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I. OVERVIEW

This report covers the period October 1, 1990 to April 30, 1992. It will describe implementation progress of projects/activities that terminated or were on-going during the reporting period. In general, they have progressed on schedule and have met proposed objectives. Following are implementation highlights from the Mission's portfolio.

Under USAID/Paraguay's Accountability in Government initiative, the Health Management activity made a significant contribution to the restructuring of the Ministry of Health, the improvement of its budget preparation process, and its subsequent defense before the Paraguayan Senate. Another small technical assistance activity begun in March 1992 has been training Controller-General staff and is helping shape the latter's national agenda.

Under the Drug Abuse Prevention program, a National Drug Prevention Network was created with participation of the Ministries of Health, Interior, Education, and Justice, as well as several non-governmental agencies. A USAID-funded epidemiology study on drug use prevalence has received wide press coverage and is regarded as the seminal attitudinal study on drugs in the country.

The Agrarian Reform activity, implemented through the University of Wisconsin Land Tenure Center and the grantee, the Center for Sociological Studies (CPES), has provided useful policy options for the executive and congressional leadership. But a finished compendium of studies has yet to be completed by the grantee.

The Paraguay-Kansas PARTNERS Information Resources Center for Development has continued to provide management training to a growing network of Paraguayan non-governmental organizations. The IRCD has disseminated information on a wide range of issues including economic reform, democracy initiatives, legislative strengthening, trade and investment, and it has provided administrative and financial backstop for the Drug Abuse Prevention project.

An Information Management Systems project, designed in response to a request from the Paraguayan Constituent Assembly, did not materialize as originally envisioned. However, the activity has provided useful analyses of constitutional issues for the Assembly membership, and its Constitutional Data Base has been useful in the work of the Drafting Committee. A two-volume set of draft articles was compiled, printed and provided to all 197 Assembly members.

Progress in Judicial Reform has been lethargic, although several useful analyses were prepared under a contract with Checchi and Company for judicial sector planners. The Grant Agreement with the Paraguayan Instituto de Ciencias Penales was amended to modify training plans. The USIS Public Affairs Office has arranged for a one-month visitors program for four Paraguayan judges to commence this summer.

Terminated activities include a Microenterprise Development project through the Fundación Paraguaya de Cooperación y Desarrollo, the Natural Resources Conservation Center of the Carlos Pfannl Institute, and the Social Marketing Pharmacy activity. While these activities accomplished their objectives, none have been officially closed out according to A.I.D. handbook requirements, nor have they been evaluated for "lessons learned".

The Technical Assistance for Private Enterprise, implemented through the local office of the International Executive Service Corps (IESC) has been problematic. Attempts by the new A.I.D. Representative to realign IESC priorities close to Mission objectives have only been partially successful.

Small Project Assistance with the Peace Corps has been well managed and has achieved objectives in health, low income housing and other areas.

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AGRICULTURE										
1. Agricultural Training (B) (IAS) Agmt LAC-0616-A-00- 6076-00 \$210,000 (FY86) Amendment No.2 \$190,000 (FY87)	1986/87	May/91	400,000	235,000	400,000			400,000		
			210,000		210,000			210,000		
			190,000		190,000			190,000		
2. Agrarian Reform (A) Access to Land, Water, and Other Res. Cont. DHR-5453-B-00-9078-00	1989/91	June/92	333,034		333,034	150,000	137,075	290,792	244,833	42,242
3. Small Project Assistance Amend. No. 6 to Country Agmt. dated 8/29/88	1988	08/23/91	35,000		35,000		15,000	33,317	13,317	1,682
SUB TOTAL AGRICULTURE			768,034	235,000	768,034	150,000	152,075	724,109	258,150	43,924
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION										
1. Conservation Institutional Dev (A) Nature Conservancy (Fund. Moises Bertoni) Agmt 526-0616-G-SS-9001-00	1989	Sept/92	396,563	277,668	396,563		309,246	261,811	174,454	134,751
2. Natural Res. Conservation Center (B) Salesian Mission (IAS Carlos Pfannl) Agmt 526-0616-G-SS-9002-00	1989	Dec/93	200,000	195,000	200,000		174,367	168,073	142,440	31,926
3. Environmental Support Project (A) Contract No. 598-0780-5-00-0001 P.O. No. LDNA-0012-92	1992	May/93	50,000		50,000	50,000	50,000	3,300	3,300	46,700
SUB TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION			646,563	472,668	646,563	50,000	533,613	433,184	320,234	213,377

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PRIVATE SECTOR, ENVIRON. & ENERGY										
1. <u>Technical Assistance for Private Enterprises (A)</u> International Executive Service Corps, Agmt LAC-0616-A-00-5089-00 \$ 300,000 (FY 85) \$ 100,000 (FY 90) \$ 200,000 (FY 91)	1985/91	June/92	600,000	233,628	600,000	200,000	113,190	472,189	185,379	127,811
2. <u>Micro Enterprise Employment Gener</u> (A) Fundacion Paraguaya de Desarrollo Grant No. 526-0616--SS-8005-00 (FY 88) \$ 80,000 (FY 89) \$ 70,000	1988/89	Sept/91	150,000	150,000	150,000		51,312	150,000	51,312	
			80,000		80,000		80,000			
			70,000		70,000		70,000		51,312	
SUB TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR, ENVIRON. & ENERGY			750,000	383,628	750,000	200,000	164,502	622,189	236,691	127,811
DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES										
1. <u>Electoral Assistance</u> PIO/C 526-0616-3-00013	1990	Sept/91	299,052		299,052			299,052	86,455	
2. <u>Training Election Officials (A)</u> Grant No. 596-0591-G-SS-0002	1991	Aug/91	40,000		40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	
3. <u>Electoral Process Observation (A)</u> Contract 0591-0001	1991/92	Sept/93	250,000		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
4. <u>Legislative Strengthening (A)</u> Grant No. 526-0591-G-SS-2001	1992	June/92	150,000		75,000	75,000	75,000	49,550	49,550	25,450
5. <u>Municipal Development (A)</u> Cable Asuncion 000579	1992	Sept/93	100,000		3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
6. <u>Accountability in Govn't (A)</u> P.O. No. LDSA-0010-92	1992	May/92	150,000		20,080	20,080	20,080	20,080	20,080	
SUB TOTAL DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES			690,000		188,080	188,080	188,080	162,630	162,630	25,450

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EDUCATION										
Information Resource Center Agmt. No. 526-016-A-00-8004-00 \$135,000 (FY 88) \$115,000 (FY 89) \$100,000 (FY 90)	1988/90	May/92	450,000	53,900	350,000		175,434	338,175	163,609	11,825
SUB TOTAL EDUCATION			450,000	53,900	350,000		175,534	338,175	163,609	11,825
POPULATION										
1. Demographic Household Survey (A) (Buy-in to the DHS-II Project 936-3023) \$ 75,000 (FY89) \$ 50,000 (FY90)	1989/90	12/31/90	125,000		125,000		50,000	125,000	50,000	
2. Social Marketing (A) Pharmacy Program (SOMARC) Contr. DPE-3051-2-00-8043-00 \$ 50,000 (FY89) \$ 25,000 (FY90)	1989/90	02/28/91	75,000		75,000		25,000	75,000	25,000	
3. Demographic Data Initiatives (A) PASA Agmt No. DPE-3046-P-CA-9005	1992	March/93	27,000		27,000	27,000	27,000			27,000
SUB TOTAL POPULATION			227,000		227,000	27,000	102,000	200,000	75,000	27,000

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HEALTH										
1. Health Management (A) Contract LAC-0657-C-07-0051-00	1991/92	Sept/93	721,884		121,884	121,884	121,884	121,884	121,884	
2. Drug Abuse Prevention (A) Contract DFE-5834-Z-00-0008-00, Amend. No. 2, Development Associates, Inc.	1990/91	Sept/93	400,000		400,000	200,000	195,000	337,280	332,280	62,720
SUB TOTAL HEALTH			1,121,884		521,884	321,884	316,884	459,164	454,164	62,720
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE										
1. Judicial School (A) Grant No. 526-0642-G-SS-0004	1991	Dec/92	50,000		50,000	50,000	50,000	6,700	6,700	43,300
2. AOJ/AID/USIS Agreement (A) Agreement Dated 5/31/91	1991	May/93	100,000		100,000	100,000	100,000			100,000
3. Judicial Reform (PD&S) (A) P.O. No. 0000-0013-92	1992	Sept/93	100,000		25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
4. Assessment of Administration of Justice Activities (A) IQC No. PDC-0085-I-00-9060	1991	Aug/91	13,884		13,884	13,884	13,884	12,576	12,576	1,308
SUB TOTAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE			263,884		188,884	188,884	188,884	44,276	44,276	144,608

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1. Participant Training (A) (LASPAU Contract)	1985/89	09/30/93	1,344,953		1,344,953		224,002	1,240,622	119,672	104,330
PORTFOLIO TOTAL			6,262,318	1,145,196	4,985,398	1,125,848	2,045,475	4,224,349	1,834,427	761,048

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III. ITT ACTIVITY NARRATIVES BY PROJECTS

A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.: Access to Land, Water & Other Natural Resources II
(ACCESS II) (598-0616.06)

- Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 1992

- Implementing Agency: Wisconsin Land Tenure Center(WLTC)

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE:Identify, analyze, and recommend strategy options for addressing land tenure and agrarian reform issues in Paraguay.

C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Output Expected

-Research activities completed and corresponding reports submitted to A.I.D. on:

-Improved models for agrarian reform and rural development based on local experience;

-An analysis and evaluation of past agrarian policies; and

-An analysis and evaluation of governmental and non-governmental institutions engaged in agrarian policy formulation and implementation.

Brief Assessment of Activity

The WLTC/CPES technical team has launched, as a second phase of the project, a major research effort on issues related to rural markets. During the latter part of 1991, and the first quarter of this year, survey instruments were designed and applied to answer key questions on the problems of land access to the Paraguayan peasantry, the smallholder's ability to pay for land, and better land distribution through the land market mechanism (taxation, etc.).

With field data collection completed, analysis is now underway to produce papers on "The Changing Patterns of Land Access and Land Ownership During Paraguay's Decade of Agricultural Growth" and the "Land Market Reform in Paraguay--Can it Solve the Problem of Land Hunger?" In addition, CPES has already completed a paper, using national census data, on the profiles and trends in the agrarian sector.

CPES will continue to utilize its many governmental and non-governmental connections to channel the results of these studies for leveraging policy decisions on land distribution.

In addition to work in the land market/land reform area, the LTC/CPES cooperative program has further developed and extended research results on a small farm credit and marketing which were produced during the first phase of the project. Also, CPES' recent role in the creation of the law establishing the Peasant Development Fund* (Fondo de Desarrollo Campesino) is indicative of its goal and success in generating and extending policy-relevant research.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None

* Being established through a \$14 million loan from the International Fund for Ag. Development (IFAD).

A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.: Conservation Institutional Development - Fundación Moises Bertoni (598-0616.06)

- Estimated Completion Date: September 30, 1992

- Implementing Agency: The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Support the institutional development of the Fundacion Bertoni to accomplish its mission of conserving the biodiversity of Paraguay.

C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs Expected

-Strengthened operational capability of the Foundation.

-Continuing conservation programs implemented.

-Major land management and protection actions sponsored, i.e. creation of two major new national parks or equivalent reserves; increased number of trained and equipped park guards and supervisors on public reserves; the promotion and registration of five private reserves; and sustainable development actions in the buffer zones of the protected areas.

Brief Assessment of Activity

The Foundation continues providing financial support and training of technical personnel and guards, to national parks and reserves, including the recently dedicated Mbaracayú Nature Reserve and Asuncion Botanical Garden and Zoo. Foundation staff have also made frequent monitoring visits to four national parks.

The "private nature reserve" program has conducted promotional campaigns among ranch owners in the area of Concepción and Pedro Juan Caballero. Also, a strategic plan for the program and a guide for the preparation of operational plans for private nature reserves have recently been completed.

Implementation of the local support and awareness programs have been very successful. Various press events on environmental issues, ecotourism excursions, lectures, and fund-raising activities, were held during the year. Also, the sales promotion of the "Expedition" video has been very successful.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned:

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- A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.: Natural Resources Conservation Center
IAS "Carlos Pfannl" (598-0616.06)

-Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 1993

-Implementing Agency: Salesian Missions

- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Support the establishment of a Natural Resources Conservation Center at the "Carlos Pfannl" Salesian Agricultural Institute (IAS) for demonstration and training in agricultural practices with emphasis on irrigation techniques and agro-forestry production.

- C. PROJECT STATUS:

Major Outputs Expected:

1. Establishment of an Irrigation Demonstration Center and model agro-forestry unit
2. Experimental technology demonstration projects designed by the project technical team and expert advisors.
3. Dissemination of technologies, including: a) incorporation of new technologies in IAS's curriculum, and b) training of professionals assigned to the project.

Brief Assessment of Activity

IAS has finished construction of the irrigation dam and a system of canals for irrigating 100 Has. of its cropland. About 68% of the total irrigated area is planted with 20 different experimental crops. Preliminary results in crop yields and productivity due to irrigation are very encouraging. 22 additional crops will be added to the list of crop trials during the coming season.

Four basic experimental agro-forestry production modules were completed. These modules are based on innovative new production systems that will allow the productive combined use of forest and soil for the production of yerba mate (a local tea) seedlings, tree nursery, coffee, and a combination of yerba mate, fruit and forest trees.

In spite of the heavy losses due to a tornado that damaged the school's crops and facilities, the new irrigation area allowed IAS to conduct a series of crop production trials to promote a crop diversification program that can be replicated at the national level. Preliminary production results are being processed for dissemination among producers. IAS's innovative work is duly acknowledged not only by individual producers but by Ministry of Agriculture technicians and extension agents as well.

In addition, the newly-established joint IAS/Universidad del Norte program, which is implementing the first private university level degree in agricultural science and technology in Paraguay, will provide an additional outlet to disseminate within the technical and farming community the new technologies developed and tested under the project.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None

- A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.: T.A. for Private Enterprise
(598-0616.06)

Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 1992

Implementing Agency: International Executive Service Corps (IESC)

- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Promote enterprise development and expansion through technology transfer.

- C. PROJECT STATUS:

Major Outputs Expected:

Establishment of an IESC operation in Paraguay that can generate full-cost recovery contracts

- A total (revised) of 35 consultancies and 18 ABLE studies provided to local private enterprises and private sector service organizations.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity:

A total of 5 T.A. projects have been successfully completed and 15 are in various stages of implementation. Two of them were fully funded by clients. One ABLE project is underway, and another one is being overviewed by the client.

As a result of active promotion work among potential clients through social gatherings and the media, there has been a strong surge in interest in IESC programs within the local business community.

Lack of a clear policy on cost sharing cases has created some problems in project approval by A.I.D. Attempts by the new A.I.D. Representative to reorient IESC priorities closer to Mission objectives have been only partially successful.

An audit of the local operation has been completed by Price Waterhouse which served as the basis for settling the claims of the widow of the former IESC representative.

Category of Activity: B

Corrective Actions Planned: The AIDREP will establish with IESC better defined priority areas for IESC Technical Assistance. Likewise, IESC should take steps to acknowledge publicly the key role of USG-A.I.D. financing in every consultancy.

- A. PROJECT TITLE/NO.: Micro-Enterprise Employment Generation
598-0616.06

- Estimated Completion Date: September 30, 1991

- Implementing Agency: Accion International/AITEC

- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: To strengthen the capacity of the Fundacion Paraguaya de Cooperacion y Desarrollo to provide credit and technical assistance to about 2,500 market vendors in different municipal markets in Asunción.

- C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs Expected

The Fundacion Paraguaya has finished the following activities:

- A survey to determine the influence of usury in municipal market places. This survey will provide information to develop a work methodology to fight usury.

- Identification of the universe of clients and its classification in accordance with their credit and training needs.
- Search for private and public, national and international, financial sources to fund the revolving loan funds.
- Selection and training of personnel and purchase of necessary equipment for new facilities.
- Opening of a "special window" to provide credit and managerial services to the informal sector of the municipal markets in Asunción.
- Development of a managerial information system, including the hardware and software necessary to meet the demand.
- Development and implementation of appropriate administrative procedures and financial and accounting systems.
- Supervision of operations during the first two years.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activities

The branch office of the Fundación Paraguaya has achieved all the outputs mentioned above. Under this program it is providing T.A. to microentrepreneurs at the main market place in Asunción. Funds for credit are now obtained from commercial banks with the sole guarantee of the loan portfolio. The UNDP is providing financial support for operating expenses until about the end of 1992. According to the Fundación, the possibilities of extending this support beyond 1992 are very good.

With respect to the loan portfolio, the cumulative number of loans granted under this project, as of the end of 1991, was 4,066, many more than the 2,500 loans originally planned. It should be pointed out, however, that due to poor economic conditions in 1991, the number of loans in arrears rose dramatically from an average of about 5 percent to about 50 percent by the end of 1991. The Fundación is taking the appropriate measures to reduce this number in the short run.

The future of the Fundación, in general, continues to be optimistic.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: An End-of-Project evaluation has yet to be done

A. ACTIVITY TITLE/NO.: Health Management and Policy
(591-0616.06)

- Estimated Completion Date: December 30, 1991

- Implementing Agency: LAC/HNS - University Research Corporation

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: To provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Public Health in the area of budgeting and organization.

C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs Expected

During a four month assignment, a U.S. consultant will work with local consultants, to assist the Ministry in the preparation of the budget document to be submitted to Congress by July 1991 for approval during the national budget review period. It is also expected that the consultant at the end of his work, will prepare a report with specific recommendations for regularizing the budget process.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activities

With this technical assistance A.I.D. helped the Ministry prepare a more modern, program-type budget which the Minister used to defend in public her Ministry's budget before congressional budget committees and in the media. Her pioneering efforts have set a precedent in the way the executive and legislative branches interact in determining budget allocations in an open, transparent and public manner. The team of local consultants, also financed by A.I.D., provided useful support to the Minister and her new technical cabinet on reorganization of the Ministry, once known as one of the most politicized and less effective public agencies. Their work was extremely useful in defending the Ministry's 1992 budget, which increased by sixty percent in relation to 1991. The local consultant team helped the Ministry design a complete new organization, including the structure and definition of functions of the Minister's new technical cabinet, four new sub-secretaries, and a new Department of Human Resource Development. The local consultants were given very useful and timely strategic direction by the experienced U.S. consultant health planner, who also participated in the November 1991 needs assessment for future A.I.D. support to the Ministry.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None

A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.: Demographic Data Initiatives (598-0616.06)

Estimated Completion Date: March 30, 1993

Implementing Agency: U.S. Bureau of Census (BUCEN)

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Provide technical assistance in support of the 1992 Paraguay Census of Population and Housing.

C. PROJECT STATUS:

Major Outputs Expected:

- 17 weeks of T.A. in questionnaire workflow, data entry, and computer processing.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity:

The first two BUCEN advisors to the Dirección General de Estadística, Encuestas y Censos (DGEEC), the GOP's census agency, have started working in the development of the operational control system for the census as well as to prepare procedures for its use.

To highlight USG assistance to the 1992 Population Census, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the AIDREP and the Director of DGEEC listing AID/BUCEN and DGEEC commitments to the census. The signing ceremony, witnessed by the U.S. Ambassador, was given wide press coverage.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None.

A. ACTIVITY TITLE/NO.: Information Resources Center for Development (IRCD) (598-0616.06)

- Completion Date: May 31, 1992

- Implementing Agency: Comité Paraguay-Kansas

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Establish within the Paraguay/Kansas Committee (PKC) of the National Association of the Partners of the Americas (NAPA) an Information and Resources Center for Development (IRCD) to increase the capability of the PKC to access development information, and to promote and improve the effectiveness of voluntary participation in local development efforts.

C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs Expected

1. A significant increase in the number of project proposals developed by the Partnership.
2. An increased number of local and international institutions and organizations collaborating with the PKC in project development.
3. A larger number of donor agencies will have been involved in Partnership projects.
4. The PKC will have developed revenue-generating programs that contribute to its financial sustainability.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activities

IRCD's action in linking together players from multiple domestic and international sectors for development work generated a number of significant activities during 1991. Acting as an intermediary, IRCD organized the first NGO Conference on Development in Paraguay co-sponsored by four other NGO's. More than 27 NGOs participated actively presenting 21 papers to the Congress, later published in a book with PAHO funding that has been distributed through local NGOs, the American Association of Latin American Studies and development agencies.

In April and August of 1991, the IRCD offered its first Information Brokers Seminar in cooperation with the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) of Emporia State University, Kansas. Twenty participants from local NGOs and government agencies received basic training in information consolidation skills during the two sessions.

As a continuation of training efforts, a manual for project design was elaborated in Spanish to serve as basis for the workshop that the IRCD organizes regularly on that subject. The NGO data base was up-dated, and the third Directory of Private Development Organizations was published and distributed.

Under contract with UNDP, IRCD collaborated in the design of a UNDP project to create and consolidate the new Dirección de Promociones e Inversiones, PRO-PARAGUAY. The new public agency started its activities in October 1991. Continued collaboration between IRCD and PRO-PARAGUAY is expected.

Also the IRCD acts as the administrative unit and fiscal agent for the Drug Abuse Prevention project now called Proyecto Marandu between the Comité Paraguay Kansas and Development Associates Inc.

An agreement was signed with the InterAmerican Child Institute (ICN) for the establishment at the IRCD of a computerized bibliographic data base serving as a focal point for ICN's international network. More than 2,500 new bibliographic entries were added to IRCD's data base.

IRCD was also hired by DIBEN, the Paraguay national social assistance agency, for the design and production of a Directory to disseminate information on its activities. The Directory will be regularly updated.

IRCD was instrumental in facilitating the first official meeting between representatives of the European Community and local NGO's.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned:

The PKC must take additional steps to provide greater authonomy to the Information Resources Center for Development (IRCD). This will enable CIRD to solicit contract work and donations from a wider range of public and private agencies.

- A. PROJECT TITLE/NO.: Demographic & Health Survey
(598-0616-3-90010)

- Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 1990

- Implementing Agency: Institute for Resource Development (IRD)

- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: To provide suppoort to the Paraguay Center for Population Studies (CEPEP) to conduct a Demographic Health Survey. The activity is a continuation of the efforts of the World Fertility Survey (WFS) and the Contraceptive Prevalence Survey (CPS) to obtain updated information and carry out analysis of changes and trends of the patterns of reproduction, of the levels of fertility and the factors which influence them. Collection of health and nutrition information will also be included in the DHS.

- C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs Expected

The following activities will have been completed:

- a. Provide Paraguay with updated information about contraceptive prevalence and fertility of women of reproductive ages and on the health and nutritional status of children under five.
- b. To study trends and changes in contraceptive experience, health, and fertility in Paraguay during the last 15 years on the basis of information from surveys similar to the current NDHS.

- c. Provide the Ministry of Health and other concerned national and international agencies with information regarding the patterns of contraceptive prevalence and fertility in Paraguayan women aged 15 to 49.
- d. To perfect methodologies for specialized demographic and health surveys.
- e. Provide the information necessary for formulation of plans and programs for education in population.
- f. Provide information on the factors which influence the level of fertility in Paraguay and which permits comparisons at the international level.
- g. Provide information on the health of young children in Paraguay through the application of additional health questions, including the actual measurement of height and weight for a sample of about 2,000 children under three years of age.
- h. Provide information on the availability and accessibility of health and contraceptive services in the country.
- i. Generate in-depth information on selected health topics for young children: diarrhea, immunization, maternal mortality, health services, height and weight, low birthweight, and breastfeeding.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity

The final report was submitted to USAID in February 1991.

The report provides updated information on subjects as fertility, mortality, reproductive preferences, knowledge and use of family planning, and indicators on mother-child health in Paraguay. The information is vital for health planners and people in charge of population and mother-child health policies in Paraguay.

Besides A.I.D., this project was also supported by PAHO/WHO, IPPF, and GTZ. The Ministry of Public Health gave institutional support and participated in the survey activities related to mother-child health.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None

A. **ACTIVITY/TITLE NO.:** Contraceptive Social Marketing/Pharmacy Program
(598-0616-3-90004)

- Estimated completion date: January 31, 1992

- Implementing Agency: SOMARC/The Futures Group

B. **ACTIVITY PURPOSE:** To strengthen the quality and range of information and services offered by commercial pharmacists, who are the main source of contraceptives in Paraguay.

C. **PROJECT STATUS**

Major Outputs Expected

The following activities will have been carried out:

-- Training courses for 875 salespersons in private pharmacies

-- An effective advertising and promotional campaign to increase volume of sales and to provide effective education to potential consumers.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity

Based on reports from CEPEP, the local IPPF affiliate, USAID understands that all the activities have been completed by the PACD.

A SOMARC/The Futures Group expert will be in Asunción in mid-May 1992 to review the final results of the training program and complete the evaluation of the project.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None

A. **ACTIVITY TITLE/NO.:** Drug Abuse Prevention
(598-0616.06)

- Estimated Completion Date: September 30, 1993

- Implementation Agency: Comité Paraguay-Kansas and
Development Associates, Inc. (DA)

B. **ACTIVITY PURPOSE:** To assist in organizing and making operational a Drug Awareness and Education Center Program in Paraguay.

C. **PROJECT STATUS**

Major Outputs Expected

1. A coordination and technical support unit to promote countrywide programs of information, education and prevention.

2. An epidemiological study of the prevalence of the use of drugs at the national level.
3. Appropriate activities designed and implemented to make the population aware about drug problems and promote drug use prevention.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activities

In a public act supported by the Department of Mental Health of the MOH, the Ministers of Interior, Health, Education and Justice, signed an agreement to create the National Prevention Network composed of GO's and NGO's. Several meetings have been held to discuss the modifications of the Law No. 1340 which created the Secretaría Nacional Anti-Drogas (SENAD). As part of the institutionalization of the program Dr. Carlos Gauto (Co-Director of the project) travelled to Venezuela to participate of the VII Seminar on Preventive Education, under the auspices of the Acuerdo Sudamericano Sobre Estupefacientes. This seminar was organized by the Comisión Nacional Contra el Uso Ilícito de Drogas (CONANUID) Venezuela. In December 1991, Dr. Antonio Gayoso from AID/W visited Asunción to give a conference on Problems of Drug and Alcohol consumption in Latin America. During his visit, the project presented the first epidemiological study carried out in ten Paraguayan cities giving complete information on drug and alcohol abuse in the country for the first time. This study has been also translated into "guarani", the indigenous dialect.

Two spots for television, one for drug abuse and the other for alcohol abuse were produced and broadcast by the two local TV channels totally free of charge. The entities that worked on this production were MOH, Education, and students of the Catholic University.

Mr. James Connett, a volunteer of Kansas Partners worked on a seminar with rural teachers for two days. More than 34 teachers were trained on Curricula Strategies and Education. Mr. Connett worked also on the production of educational videos.

Ten articles related to drug abuse were published in the local newspapers on a monthly basis, four of them supporting the National Plan for Drug Abuse Prevention.

With the authorization of the Minister of Education a total revision of the curricula has been done to include a subject on drug abuse prevention. A didactic guide for teachers and books for students have been produced as part of the prevention program.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Action Planned: None

A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.: Small Project Assistance (SPA) (598-0616.06)

Estimated Completion Date: N/A

Implementing Agency: Peace Corps/Paraguay

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Finance village-level activities developed by Peace Corps Volunteers to support self-help community projects.

C. PROJECT STATUS:

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity:

The SPA project has been well managed by Peace Corps and has achieved objectives in the health-related activities and other areas. Residual funds were almost fully utilized before PACD. Starting from last year, project funds are allotted to and obligated by AID/W and disbursed directly to OTAPS in the PC/Washington office.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: none

A. ACTIVITY TITLE NO.: Project Development and Support
Judicial Reform - (598-0000)

- Estimated Completion Date: July 31, 1992

- Implementing Agency: Checchi & Co. Consulting, Inc.

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Preparation of a report recommending options for a comprehensive program of judicial reforms in Paraguay.

C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs expected

Preparation of a draft program of reforms for the Paraguayan judicial sector.

Brief Assessment of Activities

At the request of the Supreme Court of Paraguay, USAID/Paraguay contracted the services of John Oleson and Luis Salas (Checchi & Co. Consulting, Inc.) to prepare a report recommending options for a comprehensive program of judicial reforms in Paraguay.

The assistance was aimed at strengthening the planning capacity of the Judiciary, to clarify its priorities, assess its own needs, and work out a program of reforms in the short and long-term.

The team spent 11 days in Paraguay (April 5-15) interviewing Paraguayan officials, and upon returning to the United States, will prepare a draft statement of the program, for further discussion in a planned workshop during a follow up visit in the month of July.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: none

- A. ACTIVITY TITLE/NO.: Human Rights Initiatives
Accountability in Government (598-0591.06)

Estimated Completion Date: May 23, 1992

Implementing Agency: USAID/Paraguay and the GOP
Controller General

- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: To provide technical assistance to the office of the Controller General of Paraguay in training of personnel and reorganization of the office.

- C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs Expected

--To identify critical areas and provide recommendations to improve the legal framework, organization structure, human resources needs, and scope of present functions performed by the Office.

--To teach a basic Control in Government course for selected personnel of the Comptroller Office.

--To gather and analyze information necessary to prepare a diagnosis for additional short, medium, and long term technical assistance.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activities

The Controller General of Paraguay has expressed his satisfaction to the A.I.D. Representative for the work being performed by the Personal Services Contractor, Alfredo Miño and indicated the need for a longer term assistance.

The contractor, so far has helped in the reorganization efforts of the Comptroller's offices, assisting in the preparation of operation manuals, organizational charts, etc. He has also taught the Control in Government course to about 70 personnel of the Contraloria, and gave a special one day course for representatives of the mass media.

At the end of his work, he will provide a final report with his accomplishments and recommendations for future activities of A.I.D. with the Controller's Office.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None

A. ACTIVITY TITLE/NO.: Human Rights Initiatives - Information Management System for the Constituent Assembly (598-0591.06)

- Estimated Completion Date: June 30, 1992

- Implementing Agency: Centro Interdisciplinario de Derecho Social y Economía Política (CIDSEP)

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: To provide support for the establishment of an information management system for the Paraguayan Constituent Assembly.

C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs Expected

The proposed Information Management System activity has three components:

1. The recording and publishing overnight of a summary of each day's deliberations.
2. Establishing a Constitutional Data Base for Constituent Assembly members to access all previous Paraguayan constitutions, and those of other South American and European countries.
3. Administrative & technical support to the Assembly, as well as to the secretariat/public outreach group of each political party or group represented on site.

Brief Overall Assessment of the Activity

The procurement of the computer equipment and data entry of all the information necessary to provide the proposed services to the National Constituent Assembly were carried out as planned.

Considering the nature of the services and the fact that they would be available for the representatives of all the political parties involved in the assembly, CIDSEP obtained a letter from the President of the Assembly, accepting the services to be provided by CIDSEP.

However, when the time came to install the equipment at the site, the President of the assembly indicated to CIDSEP, based apparently on political reasons, that he could not authorize CIDSEP to provide the services to the assembly members, on a daily basis and on the site of the assembly, unless title to the equipment was transferred to the Constituent Assembly.

Since the Constituent Assembly is a transitory body, the equipment could not be transferred by A.I.D. The services originally planned could not be provided.

USAID affirmed with CIDSEP that all the equipment financed by A.I.D. should remain in the offices of CIDSEP, and it could process and analyze all the data needed by the National Constituent Assembly.

CIDSEP did compile in two sets of documents totalling about 1,600 pages, the following information that has been very useful for the 197 Assembly members, and other people related to the Assembly: a) all the draft constitutions submitted by all the political parties; b) social organizations and individuals; c) a bibliography of constitutions, and sources for consultation.

At the end of the National Constituent Assembly, it is expected that CIDSEP, using the equipment donated by A.I.D., will provide technical assistance to the legislature in the area of information management.

Category of Activity: B

Due to circumstances beyond the control of USAID and CIDSEP, the project did not accomplish 100% of its objectives.

Corrective Actions Planned:

As contained in the Agreement a portion of the computer equipment will be transferred to the Paraguayan Legislature as part of a Legislative Strengthening project to commence in FY 1992.

- A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.:- Human Rights Initiatives
Electoral Process Observation - (598-0591.06)

Estimated Completion Date: August 1991

Implementing Agency: Centro de Asesoría y Promoción Electoral (CAPEL)

- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Provide international observers for municipal elections.
C. PROJECT STATUS: (Completed)

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity:

This grant has allowed CAPEL to provide a team of observers during the first municipal elections held in Paraguay in May, 1991. By providing its own observers to the polls, CAPEL has helped secure a good level of credibility to the electoral process in Paraguay's transition toward democracy.

- A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.:- Human Rights Initiatives
Paraguay Electoral Assistance - (598-0616.06)

Estimated Completion Date: N/A

Implementing Agency: USAID/Paraguay - IBM Contract
No. 526-0616-S-00-0001-00

- B. **ACTIVITY PURPOSE:** Support the development of an electoral registry in which the Paraguayan public can have confidence in its legitimacy.

- C. **PROJECT STATUS:** (completed)

Major Outputs Expected:

- JEC technical personnel hired and trained to implement computer system and data base.
- Reliable electoral registry, including vote counting system, developed for coming municipal elections.

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity:

All the equipment has been delivered and is operational. The operators and programmer/analysts were trained on schedule.

The AID-donated computer equipment, software and T.A. has allowed the Electoral Commission (JEC) to effectively respond to the big challenge of the first Municipal Elections held in Paraguay, i.e. completion of the national electoral registry and processing of the election results, as well as Constituent Assembly elections in December 1991.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None.

- A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.:- Human Rights Initiatives
Training Election Officials - (598-0591.06)

Estimated Completion Date: August 1991

Implementing Agency: Centro Paraguayo de Estudios Sociológicos (CPES)/
Centro de Estudios Democrático (CED)

- B. **ACTIVITY PURPOSE:** Provide support to a training program for election officials for the municipal elections.

C. PROJECT STATUS: (completed)

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity:

The training of election officials, jointly implemented by CPES and CED essentially met its target of training election officials and production and distribution of training materials for the municipal elections held in May, 1992. As a second stage, the project organized a workshop to evaluate the overall electoral process with members of the Electoral Commission (JEC), political parties, independent groups, and ONG's involved in civic education programs. In a separate workshop the evaluation results were discussed with members of the legislature. The whole exercise was very successful in spite of the time constraint and the massive scope of the training required. Some 600 voluntary instructors were trained, that in turn trained about 15,000 election officials, within a period of less than four weeks.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None.

- A. ACTIVITY TITLE/No.: Human Rights Initiatives
Municipal Development (598-0591.06)

Estimated Completion Date: September 30, 1992

Implementing Agency: RHUDO/Quito

- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Assist in the development of housing policies and design and implement a series of policy related seminars on municipal issues to support a sound municipal development in Paraguay.

C. PROJECT STATUS:

Brief Overall Assessment of Activity:

Under the CCI contract with RHUDO, a former Peace Corps Volunteer with experience in housing has recently been contracted for a six-month period (subject to a sixth-month extension) to provide TA to the National Credit Cooperative (CREDICOOP), and to CONAVI, the National Housing Council, in the administration, and implementation of the ongoing cooperative shelter project financed by CONAVI.

RHUDO is in the process of analyzing the present situation of Paraguay's municipal system to design and implement a series of policy dialog seminars on the role of municipal government in Paraguay. RHUDO and USAID/Paraguay are in the process of evaluating major topics to be included in the seminars as well as the national counterpart to co-sponsor these activities.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None.

- A. PROJECT TITLE/NO.: Environmental Support Project
Environmental Education (598-0780.06)
- Estimated Completion Date: May 16, 1993
- Implementing Agency: USAID/Paraguay
- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Provide technical services in environmental planning and evaluation of USAID funded environmental activities
- C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Output Expected

A.I.D.'s investment in environmental activities with two private institutions now exceeds \$1.0 million. More activities are expected to receive A.I.D. funding in FY 92 and FY 93, including a new "environmental education" project to be carried out jointly through public and private agencies. It is important that USAID/Paraguay devote adequate oversight and technical direction to the implementation of a growing number of activities in the environmental area. Present USAID/Paraguay staff are constrained to provide such direction. Recent developments in the area of the environment, and the need to respond to the very high priority environmental issues facing the country team led to the hiring of Ms. Claire Sorenson to allow USAID/Paraguay to respond to immediate work requirements in the environmental area.

Ms. Sorenson began her work through a purchase order, March 16-April 15. She then signed a Personal Services Contract of one year, April 16, 1992 - May 16, 1993, to continue her services as Environmental Officer. Ms. Sorenson provided the following work items to USAID/Paraguay during to date, april, 30, 1992: 1) a complete inventory and description of all public and private agencies working in the environment in Paraguay; 2) an outline description of a new "environmental education" program for A.I.D. financing; 3) the Environment and Natural Resource Section of the FY 93-94 Action Plan; 4) participated in workshop to develop USAID/Paraguay strategic objectives and program inputs; 4) performed functional responsibilities outlined by PSC: Project Development & Evaluation for the sectors Environment, Sustainable Agriculture, and Agrarian Reform.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None

A. ACTIVITY TITLE/NO.: Judicial School
Administration of Justice Regional Project
(ESF-598-0642.06)

- Estimated Completion Date: December 31, 1992

- Implementing Agency: Instituto de Ciencias Penales

B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: To carry out training activities for judges, prosecutors, and public defenders, and to support the creation of a Judicial School in Paraguay

C. PROJECT STATUS

Major Outputs Expected

(a) four training activities held during FY 1992

(b) creation of a Judicial School

Brief Assessment of Activities

A seminar on improving the operations of the Public Ministry was held in Asunción in October, 1991, with the participation of judges, prosecutors, and public defenders.

A.I.D. also facilitated the travel of the Attorney General of Paraguay, Dr. Luis Escobar Faella, and the Director of the Instituto de Ciencias Penales, Dr. Benigno Rojas Via, to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to attend a Simposia on Judicial Schools, held in October, 1991.

Little progress has been made in the formalization of judicial training or the creation of a Judicial School.

Category of Activity: B

Corrective Actions Planned:

USAID/Paraguay agreed to a Project Amendment authorizing a revision of planned training courses.

A. ACTIVITY TITLE & NO.: Regional Administration of Justice Project
Training of Judges (USIS/AID Activity
(ESF-598-0642.06)

- Estimated Completion Date: May 31, 1993

- Implementing Agency: United States Information Service (USIS)

B. **ACTIVITY PURPOSE:** To carry out a program to expose Paraguayans active in the judicial system, to relevant U.S. institutions, expertise, and experience.

C. **PROJECT STATUS**

Major Outputs Expected

Undertaking of following activities:

- (a) one group of international visitors to the United States
- (b) two academic specialists to Paraguay
- (c) four American participants

Brief Assessment of Activities

Two criminal judges and two prosecutors were selected by the Supreme Court and the Attorney General of Paraguay, to participate in the first observation tour to the United States of America under the group international visitors project. Travel will commence in June, 1992.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: none

IV. **LAC TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

A. **ACTIVITY TITLE NO.:** Participant Training
(598-0640.06)

Budget Amou No funds for participant training were obligated in Fiscal Years '90- 91

B. Training Activities and Cost

With the \$100,000 obligated in FY'89 for training programs, three candidates from the Catholic University of Asunción started MBA programs in the United States. Upon completion of their training and return to Paraguay, they are expected to join the faculty at the Catholic University.

C. Status of Participant Selection, Placement, Follow-on

At present, there are three A.I.D.-funded graduate students studying in the United States financed with prior FY funds. they are all doing very well and are expected to graduate in 1992. Another two graduated at the Master's level and are doing additional studies with the financial support of their respective universities. They are expected to return by 1993.

The five active training programs are:

Name	Field of Activity	University	Expected Completion
1. Cesar Cardozo	MBA	Columbia Univ.	May/92
2. Mario Insaurrealde	PhD in Wildlife & Fisheries	Mississippi State University	Jun./92
3. Gladys Benegas	PhD in Public & Int. Affairs	Univ. of Pittsburgh	Aug./92
4. Carmen Ortiz	MSC in Agricultural Business Adm.	Southern Illinois University	Aug./92
5. Juan Jose Aveiro	MSC in Animal Science	Univ. of Missouri	Aug./92

V. OTHER LAC ACTIVITIES

1. PROJECT TITLE NO: Association of Voluntary Surgical Contraception (AVSC)
(598-0642)

Program Goals

AVSC's major emphasis in Paraguay is to make postpartum surgical contraception services available to high-risk women. AVSC works with the National Maternal and Child Health Service and is also supporting interval VSC service at the Center for Population.

Fiscal Year 1991 activities included the development and dissemination of norms for VSC, professional education on reproductive risk, training in surgical, anesthesia and counseling techniques and the provision of necessary equipment and supplies.

Fiscal year 1992 activities include the creation of a family planning model center and training demonstration site for family planning activities, under the auspices of the Ministry of Health.

a) AVSC SUB-AGREEMENT (PAR-03-SV-3-A-PARAGUAY)

Institutionalization of minilaparotomy under local anesthesia for high risk women at the Maternidad Nacional del Paraguay

Program Duration: Three (3) years

Project Year: Third year of a three-year program

Budget Amount: US\$19,165 (Maximum)

Budget Duration: Twelve (12) months

Effective dates: February 1, 1990 - January 31, 1991

The purpose of this subagreement is to assist the Maternidad Nacional in developing and institutionalizing a high-quality VSC service via minilaparotomy, making it available to high-risk women and to other sectors of the population most in need, and to ensure the training of ob/gyn residents in postpartum and interval minilaparotomy.

This project terminated, as scheduled.

b) AVSC SUB-AGREEMENT (PAR-04-SV-3-A, PARAGUAY)
Voluntary Surgical Contraception Service Program for High Risk Patients in Paraguay

Program Duration: Three years

Project year: Third year of a three-year program

Budget Amount: US\$ 20,168 (Maximum)

Budget Duration: One year

Effective Dates: May 1, 1990 - April 30, 1991

The purpose of this assistance is to enable CEPEP to institutionalize low-cost, high quality laparoscopy services for high reproductive risk requestors in Asunción. At the end of the three year program, CEPEP will have acquired a satisfactory level of self-sufficiency and VSC services will be integrated into the family planning and other health services offered by the institution.

c) AVSC SUB-AGREEMENT (PAR-05-SV-1-A, PARAGUAY)
Voluntary Surgical Contraception Service Program for High Reproductive Risk Clients in Paraguay

Program Duration: Two years

Project Year: First year of a two-year program

Budget Amount: \$27,510

Budget Duration: Twelve (12) months

Effective Dates: May 1, 1991 to April 30, 1992

The purpose of this 12-month assistance to CEPEP is to continue, expand and reinforce the implementation of a low-cost, quality VSC services for high reproductive risk requestors in Paraguay through laparoscopy and minilaparotomy. This subagreement constitutes a bridge support to help CEPEP consolidate its central office, its clinical and surgical programs and reach a satisfactory level of self-sufficiency.

According to reports submitted by AVSC offices, the CEPEP projects have developed satisfactorily and the institution has expanded its voluntary family planning services. CEPEP is also planning to open VSC services through private physicians in two cities outside the capital.

d) AVSC SUB-AGREEMENT (NO. PAR-06-SV-01-A, PARAGUAY)

Creation of a Model Family Planning Center in the Ministry of Health

Sub-recipient: Ministry of Health of Paraguay

Executing Agency: Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

Project Coordinator: San Pablo Hospital

Project Coordinator: PAHO Representative

Project Duration: 3 years

Sub-Agreement Duration: 18 months of a three-year program

Project Budget Summary: US\$100,689 First 18 months: \$ 60,689
Second 18 months: \$ 40,000

Sub-Agreement Effective Dates: February 1, 1992 to July 31, 1993

The purpose of this project is to support the Ministry of Health's Maternal Child Health Program to create a family planning model center, and training demonstration site.

2. PROJECT TITLE NO.: The Population Council - INOPAL II
Developing low-cost tools to improve the quality of care of rural,
Community-Based Delivery in Paraguay

Location: 12 rural districts in Paraguay

Sponsoring Institution: Centro Paraguayo de Estudios de Población (CEPEP)

Starting Date: November 1, 1991

Completion Date: April 30, 1993

Project Cost: \$ 99,954

Purpose: CEPEP delivers voluntary family planning services in rural areas of Paraguay through a Community Based Delivery (CBD) program which needs strengthening to ensure high quality of the services provided. Behavioral norms regulating service provision by the promoter are too general, retraining is limited to a one-day module given once a year, supervision is not frequent, job aids do not exist, and the quality of services is not assessed adequately.

Given the high costs of traditional training and supervision in rural areas, CEPEP will develop specific behavioral norms for the promoters and two practical tools of low-cost use designed to improve the quality of care: (a) a job aid containing the behavioral norms and technical indications, and (b) a feedback instrument consisting of role-playing episodes through which the supervisor can shape the promoter's service behavior.

Then, a quasi-experiment will be conducted to assess the cost, effectiveness of four systems: (a) the current procedures, i.e., traditional retraining; (b) the job aid, (c) the feedback instrument, and (d) the job aid plus the feedback instrument. CEPEP will choose for institutionalization the best system.

Status

CEPEP started the program in February 1992 designing data measurement instruments. The next step is to start a pre-test exercise in two CBD units in rural areas. An INOPAL Officer is expected in May 1992 to assist CEPEP to carry out the program.

- A. PROJECT TITLE/No.: Regional Global Climate Change (598-0784)
- Estimated Completion Date: September 30, 1993
 - Implementing Agency: The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- B. ACTIVITY PURPOSE: Support the establishment and purchase of the Mbaracayú Nature Reserve in Eastern Paraguay.
- C. PROJECT STATUS: See assessments below.

Brief Assessment of Activity

TNC and Fundación Bertoni have finalized purchase of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) property for the establishment of the 57,000 hectare nature reserve and the transfer in perpetuity of the property to the Mbaracayú Foundation. The official transfer of the management of the property from the World Bank to the Foundation last April 4 was highlighted by an official ceremony attended by the President of the Republic, the U.S. Ambassador, and many other high officials from the GOP and international donor organizations.

Category of Activity: A

Corrective Actions Planned: None.