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**ANNUAL WORKPLAN
OCTOBER 1, 1994 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1995**

**"CULTURAL PERCEPTIONS, CHILD MORTALITY, AND UTILIZATION
OF HEALTH CARE CLINICS IN ZIMBABWE"**

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The following in the workplan for October 1, 1994 - September 30, 1995 for the grant entitled "Cultural Perceptions, Child Mortality, and Utilization of Health Care Clinics in Zimbabwe." The overall purpose of the proposed research is to examine the links between cultural perceptions and child mortality and the utilization of health care centers in Zimbabwe. The goal is to conduct an in-depth probing of the cultural perspectives of Zimbabwe on issues of infant and child mortality and resulting behavior which should be taken into account by health care providers, agencies, and related personnel. It is hoped that, ultimately, dissemination of the results will contribute information useful in lowering the infant and child mortality rates in Zimbabwe.

The specific objectives of the research project are:

1. To examine the relationship between cultural perceptions and attitudes and behavior relative to the transmission of childhood diseases that could result in infant and child diseases and mortality;
2. To ascertain the reasons and frequency of health care clinics utilization by parents when children are ill;
3. To measure the role of the traditional healer and the midwife in the treatment and prevention of infant and child disease;
4. To analyze the findings of the study towards improvement of the programs aimed at the survival of the child;
5. To recommend public policy initiatives; and
6. To share the findings with the government of Zimbabwe, the University of Zimbabwe AID personnel, and the African Studies Association in the U.S. (through the completion of the final report, presentations at professional meetings, and publications in journals, as was the case with the Cameroon study).

Attached, please find a Time and Task Chart for October, 1994 - September, 1995 which is delineated by quarter. Further description of the action-oriented workplan, description of the individuals to be involved, the activities to be conducted, and when and where they will be conducted is also attached.

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TASK	1994			1995			1995			1995		
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
1. Secure Research Clearance	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded		
2. Continue Literature Review	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded
3. Instrument Development and Modification	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded					
4. Precoding Instrument						Shaded	Shaded	Shaded				
5. Translating Instrument								Shaded	Shaded			
6. Submit Quarterly Report			Shaded			Shaded			Shaded			Shaded
7. Hire and Retain Graduate Student Research Assistant												Shaded
8. Select and Train Host Country Student Interviewers									Shaded	Shaded		
9. Pretest Instrument									Shaded	Shaded		
10. Finalize Instrument/Coding									Shaded	Shaded		
11. Begin Data Collection										Shaded		
12. Complete Data Collection										Shaded	Shaded	
13. Preliminary Data Analysis										Shaded	Shaded	
14. Final Data Analysis												Shaded
15. Final Report Writing												
16. Submit for Professional Presentation												
17. Prepare to Submit for Professional Publication												

Shaded area represents the time of activity

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Task Number(s)	Dates	Project Goal and Objectives	Individual(s) Involved	Activities	When/Where	Projected Budget
I. 1 and 2	Oct.-Dec 1994	Overall goal!	Gwendolyn S. Prater, PI	1. Receive grant from USAID; complete formal grant and budgetary administrative process	Oct.-Nov., 1994, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	\$100,000 USAID for grant period; \$195 JSU for grant period
II. 1 and 2	Oct.-Dec. 1994	Overall goal and orientation to USAID mission, guidelines and standards		2. Attend HBCU Grant Orientation workshop and engage in formal workshop and informal discussions with AID officials, consultants, and other HBCU Grantees 3. Collect written USAID information, reports and directories	Nov. 1994, Crystal City, VA and Jackson, MS	

Task Number(s)	Date	Project Goal and Objectives	Individual(s) Involved	Activities	When/Where	Budgeted from USAID and JSU
<p>Tasks 1 & 2 continued</p> <p>III. Tasks 1 and 2</p>	<p>October-December 1994</p>	<p>Overall goal and Objective 1</p>	<p>Gwendolyn S. Prater, PI</p> <p>Mario J. Azevedo, PC</p>	<p>4. Review and use reports and directories, as needed, for research project</p> <p>5. Write quarterly report</p> <p>6. Telephone and/or fax information to researchers for insights and discussions re: planned research study and research clearance process in Zimbabwe</p>		

Task Number(s)	Date	Project Goal and Objectives	Individual(s) Involved	Activities	When/Where	Budgeted from USAID and JSU
Task 3	October-December 1994	Overall goal and Objectives 1-6	<p>Gwendolyn S. Prater, PI</p> <p>Ruth M. Williams, U. S. Team Member</p> <p>Mario J. Azevedo, PC .</p>	<p>1. Review research instrument</p> <p>2. Begin revision of instrument</p>	December, 1994 Jackson, MS Charlotte, NC	-0-

Task Number(s)	Date	Project Goal and Objectives	Individual(s) Involved	Activities	When/Where	Budgeted from USAID and JSU
Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4	January-March , 1995	Overall goal and Objectives 1-4	<p>Gwendolyn S. Prater, PI</p> <p>Ruth M. Williams, U.S. Team Member.</p> <p>Mario Azevedo, PC</p> <p>Marvellous Mhloyi, Zimbabwe Team Member</p>	<p>1. Continue to secure research clearance through the Ministry of Health and related organizations</p> <p>2. Review literature, as needed</p> <p>3. Continue instrument modification, as needed</p> <p>4. Begin precoding instrument</p> <p>5. Increase discussions with Zimbabwean team members</p>	<p>January, February, and March, 1995 Jackson, MS Charlotte, NC Harare, Zimbabwe</p>	<p>\$300 USAID \$100 JSU*</p> <p>* Dr. Ruth Williams will take the 25% released-time in the Fall Semester, 1995. It was originally scheduled for the Spring Semester, 1995. Her released-time will be used to assist with the preliminary data analysis.</p>

Task Number(s)	Date	Project Goal and Objectives	Individual(s) Involved	Activities	When/Where	Budgeted from USAID and JSU
Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4 Continue				<p>6. Notify Zimbabwe Mission of plans for the U.S. Team to travel to Zimbabwe</p> <p>7. Seek suggestions from Zimbabwe USAID Mission Director and Deputy regarding the conduct of research study</p> <p>8. Write and submit quarterly report</p>		

Task Number(s)	Date	Project Goal and Objectives	Individual(s) Involved	Activities	When/Where	Budgeted from USAID and JSU
Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11	April-June 1995	Overall goal and Objectives 1-4	<p>Gwendolyn S. Prater, PI</p> <p>Ruth M. Williams, U.S. Team Member</p> <p>Mario Azevedo, PC</p> <p>Marvellous Mhloyi, Zimbabwe Team Member</p> <p>Zimbabwe students</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to secure clearance, as needed 2. Continue to review literature, as needed 3. Continue instrument development and modification, as needed 4. Complete precoding instrument 5. Finalize roles of Zimbabwe team members 6. Continue communication with USAID Zimbabwe Mission personnel 	<p>April, May, and June, 1995</p> <p>Jackson, MS</p> <p>Charlotte, NC</p> <p>Possibly Harare and Rural Zimbabwe</p>	<p>\$50-\$5,500 USAID</p> <p>\$50-\$100 JSU</p>

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Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 Continue				<p>7. Assess and determine whether PI will need to make preliminary trip to Zimbabwe to ensure research clearance by Zimbabwe government</p> <p>8. Seek Zimbabwe team's aid in translating instrument</p> <p>9. Seek Zimbabwe team's aid in training host student interviewers</p> <p>10. Pretest instrument</p> <p>11. Complete and finalize coding of instrument</p> <p>12. Write and submit quarterly report</p>		

Task Number(s)	Date	Project Goal and Objectives	Individual(s) Involved	Activities	When/Where	Budgeted from USAID and JSU
Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	July - September, 1995	Overall goal and Objectives 1-4	Gwendolyn S. Prater, PI Mario Azevedo, PC Ruth M. Williams, U.S. Team Member Marvellous Mhloyi, Zimbabwe Team Member	1. Continue to seek research clearance, if needed 2. Continue literature review, as needed 3. Train host country interviewers 4. Continue to pretest instrument, if needed 5. Collect data 6. Preliminary data analysis 7. Begin final data analysis	July, 1995 Zimbabwe July, 1995 Zimbabwe July, 1995 Zimbabwe July, 1995 Zimbabwe July-August, 1995 Zimbabwe Jackson, MS August, 1995 Zimbabwe Jackson, MS September, 1995 Jackson, MS	\$34, 807 USAID \$ 5, 252 JSU

Quarterly Report

October 1 - December 30, 1994

"Cultural Perceptions, Child Mortality, and Utilization of Health Care Clinics in Zimbabwe"

January 30, 1995

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The grant award was received by the University in mid-October. The formal grant budget and administrative process was completed, with signatures by mid-November. The overall purpose of the proposed research is to examine the links between cultural perceptions and child mortality and the utilization of health care centers in Zimbabwe. The overall goal is to conduct an in-depth probing of the cultural perspectives of Zimbabwe on issues of infant and child mortality and resulting behavior which should be taken into account by health care providers, agencies, and related personnel. The principal investigator attended the HBCU Grant Orientation Workshop in Crystal City, VA. in early November. Activities supporting the overall goal of the grant include:

1. participation in formal and informal discussions with AID officials, consultants, and other HBCU Grantees developing working relationships helpful to carry out the grant objectives; and
2. collection of written USAID information, reports, and directories to be used during the conduct of the study.

Mid-November to mid-December was spent reviewing literature gathered at the USAID conference and in journals (such as the journal of the African Studies Association). Discussions via telephone and information shared by facsimile occurred with Zimbabwean team members and U.S. members concerning the research instrument development and the research clearance process.

The second quarter grant activities will continue to be on research clearance, literature review (as needed), instrument development and modification, and precoding the instrument.