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**Country Visited:** BURKINA FASO

**Date of Trip:** May 4 - 8, 1987

**Purpose:** To conduct a joint INTRAH/PCS program review at the request of USAID/Cuagadougou

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### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<b>ABBEF</b>	Association Burkinabé pour le Bien-être familial
<b>DFP</b>	Direction de la Formation Professionnelle
<b>DSME</b>	Direction de la Santé de la Mère et de l'Enfant
<b>GDO</b>	General Development Officer
<b>IEC</b>	Information, Education, Communication
<b>MOFWNS</b>	Ministry of Family Welfare and National Solidarity
<b>PCS</b>	Population Communication Services
<b>PMI</b>	Protection Maternelle et Infantile
<b>TRG</b>	Training Resources Group

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRAH/WCA Director Pape Gaye visited Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso May 4 - 8, 1987 at the request of USAID/Ouagadougou. The purpose of the visit was to work with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Family Welfare and National Solidarity to improve integration of the two projects sponsored by INTRAH and PCS.

The objectives of the visit were:

1. To collaborate with PCS Senior Program Officer Philippe Langlois in clarifying issues of per diem payment to participants of the National Training Team.
2. To revise the training schedule to allow service providers from the two ministries to be trained together in clinical family planning theory.
3. To work with INTRAH Project Director Mrs. Fati Legma on the management of the INTRAH/Ministry of Health budget.
4. To formally introduce INTRAH Consultant Dr. Anne-Charlotte Royer to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Family Welfare and Solidarity.

Unfortunately, the Directors of the Directorate for Maternal and Child Health at the MOH and of Family Planning at MOFWNS were not available during Mr. Gaye's visit due to unforeseen political obligations. Mr. Gaye was, however, able to work with teams from the Ministries, PCS and USAID/Ouagadougou. Among the accomplishments was the development of strategies and common understanding on the following issues:

- Financial responsibilities to the core training team.
- Joint training of FP service providers from the MOH and MOFWNS.
- Inclusion of IEC skills in training for MOH FP service providers.

- Limiting to 10 the number of MOH FP service providers who are to receive IUD insertion training, due to the insufficient number of clients during practical training.
- The collection of baseline data by in-country evaluators and the Abidjan Evaluation Follow-on workshop scheduled for June/July 1987.
- Rescheduling of activities for the development of FP curricula in professional schools.

A major recommendation stemming from the visit was the necessity for the two ministries to name a coordinator who will work in supervising and monitoring the two projects to ensure better coordination.

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES****Monday  
May 4**

Arrived in Ouagadougou at 11:30.

Briefed at USAID/Ouagadougou with Mrs. Roxana DeSole, Project Manager; Ms. Perle Combary; Ms. Jana Glenn-Ntumba, TRG Consultant; and Mr. Philippe Langlois, PCS Senior Program Officer.

Met at MOFWNS with Mrs. Batta, Chief, Directorate for Family Planning, and Mrs. Cassaloum, PCS Project Director.

Met with Dr. Anne-Charlotte Royer, INTRAH Consultant.

**Tuesday  
May 5**

Briefed with USAID Director Mr. Herbert Miller and GDO Mr. Baudoin de Marken.

Briefed with Dr. Royer.

Work session with Dr. Royer, Ms. Glenn-Ntumba and Mr. Langlois.

Work session at MOFWNS with members of the National Training Team.

Work session with Dr. Royer.

**Wednesday  
May 6**

Visit to the Ministry of Health and met with the Secretary General to discuss study tour for 10 Chadian officials.

Worked on revision of training plan.

Meeting and work session with Mr. Joany Kaboré, Chief, Directorate for Professional Training, and Dr. Royer on the revision of curricula for professional schools.

**Thursday**  
**May 7**

Met with Mr. Langlois, Ms. Glenn-Ntumba and Mrs. DeSole.

Work session with Mr. Langlois on the collaboration between PCS and INTRAH and revision of training plan.

Worked with Ms. Glenn-Ntumba and Mr. Langlois on the upcoming TOT/IEC and the role of the National Training Team.

Final joint meeting of MOH, MOFWNS, INTRAH, PCS and USAID/Ouagadougou.

**Friday**  
**May 8**

Debriefed at USAID with Mrs. DeSole.

Worked on final report and memo to USAID, MOH, MOFWNS.

Departed for Abidjan at 2pm.

**I. PURPOSE OF TRIP**

The purpose of the trip was to respond to a request by USAID/Ouagadougou to INTRAH and PCS to make a joint visit to work with the MOFWNS in integrating training of FP service providers.

Specific objectives were as follows:

1. Clarify the problem of per diem payment to members of the National Training Team.
2. Work with PCS, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Family Welfare and Solidarity to organize training schedules so that FP service providers from the two ministries are trained together.
3. To discuss and find a solution to the problem of IUD training for MOH participants.
4. To reschedule curriculum development activities scheduled for 1987.
5. To formally introduce INTRAH Consultant Dr. Anne-Charlotte Royer to the MOH and MOFWNS.

**II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

During the visit Mr. Gaye worked extensively with PCS Senior Program Officer Philippe Langlois and accomplished most of the objectives of the visit.

Accomplishments include the following:

1. Resolved the problem of financial responsibilities for payment of core training team members.
2. Rescheduled and reorganized training schedules to provide for joint training in FP theory for MOH and MOFWNS FP service providers.
3. Restructured FP comprehensive training to include counseling for MOH FP service providers.
4. Agreed on the number of MOH FP service providers who are to receive training in IUD insertion in order to provide greater opportunities for adequate practicum.

5. Discussions were held with USAID/Ouagadougou in-country evaluators in the collection of baseline data and the Abidjan Evaluation Follow-on Workshop.
6. Rescheduled activities in the development of FP curricula for professional schools to coincide with plans by the MOH Directorate for Professional Training.
7. Participated in preparation meetings between TRG and PCS and the national co-facilitators prior to the start of Activity 7 of training plan.
8. Visited the FP clinical reference center and held discussions with the head of the center who is also a member of the National Training Team.

### III. BACKGROUND

The INTRAH/MOH contract was signed in February 1987 allowing the timely beginning of in-country training activities. The first training activity was a clinical FP workshop for the National Training Team conducted March 9 - April 10, 1987.

While INTRAH developed a project with the MOH, PCS developed a related one with the MOFWNS. The National Training Team, however, is made up of participants from both Ministries. Implementation of initial training activities revealed the existence of certain problems related to the financial management of the INTRAH budget, role definition and clarification of responsibilities. Furthermore, the MOFWNS expressed concern that separate training of the two groups of FP service providers would not be the best model for integration of FP service delivery. USAID/Ouagadougou then requested that INTRAH and PCS schedule a joint visit to Burkina Faso to work with the two Ministries in resolving these problems to ensure successful project start up.

#### IV. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Activities began in Abidjan the week preceding Mr. Gaye's visit. Mr. Langlois and TRG Consultant Ms. Jana Glenn-Ntumba visited INTRAH/WCA for a team planning meeting conducted by Mr. Gaye. Mr. Gaye and Mr. Langlois discussed their respective projects and developed strategies for integrating the training of MOH and MOFWNS FP service providers. These strategies were to be presented and discussed with USAID/Ouagadougou and the two Ministries upon arrival in Ouagadougou.

The major activities during the Burkina Faso visit were to be discussions and work sessions with the DSME/MOH Director and the MOFWNS Director of Family Planning. However, upon arrival in-country, the INTRAH/PCS team learned that both officials would not be available due to political obligations outside Ouagadougou. The team did meet briefly with both officials prior to their departure to discuss major issues to be addressed and thereafter worked with designated staff from the two Ministries.

Mr. Gaye met with INTRAH Training Consultant Dr. Royer, Mr. Langlois, USAID Project Manager Roxana DeSole and Human Resource Development Officer Perle Combarry and delegations from the MOH and MOFWNS. Mrs. Pauline Cassaloum, PCS Project Director, represented the MOFWNS and Ms. Therese Yugma represented the DSME.

A first meeting with all parties concerned was conducted at DSME during which a list of all issues to be resolved was drawn up. The INTRAH/PCS team then worked individually with the various parties.

Dr. Royer and Mr. Gaye also held separate sessions to discuss progress of the project and the plan for the scheduled Study Tour for 10 Chadian officials.

A final meeting with all parties present was conducted prior to Mr. Gaye's departure. All issues were clarified and Mr. Gaye finalized a memorandum summarizing all major decisions.

V. FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONSFindings/Conclusions

1. The budget prepared by INTRAH provided funds only for the MOH Core Training Team members. This situation created confusion during the March/April workshop since PCS' money was not yet available.
2. MOFWNS expressed concern that separate training of FP service providers from the MOH and MOFWNS will not be easy. Joint training will allow for better role definition and collaboration and therefore, MOFWNS suggested joint training of FP service providers in FP theory.
3. USAID/Ouagadougou requested that all MOH FP service providers receive counseling training.

Recommendations

1. To avoid further complications, PCS should reimburse INTRAH for the costs of MOFWNS participants. Mrs. Legma will then have the responsibility of paying all participants. INTRAH/CH and PCS should find the appropriate mechanism for insuring transfer of these funds.
2. PCS and INTRAH should revise the training schedules to allow for joint 2-week FP theory workshops. PCS should advance its training dates to coincide with INTRAH's. Following the 2-week FP theory workshops, PCS would then conduct a 2-week IEC workshop and INTRAH would conduct practicum for 4 weeks.
3. Counseling training should be included as 1-day workshops during practical FP clinical training. To ensure quality training, these workshops should be organized in small groups of no more than 5 participants per workshop.

### Findings/Conclusions

4. During the first FP training the participants did not receive enough practice in IUD insertion. Furthermore, only 6 practicum sites were available for the 18 participants. A sufficient number of functional sites to allow adequate practical training for 27 participants in the upcoming training for FP service providers is required, especially if IUD insertion training is to be included.
5. The MOH has formed a committee to work on integration of FP in the curricula of professional schools. The MOFWNS wants to integrate FP in the curriculum of its School of Social Sciences. INTRAH has scheduled this activity in 1988.
6. USAID/Ouagadougou requested that INTRAH evaluators assess all 41 project sites. However, such a job is beyond INTRAH's responsibilities and scope of work.

### Recommendations

4. The number of participants to receive IUD insertion training should be limited to 10. Efforts should be made to locate additional sites for practical training. Dr. Royer and DSME personnel should visit the ABBEF clinic and the Ouagadougou Hospital to explore possibilities for clinical practicum.
5. INTRAH should advance the dates for curriculum development to coincide with the MOH Plan (June-August 1987). INTRAH should also name a consultant to review the work and provide technical assistance to the committee. PCS should provide funds and INTRAH should provide technical assistance for integration of FP into the curriculum of the School of Social Sciences.
6. INTRAH Evaluation Specialist Candy Newman and the INTRAH/CH Evaluation Unit should clarify this issue with USAID/Ouagadougou.

**APPENDIX A**  
**PERSONS CONTACTED/MET**

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#### USAID/Ouagadougou

Mr. Herbert MILLER, USAID Director  
Mr. Baudoin de MARKEN, General Development Officer  
Ms. Perle COMBARY, Human Resource Development Officer  
Mrs. Roxana DESOLE, Project Manager

#### Ministry of Health/Direction de la Santé de la Mère et de l'Enfant

Mr. Alain ZOUNGBA, Secretary General  
Mrs. Fati LEGMA, Director, DSME  
Mrs. Therese YUGMA, INTRAH Evaluator  
Mrs. Franceline ILBOUDOU, Midwife  
Ms. Alima ABJIBADE, Midwife  
Mr. Joany KABORE, Director, Direction de la Formation Professionnelle  
Mr. NGONE, Director, Reference Clinic Samandin

#### Ministry of Family Welfare and National Solidarity

Mrs. Fatoumata BATTA, Director  
Mrs. Pauline CASSALOUM, PCS Project Director  
Ms. Valentine TIENDREBEOGO, INTRAH Evaluator

#### Others

Dr. Anne-Charlotte ROYER, INTRAH Consultant  
Mr. Philippe LANGLOIS, PCS Senior Program Officer  
Ms. Jana GLENN-NTUMBA, TRG Consultant