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1. *Main activities planned*

- * The completion of family registration in the new area of Zantiebougou and analysis of data for Area 2.
- * The recruitment of 3 new family trainers and the organization of their training.
- * The completion of rosters for Area 2.
- * The redeployment of the health staff to ensure coverage of all 250 villages included in the project.
- * Ongoing activities in Area 1.
- * The preparation of the Detailed Implementation Plan to be submitted by mid-March 1993.
- * The launch of the onchocerciasis control program.
- * The purchase of the remaining motos and mopeds and two refrigerators.
- * CERPOD completes its analysis of SC data quality and goes ahead with plans to upgrade data quality.

2. *Accomplishments*

The family registration exercise in Zantiebougou was accomplished without major problems and the villages were completely covered by mid-February. Analysis had already begun as soon as the first data came in. It was decided to upgrade the quality of the rosters and a local printer completed printing work in mid-March.

There was a complete review of all health staff and a redeployment was undertaken by the end of the period under review. The nurse from Central was transferred to the new area while a new nurse was recruited to cover part of the old area. A supervisor was selected from existing staff for the new area. Recruitment has almost been finalized for the 3 new family trainers. Training and the introduction of staff to the new area will take place in the next quarter.

The Baseline Survey report and the Detailed Implementation Plan were completed by March. Both these documents are attached to this report. The Detailed Implementation Plan includes details on the following:

- * location and formal agreements
- * sustainability strategy
- * project design, including sections on village literacy and self-management for health, maternal and adolescent health, control of diarrheal diseases, immunization and disease surveillance, nutrition and breast feeding and malaria prevention.
- * project health information systems
- * human resources
- * indicators of village-level self-management for health

On-going activities continued in Area 1 in maternal health, family planning, growth monitoring and nutrition education, immunization, ORT training, training of village health committees and malaria prevention programs.

The onchocerciasis control program got under way with the signing of an agreement with our partners in the program, Sightsavers (ex-Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind) and the Ministry of Health. The WHO Regional Project based in Burkina Faso is also involved. Training of health staff took place in March and the Meotizan and other medication to control reactions to the treatment are already in Kolondiéba. One hundred and nineteen villages have been identified for the project in Kolondiéba District.

The purchase of the remaining mopeds and motos is expected to be completed by the end of May.

The collaborative program with CERPOD on the Health Transition Initiative moved further with the assessment of existing SC data quality and preparation of the census to upgrade data quality and a training program to improve staff analysis skills. In March, the program area received a visit from Dr. Sally Findley of the Center for Population and Family Health of Columbia University; Dr. Findley is a consultant for the project.

The Assistant Health Coordinator, Dr. Souaibou Saoko, attended two training programs as part of his orientation: one was on the use of Epi Info and organized by CERPOD, the other was on cost recovery programs and the Bamako Initiative, organized by the NGO coordinating group for health, the Groupe Pivot.

Save the Children continued in its role of lead PVO for the Health NGO Coordinating Group. This group, under the dynamic and inspired leadership of its coordinator, Modibo Maiga, has made great progress in enabling the NGO/PVO voice to be heard on the national policy-making stage.

Following meetings in December and January, UNICEF has agreed to support the two districts in which Save the Children works with the funding of equipment for the community health centers set up as part of the health program and an integral component of national health policy and the application of the Bamako Initiative in Mali.

At a regional meeting held in Sikasso in March at the request of the Dutch Government, it was requested of Save the Children that we a) find ways of replicating the HIS in all 7 districts of the Sikasso Region and b) that SC, with financial support from the Dutch, set up a similar program in another district, Yorosso, for the next four years.

An on-going dialogue has developed with the local USAID Mission to elaborate more aggressive policies for the distribution of contraceptive supplies to rural Mali.

3. *Activities for the next quarter*

The training of new staff and the start-up activities in Area 2.

The completion of capital assets purchases (motos, mopeds and refrigerators).

On-going activities in Area 1.

The implementation of the census exercise with CERPOD and Columbia University.

The finalization of agreements with the Dutch Government and regional authorities in Sikasso on the modalities for replication of SC's health program in other districts.

The implementation of the community-based onchocerciasis control program.

The finalization of an agreement with the Epidemiology Department of the Ministry of Health on the involvement of SC's area of Kolondiéba in the national program on chloroquine resistant malaria research.

ACTUAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES: (Note this quarter's expenses are provisional, based on preliminary FO accounting).

This Quarter Actual Expenses	Year to Date Actual Expenses	Grant Year 93 Budget
\$58,672	\$118,509	\$194,973