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Quarterly Report  
December 30, 1993

During the first quarter of year Three, the following activities have occurred:

**Objective One: Training**

**Long term training:** Dr. Carlos Gomez continues Clinical Epidemiology training at PENN. [matching funds]

**Trainee Exchange:** Dr. Alberto Rodriguez and Dra. Claudia Granados completed short term clinical epidemiology training at UNC. Evaluation reports of their training indicate that this experience was excellent for each trainee, as well as facilitated the completion of two collaborative research protocols. [USAID funds]

**Objective Two: Collaborative Research**

Two collaborative research proposals were reviewed at each Linkage institution. Final decisions for funding will occur in January 1994.

Dr. Harv Feldman (Linkage Director, PENN) visited Javeriana for 3 weeks in November to stimulate collaborative research. During this visit, Javeriana revised and completed an inventory of research projects at the School of Medicine in collaboration with Dr. Feldman. [matching funds]

**Objective Three: Monitoring, Evaluation and Administration**

Dr. Sadowski and Ms. Salama (UNC), Mr. Tom Kelly (PENN) and Dr. Gabriel Gomez and Dra. Diana Pinto (Javeriana) met at the USAID sponsored workshop "Sharing Innovative Approaches to Sustainable Development" in Arlington, Texas in November 1993. In addition to attending this meeting, our team was able to clarify administrative procedures and solve some programmatic problems. [USAID funds]

Regular meetings between the Linkage coordinators and staff of the School of Medicine at Javeriana have been arranged to further promote Linkage activities, facilitate communication for collaborative research and facilitate matching research interests.

**Issues:**

1. The travel ban continued during this quarter. We have since received word that the ban is lifted and we are proceeding with plans to send more US faculty and trainees to Colombia to work on collaborative research.
2. Dr. Feldman's visit was able to strengthen the relationships among Javeriana and PENN Linkage faculty. We anticipate collaborative research activity will increase within the next 6-9 months.