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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency
AHRTAG	Appropriate Health Resources & Technical Assistance Group
CESSIAM	Center for Studies on Sensory Impairment, Aging and Metabolism
CSCG	Child Survival Collaborative Group
COINAP	Comision Interinstitucional para la Atencion de la Poblacion de las Areas Precarias de la ciudad de Guatemala
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
HKI	Helen Keller International
IEC	Information, Education, and Communication
IEF	International Eye Foundation
INCAP	Institute for Nutrition of Central America and Panama
IVACG	International Vitamin A Consultative Group
NCBD	National Committee for the Blind and Deaf
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PCI	Project Concern International
PROVITA	Project Pro-Vitamin A
PVO	Private Voluntary Organization
SIMAC	Sistemas de Mejoramiento y Adecuacion Curricular
UNICEF	United Nations Childrens Fund
UPVA	Unidad Pro Vitamina A
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
USAC	Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala
UVG	Universidad del Valle de Guatemala
VATG	Vitamin A Technical Advisory Group
VITAP	Vitamin A Technical Assistance Project
VITAL	Vitamin A Field Support Project
WHO	World Health Organization
WV	World Vision

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I. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The following report is the quarterly submission for the IEF-NCBD project "Unidad Pro Vitamina A" (UPVA), covering a three month period from October through December 1993.

The project objectives are:

- 1) Conduct collaborative projects with other institutions.
- 2) Design and produce vitamin A and nutrition training materials for IEF/NCBD projects and where appropriate for other NGO groups, ministries and related institutions.
- 3) Provide information and materials on vitamin A deficiency and nutrition education to NGO groups.
- 4) Conduct workshops, seminars and lectures for IEF/NCBD projects, ministries, and universities on vitamin A deficiency and nutrition issues.
- 5) Convene meetings for the IEF/NCBD and coordinate inter-institutional meetings between NGO groups on vitamin A deficiency.
- 6) Establish and maintain a library for vitamin A and nutrition education documents and materials.
- 7) Produce and disseminate a semi-annual newsletter on current vitamin A activities and resources.

II. SEVENTH PROGRESS REPORT, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1993.

A. Headquarters Visits

Laine Issacson, Program Officer visited the project in October to attend the educational materials pre-testing workshop and assist the development of pre-testing and materials production plans.

John Barrows, Director of Programs, visited the project in December to discuss project budget and administrative issues.

B. Changes in IEF Field Personnel

The Program Assistant, Ms. Naomi Garcia was promoted to Assistant Coordinator. She will begin her new position in early January.

C. Administrative Issues:

1. The Training Center was transferred to the new IEF Headquarters Office in Zone 14 of Guatemala City. This new location makes the Center's library much more accessible to Government Ministries and other PVOs that operate vitamin A and child survival programs.

D. Project Tasks:

1. Objective #1, Collaborative Projects:

A. Vitamin A Materials Development Project (HKI/VITAP sponsored).

- * An educational materials pre-testing workshop was held in October. The purpose of the workshop was to distribute preliminary versions of educational materials developed and to formulate an appropriate protocol for pretesting these items. Preliminary designs for a calendar, flip chart, handcards and radio spots were reviewed with workshop participants representing Project HOPE, Project Concern International, INCAP-Guatemala, INCAP-Honduras, INCAP-El Salvador, the Manoff Group, and IEF projects in Guatemala and Honduras. A preliminary plan was also developed for training personnel in the use of the materials to be developed under the project.
- * A meeting was held with Alice Emery of HKI to discuss the budget and the development of a training manual regarding the use of the proposed materials.
- * The project assisted with the pre-testing of the educational materials in Alta Verapaz, Quezaltenango and San Marcos, the areas covered by IEF and Project HOPE.
- * The project reviewed changes mandated by pre-testing experiences with consultants to

make revisions.

- * Staff obtained price quotations for the production of the materials by local printers.
- * The Project Coordinator presented the project to the Minister of Health to secure its participation in the project. He was very interested in using developed materials in 69 pilot communities that have been targeted for an innovative collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and PVOs to initiate the delivery of integrated health services in rural villages. A meeting will be arranged in early 1994 with local MOH health directors.
- * Dr. Yolanda Lopez complete the analysis of foods that this project will promote in its education materials (see appendix).

2. Objective #2, Design and Produce Training Materials (other than those associated with the collaborative materials development project)

- * Staff completed the final drafts of booklets on iron, vitamin A and iodine.
- * The project printed the technical booklet on iodine.
- * The vitamin A module for teachers was revised based on pre-testing results.
- * Work continued on the slide series and scripts to be utilized in vitamin A presentations to health care professionals.

3. Objective #3, Provide Information and Materials

- * The project provided technical information on vitamin A to Dr. Roberto Santizo of APROFAM and Dr. Wuenfril Sazo of Katori Ac'uuala.
- * A questionnaire was distributed to PVOs to assess their need of vitamin A capsules.

4. Objective #4, Conduct Workshops and Lectures

- * The Project Coordinator presented two lectures on vitamin A at the University of San Carlos.

5. Objective #5, Inter-Institutional Meetings

(See Objective #1A Vitamin A Materials Development Project)

6. Objective #6, Establish and Maintain Library

- * The Project Assistant continued to enter data into Papyrus, the Center's library database.
- * Micronutrient informational and training materials were received from over 37 organizations/publishers and entered into the Center's library

7. Objective #7, Produce Semi-Annual Newsletter

- * The project received articles from Dr. Ivan Mendoz of CESSIAM, Ms. Elena Hurtado of Manoff Group and Mr. Felix Coronado of Project Hope for the fourth issue which will be published early in 1994.