 1960's and early 1970's are rapidly selling their land. Former medium-sized farms are also being forced to sell as the process of agro-industrialization gathers strength.

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A new class of rural workers who have urban or semi-urban residence is rapidly emerging. These people are highly mobile, work in different parts of the country during different crop seasons as temporary migrant laborers. What has been the fertility effects of these structural changes? This would be the main objective of a GIA proposal. Their approach would be similar to a village case study. They need a good bibliography to orient them (Jeff/ Mead can you provide me with one please). Of the three centers visited GIA is the least advanced in terms of proposal preparation. Again, I was very cautious and suggested to do careful homework and consultation before sending in a proposal. On the other hand, the focus of GIA is clear, their ideas were well articulated and the research team at this center is impressive (GIA was born out of the old Land Tenure Center and has strong ties to the University of Wisconsin).



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Potential Mexican Application

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During the past few weeks I have held several meetings with a research group interested in studying parental status and the significance of children in Mexico. The group includes Ana Cabré (Colegio de México), Alfonso Sandoval (Colegio de México), and Elsa López (National Population Council). Dr. Cabré would be the principal investigator. Basically, the project would look at those countries that have gone through a radical fertility decline searching for clues as to how the significance of children changed through historical time and also through family time. The basic hypothesis they intend to work with is that in every family there are children who can be conceptualized as significant for the maintenance of parental status and others who are not significant. As fertility goes down the non-significant children simply disappear – families do not have them. What is ^{the} threshold between these two types of children, what role does sex composition play, how do they vary by class and social condition, what is their perception in Mexico today? These are some of the questions the group is trying to sort out. They are checking historical demography bibliographies and anthropological studies of family composition and family systems in preparation for their proposal. They expect a first submission by 1 November.

The researchers are highly motivated and Dr. Cabré, a Spaniard who teaches also at the University of Barcelona, is planning to return to Mexico for 2–3 years to work on the project. I find their idea intriguing. Again, some assistance with bibliographical materials would be welcome.

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TO: Mead Cain /Charles Keely
FROM: Axel I. Mundigo *AM*
SUBJECT: Fertility Determinants
Projects N° 81/0401 and 81/1261

DATE: 25th June 1982

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During my recent visit to Perú (June 7-11) I spent a full day at INANDEP with Drs. Hernan Fernández and Carlos Aramburu going over the proposal entitled: "Changes in Fertility in a Context of Economic Crisis: Perú 1969 - 1981." In April of this year the Program Committee did not approve the second/full proposal. In March Dr. Aramburu came to Mexico with a completed draft which was then submitted to the Program. At that time I told him that I did not expect the proposal to be approved since there were a number of conceptual and methodological issues that were not fully developed. However, it was not possible then to start a pre-submission revision since there were only a few days left before the due date. Since there is no impediment in the competition that prevents re-submission, I suggested to let the process continue its course. At this point, we have the advantage of a full set of excellent critical comments to work with as well as the expected negative answer.

My meeting with the group was frank and productive. Basically, the research team is lacking a demographer with greater knowledge of recent fertility determinants literature and who is also able to theoretically establish a linkage between macro and micro phenomena in a way that has conceptual coherence. I assisted in identifying such a person and a preliminary contact was made. We also agreed that before any further submissions are made, I would meet once more with them possibly in the 3rd week of October to go over their project. One question arose to which I did not know the answer: do they have to start from scratch again or can they go directly to full proposal presentation? My feeling is that they would have to start with the 10 page submission but I was not sure. Please let me know what is the correct way. Also, I should state that these potential winners have for me a higher priority for assistance than other groups that seem much more tentative in their plans. The fact that a group lost once, as in the Peruvian case, should not be cause for abandoning the project altogether, especially if there is potential in the idea.

Also in Perú I met with Marta Tienda who was trying to enlist Carlos Aramburu of INANDEP to cooperate in her own project entitled: "Institutional Determinants of Family Formation in Perú" (N° 81/1261). Dr. Tienda is going to re-submit a revised project including Aramburu. Aramburu would work in a case study to be carried out in Perú. Also, an overall better coordination between the Wisconsin team and INANDEP was worked out. A major preoccupation of Aramburu was resolved by Keely's cable. Many thanks

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for prompt response. I would anticipate that the Tienda project would go through first and that Aramburu's involvement in this project may, in fact, be an asset for the Fernández project, which is still very tentative and needs an awful lot of work before it would have a better chance. Ideally, the two projects would allow a much better and complete overview of the factors determining fertility change in Perú.

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January 20, 1983

TO : See Distribution
FROM : S&T/POP/PDD, Judith Seltzer *JDS*
SUBJECT: International Research Awards Program
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Attached are copies of quarterly reports (April - June 1982 and July - September 1982) of the subject program at the Population Council. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me.

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