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# A.I.D. EVALUATION SUMMARY PART I

(BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS FORM, READ THE ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS)

IDENTIFICATION DATA

A. REPORTING A I.D. UNIT (Mission or AID/W Office) ANE/TR/HPN (ES #)

B. WAS EVALUATION SCHEDULED IN CURRENT FY ANNUAL EVALUATION PLAN? yes  slipped  ad hoc

C. EVALUATION TIMING interim  final  ex post  other

D. ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES EVALUATED (List the following information for project(s) or program (s) evaluated; if not applicable, list title and date of the evaluation report)

Project #	Project/Program Title (or title & date of evaluation report)	First PROAG or equivalent (FY)	Most recent PACD (mo/yr)	Planned LOP Cost ('000)	Amount Obligated to Date ('000)
398-0048	Near East Regional Population Project '83		'87	\$6,661	\$4,548

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E. ACTION DECISIONS APPROVED BY MISSION OR AID/W OFFICE DIRECTOR

Action(s) Required	Name of officer responsible for Action	Date Action to be Completed
<p>1. Prepare an action memorandum which encompasses the following changes in project design:</p> <p>A. Expand the project to include Asian countries.</p> <p>B. Authorize additional funds commensurate with the increase in countries and extension of PACD.</p> <p>C. Countries with bilateral population projects are equally eligible for using projects funds. Asian countries will for the most part "buy-in" to existing S&amp;T/POP Projects.</p> <p>D. Extend the PACD to 1991 in keeping with the finding that there will be continuing demand for a project of this type in the foreseeable future.</p> <p>E. Eliminate the requirement for DAA approval of activities over \$100,000 if they are "buy-ins".</p>	<p>Gary W. Cook &amp; Monica Sinding</p>	<p>Feb. 15, 1986</p>

F. DATE OF MISSION OR AID/W OFFICE REVIEW OF EVALUATION: mo 1 day 10 year 86 Report Date: mo    DAY    YR   

G. APPROVALS OF EVALUATION SUMMARY AND ACTION DECISIONS:

Signature	Project/Program Officer	Representative of Borrower/Grantee	Evaluation Officer	Mission or AID/W Office Director
Typed Name	Gary W. Cook	N/A	Sharon Pines	Kenneth Sherper
Date	<i>Gary W. Cook</i>		<i>Sharon Pines</i>	<i>Kenneth Sherper</i>

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H. EVALUATION ABSTRACT: This one-paragraph abstract will be used by PPC/CDIE to enter information about the evaluation into A.I.D.'s automated "memory." It should invite potentially interested readers to the longer summary in Part II and perhaps ultimately to the full evaluation report. It should inform the reader about the following:

- o If the activity or activities evaluated have characteristics related to the reader's interests.
- o The key findings, conclusions and lessons.
- o An idea of the research methods used and the nature/quality of the data supporting the findings.

Previous abstracts have often been deficient in one of two ways:

- o Too much information on design, implementation and current status, discouraging reader interest before the reader can determine if there are important findings of interest.
- o A "remote" tone or style prevents the reader from getting a real flavor of the activity or activities evaluated.

In sequential sentences, the abstract should convey:

- o The programming reason behind the evaluation and its timing;
- o The purpose and basic characteristics of the activity or activities evaluated;
- o A picture of the status of the activity or activities as disclosed in the full evaluation report;
- o An idea of the research method and types of data sources used by the evaluators;
- o The most important findings and conclusions;
- o Key lessons learned.

Avoid the passive tense and vague adjectives. Where appropriate, use hard numbers. (An example of an abstract follows.)

I. EVALUATION COSTS: Costs of the evaluation are presented in two ways. The first are the costs of the work of the evaluation team per se. If mission or office staff served as members of the team, indicate the number of person-days in the third column. The second are the indirect estimated costs incurred by involvement of other A.I.D. and borrower/grantee staff in the broader evaluation process, including preparations and reviews.

# A.I.D. EVALUATION SUMMARY PART II

J. SUMMARY OF EVALUATION FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Try not to exceed the 3 pages provided)  
Address the following items:

- o Name of mission or office
- o Purpose of activity (ies) evaluated
- o Purpose of the Evaluation and Methodology Used
- o Findings and Conclusions
- o Recommendations
- o Lessons learned

## A.I.D. Evaluation Summary - Part II

J. Summary of Evaluation Findings Conclusions and Recommendations

### 1. Name of Mission or Office

The evaluation was initiated by the office that manages the project, Office of Technical Resources, Health, Population and Nutrition Division (ANF/TR/HPN). This PES will be considered the full evaluation report.

### 2. Purpose of Activity Evaluated

The Near East region's population growth rate of 2.7 percent per will cause a doubling of the population in 27 years. High growth rates are due to significantly reduced mortality since 1945 and to the general failure of Near Eastern countries to adopt effective fertility control programs during the past 15 years. The goal of the Near East Regional Population Project is to reduce fertility in the Near East Region to a level compatible with resources and development objectives. More specifically the project's purpose is to assist Near Eastern countries, individually and collectively, to develop, implement, and evaluate population/family planning programs and policies. To accomplish this purpose, the project supports activities which do the following:

- Strengthen regional institutions, especially in training in family planning.
- Promote policy dialogue with Host Countries and Arab Donors.
- Test innovative approaches to family planning
- Develop/disseminate region-specific IEC materials.
- Enhance role of private sector in family planning service delivery.
- Train individuals in countries without bilateral programs.
- Foster regional cooperation in family planning.
- Link family planning with other development activities, especially Maternal Child Health.

### 3. Purpose of Evaluation and Methodology Used:

Since this project is comprised of a large number of relatively small and unrelated elements it is rather difficult to conduct an in-depth and meaningful evaluation. (Though many of the subprojects do have built-in evaluation elements.) The project evaluation plan does call however for an evaluation during the third year of the project. This evaluation was carried out mostly during the third year and has considered the quality of the work performed, the level of demand, the relevance of activities to project criteria, the management process, and the success of the project in identifying new opportunities for involvement in family planning.

Date this summary prepared:

This mid-term evaluation was conducted on an in-house basis. ANE/TR/HPN compiled a summary of activities funded by the project since its beginning. (copy attached) The summary was reviewed by the Project Review Committee. The missions that have used the project were asked to comment on the project's usefulness in furthering their family planning goals. An issues paper was developed and discussed by the Project Review Committee.

4. Finding and Conclusions:

Attached is a summary presentation of all the activities funded by the project in its first three years. The summary provides a description of the activity, the country where it took place, the amount and source of funds (DA or ESF) and the project goal or goals to which the activity contributed.

Eighty activities were funded over the three years in nine Near Eastern countries. Most the activities and most of the funds went to the high priority countries where there is no bilateral project. The activities almost always contributed to more than one of the project goals.

Cables from the Missions proved to be supportive of the project. (Copies attached) The following points summarized statements made in the cables:

- The Regional Population Project is highly valued by the Missions and in keeping with project purposes.
- The demand for project funds is higher than the availability.
- Administration and management of the project has ben adequate.
- The relative speed with which the project can provide funds is important in some countries.
- The project has been useful in identifying potential targets for assistance.
- Most requests for funds originate with the host country.
- The project has been helpful in allowing the missions to develop innovatve approachss to population problems (Tunisia).
- Activities funded by the project have had a number of other positive results:
  - Opened doors for other activities.
  - Helped develop relationships with host government officers and organizations.
  - Promoted policy dialogue.
  - Provided a source of population funds where there was none.
  - Stimulated the development of a new bilateral project (Tunisia).

5. Recommendations:

A. Expand the project to include Asian countries. A high demand for funds has been shown in these countries. In this regard, the project should not be limited to countries without bilateral population projects. These funds are needed to supplement bilateral programs and especially to finance short-term technical assistance, innovative activities with NGO's, and operations research. Asian countries would primarily use the project to "buy-into" selected S&T/POP projects. This would minimize project management staff requirements in A.I.D./W.

B. Provide additional funds commensurate with the expanded level of activity expected as the result of the addition of Asian countries to the project.

C. Extend the PACD to 1991 in keeping with the finding that there will be continuing demand for a project of this type in the foreseeable future.

D. Extend the life of the project to FY 1991. There will be a continued demand for this type of project support in the foreseeable future (FY 1987 is the current PACD).

E. Change the requirement that all activities in excess of \$100,000 be approved by the DAA. Keep the requirement only for activities in excess of \$100,000 which are not "buy-ins" to S&T/POP projects. These projects have already gone through extensive review.

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K. ATTACHMENTS: Always attach a copy of the evaluation team report. A.I.D. assumes that the bibliography of the evaluation team's report will include all items considered relevant to the evaluation by the mission or office. NOTE: If the mission or office has prepared documents that (1) comment in detail on the report or (2) go into greater detail on matters requiring future A.I.D. action, these can be attached to the A.I.D. Evaluation Summary or submitted separately via memoranda or cables.

L. COMMENTS BY MISSION, ANE BUREAU OFFICE AND BORROWER/GRANTEE: This section summarizes the comments of the mission, (ANE Bureau office in the case of ANE Bureau managed regional projects), and the borrower/grantee on the evaluation team report. It should enable the reader to understand their views about the usefulness and quality of the evaluation, and why any recommendations may have been rejected.. It can cover the following questions:

o To what extent does the evaluation meet the demands of the scope of work? Does the evaluation provide answers to the questions posed? Does it surface unforeseen issues of potential interest or concern to the mission or office?

o Did the evaluation have sufficient time in the field to fully understand the activity, its impacts, and the problems encountered in managing the activity?

o Did any of the evaluators show particular biases which staff believes affected the findings? Avoid ad hominem discussions but cite objective evidence such as data overlooked, gaps in interviews, or statements suggesting a lack of objectivity.

o Did the evaluation employ innovative methods which would be applicable and useful in evaluating other projects known to the mission of office? Note the development of proxy measures of impact or benefit, efforts to construct baseline data, techniques that were particularly effective in isolating the effects of the activity from other concurrent factors.

o Do the findings and lessons learned cited in the report generally concur with the conclusions reached by A.I.D. staff and well-informed host country officials? Do lower priority findings in the evaluation warrant greater emphasis?

H. EVALUATION ABSTRACT (do not exceed the space provided.)

H. In 1983, the Near East Bureau authorized \$6,661,000 for the Regional Population Project. The five year project has been assisting relatively small-scale and short-duration population and family planning activities in Near East countries which do not have bilateral population programs. It has also supported activities which span two or more countries in the region. In accordance with the project paper, funds have been used for activities such as:

- Information, education and communication projects;
- Family planning evaluation;
- Workshops, conferences and training seminars;
- Partial funding for intermediary organizations.

This in-house evaluation was conducted by ANE/TR/HPN, the Missions involved and the Project Review Committee. A summary and analysis of activities funded was prepared by ANE/TR/HPN. Views of the missions involved were elicited by cable. The PRC met twice to review the analysis and the mission comments, and to provide direction for the next steps.

The evaluation was designed to take place in mid-project to determine what, if any, mid-course changes should be made. It also took place coincidentally shortly after the merger of the Asia and Near East Bureaus. This raised the obvious question of expanding the project to include Asian countries.

In its three years of implementation, 80 separate activities have been funded in 9 Near East countries. The activities contributed to the project's stated objectives.

Reactions cabled from the various missions can be summarized as follows:

- The Regional Population Project is highly valued by the Missions and in keeping with project purpose.
- The demand for project funds is higher than the availability.
- Administration and management of the project has been adequate.
- The relative speed with which the project and provide funds is important in some countries.
- The project has been useful in identifying potential targets for assistance.
- Most requests for funds originate with the host country.
- The project has been helpful in allowing the missions to develop innovative approaches to population problems (Tunisia).
- Activities funded by the project have had a number of other positive results which are detailed in Part II.

The Project Review committee recommended expanding the geographic scope of the project to include Asian Countries, extending the PACD and authorizing additional funds to the project.

ABSTRACT

I. EVALUATION COSTS

1. Evaluation Team

Name	Affiliation	Contract Number OR TDY Person Days	Contract Cost OR TDY Cost (US\$)	Source of Funds
N/A				

2. Mission/Office Professional Staff Person Days (estimate) 30

3. Borrower/Grantees Professional Staff Person-Days (estimate) N/A

COSTS

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K. ATTACHMENTS (List attachments submitted with this Evaluation Summary; always attach copy of full evaluation report, even if one was submitted earlier)

K. Attachments:

- Summary of activities funded during first three years of project.
- Cable requesting responses from Missions .
- Cable responses from Missions.
- Issues paper for PRC.
- Information Memorandum for J. Norris and R. Bell (9/18/85)
- Memo requesting additional funds for Asian countries (C. N. Johnson/L. Rogers 12/13/85).

ATTACHMENTS

L. COMMENTS BY MISSION, AID/W OFFICE AND BORROWER/GRANTEE

The PRC, composed of ANE Bureau staff, met twice during this evaluation and edorses the findings and recommendations of this evaluation.

The views of the missions participating in the project are presented in the cables (attached) and show continued demand for the project.

MISSION COMMENTS ON FULL REPORT

Issues to be Considered by PRC in Evaluation of the Regional Population Project.

MAJOR ISSUES:

1. With the merger of the Asia and Near East Bureaus, does it make sense to extend the Regional Population Project to include Asian countries?
2. If the PRC recommends extension of the project to Asian countries, should additional funds be requested?
3. The current project is five years in length, (1983-'87). Does the success of the project in its first three years warrant removing the PACD and thus making the project more or less permanent? That is, like a PD&S account, only for population and family planning.

OTHER ISSUES:

4. Were the activities funded in the first three years appropriate, in keeping with the project paper and of high quality?
5. Has there been a high demand for funds to carry out activities?
6. Has project management been adequate? Is there a more efficient way to manage the project than by a USDH employee? Could the project be implemented better, more efficiently by a contractor?
7. Has the project been helpful in identifying innovative activities or responding to new opportunities?

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY  
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON D C 20523

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: DAA/ANE/ASIA, James Norris  
DAA/ANE/NE, Robert Bell

FROM: ANE/TR, Kenneth Sherper

SUBJECT: Regional Population Project (298-0048): Project  
Evaluation and Consideration of Including Asian  
Countries

We are currently considering an expansion of the Near East Regional Population project to include Asia countries. After the current evaluation, we would develop a PP amendment for routine APAC review. This note is just to let you know what we're up to.

Background:

In 1983, the Near East Bureau authorized a grant of \$6,661,000 for a five year project, the Near East Regional Population Activities Project. The project has been assisting relatively small-scale and short duration population and family planning activities in Near East countries which do not have bilateral population programs. It has also supported activities which span two or more countries in the region. In accordance with the project purpose, funds have been used for activities such as:

- Information, education and communication projects in support of local population programs;
- Assistance in family planning evaluation and target setting;
- International workshops, conferences and training seminars; and
- partial funding for intermediary organizations' activities of cooperating agencies.



performed to date, including timeliness; (b) the levels of demand; (c) the appropriateness of activities with respect to the project criteria; (d) the management process; (e) the leadership of the project in identifying and responding to innovation and new opportunities, etc. We also hope to get a reading from recipient missions as to the usefulness of the project in furthering their population program goals.

#### Consideration of Including Asian Countries?

With the merger of the Asia and Near East Bureaus, one of the most important questions to be addressed by the evaluation is the advisability/feasibility of expanding the project to include Asian countries. In making a recommendation to senior management on this issue, the PRC, through the evaluation document, will consider the pros and cons of expanding the project. Certain offices in the Asia Bureau have been considering the concept of a regional population project over the past year.

We will keep you informed of the Project Evaluation as it progresses.

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 1985  
TO: ANE/DP, Len Rogers  
THRU: ANE/TR, Kenneth H. Sherper /s/ KS  
FROM: ANE/TR/HPN, Charles N. Johnson  
SUBJECT: OYB Funding for Regional Population Project  
(298-0048)

In compliance with the terms of the Regional Population Project paper, a meeting to evaluate the subject project was held on November 27.

As a result of the recent merger of the NE and Asia Bureaus, one of the major issues addressed by the Project Review Committee (PRC) was the advisability of expanding the project to include Asian countries. The PRC, including the representative from the DP office, unanimously agreed that the concept of having one regional population project operationally including all ANE countries was a valid one. Thus, the PRC endorsed expanding the scope of the subject project to include activities within the Asia region. The expanded scope would be one of the changes included in a project paper amendment. The PRC viewed the project issues and proposed changes to the project as non-controversial and did not foresee any problems in obtaining final approval of the project paper amendment.

In anticipation of the project paper amendment approval, this is to request an additional two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of FY 86 population funds for the Regional Population Project. This will bring the total FY 86 population grant funds, for the project, to \$4,113,000 plus \$200,000 ESF grant funds. If this additional \$2 million is included in the OYB, it would negate the need for any PD&S funds for the Asia region. (Currently proposed PD&S amount is \$337,000.)

FYI: Inclusion of Asia region in the regional project will require this additional \$2 million annual funding continuously all thru project LOP. Thus, for FY 87 the project OYB request is \$3,800,000 of Population Funds plus \$200,000 ESF funds.

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**Near East Regional Population Project  
(298-0048)**

Summary of Activities by fiscal year and by country.  
Fiscal year 1983

<u>OBLIGATION NO.</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	Family Planning Serv.	Information, Educ. & Communication	Demographic Data/Prog Evaluation	Population Policy	Training	Private Sector/Instit Development	Promote Regional Coop	8 (a) Firms Used
<u>REGIONAL</u>											
623 8004	Cooperative Agreement with Northwestern University and the Society for the Advancement of Contraception (SAC) to sponsor and provide logistical support for 30 participants from the N.E. Region to attend the 1st. Annual Meeting of the SAC in Cairo, Egypt.	54,661	DA	X	X	X		X	X	X	
623 2008	Public-Private Partnerships for Health in the Middle East.	33,200							X		
623 8008	To extend the cooperative agreement with the Center for Public Resources to undertake Phase II of the project (funds were also added from other sources).	14,039 4,012	DA ESF								
623 2000	Cooperative Agreement with the Population Reference Bureau to conduct a two-year test demonstration based on distribution of selected IRB publications among individuals and institutions in the Near East. (Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Turkey, and Yemen). (The year before the Regional Population Project began \$160,000 of ESF HD&S funds were used for first year start up costs).	128,034	DA		X		X		X	X	
623 2004	IQC with Pragma Corporation to conduct a study "Targetting Male Audiences for Family Planning: An Inventory of Opportunities" (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, and Lebanon).	28,308	DA	X	X	X					X
623 2005	Contract with the Futures Group to: 1) revise and update the RAPID analysis for Turkey, 2) continue and finalize development of the RAPID project in Yemen, and 3) develop a regional analysis of the effect of population growth on development goals in the Near East. (Morocco, Egypt, Jordan, and Yemen)	63,495	DA		X	X	X			X	

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623 2006	To sponsor three participants to attend the University of Michigan Program in Population and Development. Funds were provided to the Research Triangle Institute through S&T/IOP's Integrated Population and Development Planning Project (IHDP).	62,892	DA				X	X	X	X	
<u>LEBANON</u>											
623 2007	Funds were added to S&T/IOP's contract with Westinghouse Health Systems to conduct a contraceptive prevalence survey in the N.E. Region.	97,000	DA			X	X				
<u>YEMEN</u>											
623 8007	Personal Services Contract with Mr. A. Thraya, Family Planning Advisor for one year to assist USAID in developing a FID and PP and to advise on family planning and population issues.	132,300	DA	X		X					
623 2002	An IQC with Management Sciences for Health to describe and assess the role of the pharmacy sector, specifically pharmacies, pharmacists and other commercial drug outlets, in the delivery of health and family planning services.	56,782	DA	X		X			X		
<b>TOTAL FY 1983</b>		<b>674,723</b>									



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<b>YEMEN:</b>											
1.	Yemen Population Census Assessment visit by BUCEN.	\$ 23,500	DA			X			X		
2.	Technical assistance to Yemen for preparation of FP/MCH project paper (Management Sciences for Health).	27,660	"	X							
5.	Support for representative from Yemen to attend the World Fertility Survey Seminar in London.	2,000	"				X	X		X	
8.	Short-term training for Yemen, University of Connecticut.	15,232	"	X				X	X		
13.	FSC for resident advisor Thraya (Cancelled)	-0-									
14.	CEDEA Workshop, Yemen.	46,318	"					X	X	X	
15.	Support for the Yemeni delegation to attend the Population Conference in Mexico.	5,000	"				X	X		X	
16.	Support for the Yemeni delegation to attend the Population Conference in Mexico.	5,000	"				X	X		X	
17.	Tuition for participant at University of Connecticut Management Course.	32,144	"	X				X	X		
30.	(RAPID) Raising Awareness of Women in Development (Yemen) The Futures Group.	53,401	"			X	X				
32.	Pharmacy study in Yemen - (cancelled).	-0-									
37.	Development of a scope of work to undertake a national pharmacy study in Yemen.	9,324	"	X		X			X		
	<b>Yemen Total</b>	<b>219,579</b>									



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<b>LEBANON</b>											
12.	Short-term training for Lebanese, Women in Management Course	17,033	DA					X		X	X
33.	CEDPA Course in "Supervision and Evaluation as Management Tools" (2 participants).	8,638	"					X	X	X	X
34.	Three participants from Lebanon to the University of Connecticut.	24,644	"					X	X	X	
38.	Basic Living Skills Project (Phase II) Beirut University.	152,000	"	X	X						
	Lebanon Total	202,315									
<b>MALTA:</b>											
27.	Support for three participants from Malta to attend International Midwives Conference.	2,000	"					X	X	X	
28.	(See 27).	2,000	"					X		X	
29.	(See 27).	2,000	"							X	
	Malta Total	6,000									
<b>MOROCCO</b>											
0.	Support for Moroccan participants to attend Workshop on Natural Family Planning (Baptiste Cohen).	1,500	"	X						X	
	Morocco Total	1,500									
	Total obligated	1,655,000									
	Total authorized	1,655,000									

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Summary of Activities by fiscal year and by country.  
Fiscal year 1985

<u>OBLIGATION NO.</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	Family Planning Ser	Information, Educ. Communication	Demographic Data/Pri Evaluation	Population Policy	Training	Private Sector/Inst Development	Promote Regional Co	8 (a) Firms Used
<b>REGIONAL</b>											
00.	Additional funds to the American University (Int'l Council on Family Health) to supplement an activity begun in 1984. Workshop on Family Life Education held in Cyprus.	6,487	DA	X	X			X	X	X	
01.	Workshop to adapt and translate into Arabic a set of ten training modules for health and family planning clinicians. Modules use the self instructional method of teaching. (Institute for Development Training)	74,047	DA	X	X			X	X	X	
20	Buy-in support to the Office of Population's project, Paramedical, Auxilliary and Community Training Project (PAC II) to: 1) develop a cadre of regional consultants, \$125,181, and 2) explore the use of micro computers in family planning training and the managing of family planning training programs \$157,856. Contractor is RONCO (See also Turkey for further RONCO activities).	283,037	DA	X	X	X		X	X	X	X

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21.	Support through a "buy-in" to the Office of Population's Integrated Population and Development Planning II Project, (INPLAN). The contractor, Research Triangle Institute, will conduct a two-week regional seminar on population and development planning issues and approaches for about 20 senior policymakers and planners from Near East Countries. (See also Turkey and Tunisia for RTI's activities in those countries).	60,343 349,657	DA ESF				X	X	X	X	
25.	"Buy-in" to the Office of Population's Cooperative agreement with the Association for Voluntary Sterilization to: 1) prepare, print and distribute an annotated bibliography on family planning and voluntary surgical contraception in Arabic and 2) to conduct a workshop on teaching family planning in medical schools in the Arab world.	97,565	DA	X	X		X	X	X	X	
27.	Support to the Social Marketing of Contraceptives Project (SOMARC) of the Office of Population to carry out activities in the N.E. region (the Futures Group is the contractor)	98,000	DA	X	X			X	X	X	
<u>YEMEN:</u> 02.	Dr. Ann Marie Kimball, three month contract to assist the MCH Division of the Ministry of Health with the collection and analysis of information pertinent to future MCH program needs. Preparatory analysis for bilateral population project.	19,500	DA	X		X			X		
08.	Support for eight Yemeni women to attend the Arabic language workshop on Planning & Management of Service Delivery Programs in Family Planning, Health and Development conducted in Washington, D.C. by the Center for Development & Population Activities (CEDPA).	68,390	DA	X	X	X		X	X	X	X

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09.	The Futures Group contract to develop and present to the political leaders of Yemen a micro computer-based, succinct, and dramatic simulation model of the current and potential contribution of Yemeni women to the nation's economic and social development. This \$3,600 was added to the contract to permit the preparation of a video tape version of the presentation.	3,600	DA		X	X	X				
10.	Funds added to the Future Group contract (above) to print in Arabic and English approximately 200 copies of the booklet which accompanied the presentation.	2,457	DA		X	X	X				
12.	Personal Services Contract with Sandra Lolli to serve the MCH as Field Coordinator of a National Maternal and Perinatal Mortality Survey.	22,000	DA	X		X	X		X		
13.	A work order (IQC) with Westinghouse Health Systems to provide an epidemiologist (Mary Taylor Hassouna) to serve as principal technical advisor to the Health and Medical Research Unit and the Director, MCH Unit of the Ministry of Health in carrying out a national survey of maternal and perinatal mortality.	46,547	DA	X		X	X		X		
14.	Curriculum development in family planning at Yemen's Health Manpower Institute. This is being done through technical assistance and through an observational team to the US for top HMI faculty members.	92,985	DA		X		X	X	X		X
15.	Three Yemeni nurses attended the workshop in Family Planning Management sponsored by the University of California at San Francisco International Health Programs in Santa Cruz, CA from September 9 to November 1, 1985.	31,865	DA	X	X			X	X		

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Near East Regional Population Project  
(298-0048)

<u>OBLIGATION NO.</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	Family Planning	Information, Edu Communication	Demographic Data/Evaluation	Population Policy	Training	Private Sector/L Development	Promote Regional	8 (a) Firms Used
16.	Training and observational tour in selected Near East Countries and the US for five established OB-GYN physicians currently working in Yemen. Tours focused on management of family planning programs.	44,577	DA	X	X		X	X	X	X	
17.	Funds for five physicians to attend the Second International Conference on Oral Rehydration Therapy (ICORT II).	19,328	DA	X	X		X	X	X	X	
28.	Sarah Fry to prepare a report on the Team Planning Meeting which was held prior to undertaking an MCH Survey in Yemen (purchase order with Westinghouse Health Systems).	1,645	DA	X	X	X	X				
29.	Additional funds to support the second phase of the Maternal Child Health Survey (See #13 above).	9,229	DA	X		X	X		X		
30.	Same as above.	1,949	DA	X		X	X		X		
31.	David Levine to prepare a report on the Team Planning Meeting which was held prior to undertaking an MCH survey in Yemen (Purchase order with Westinghouse Health Systems).	522	DA	X	X	X	X				
<u>JORDAN</u>											
03.2	Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census provided technical assistance to Jordan's Department of Statistics by installing two computer software packages and training personnel in their use. The packages will enable analysis of data from the 1979 population census and from six other surveys planned by the DCS.	127,000	DA			X	X	X	X		

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<u>OBLIGATION NO.</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	Family Planning Serv.	Information, Educ. & Communication	Demographic Data/Prog. Evaluation	Population Policy	Training	Private Sector/Instit. Development	Promote Regional Coop.	8 (a) Firms Used
18.	Assistance to the Jordan Department of statistics in conducting a survey of husbands to determine their attitude toward birth spacing, measuring the differences in attitude between the husbands and wives, and measuring the husbands knowledge, attitudes and practice of contraception. Assistance provided by the US Public Health Service Center for Disease Control.	83,000	DA			X	X		X		
19.	To assist the Government of Jordan in creating a Secretariate as a viable coordinating and administrative body for the National Population Commission. (Through the Ministry of Labor and Social Development)	100,000	DA	X				X	X		
<u>TUNISIA</u>											
04.	Local hire personal services contract with Anouar Bachbouab to assist in designing a bilateral Population Project. Special attention given to IE&C and training.	5,796	EA	X	X			X	X		
05.	Local hire personal services contract with Janet Smith to assist in designing a bilateral population project. Special attention given to analyzing the Tunisian 1984 Census.	1,920	DA			X	X		X		
06.	Incremental funding to the International Federation for Family Life Promotion (IFFLP) for technical assistance to Action Familiale of Tunisia in the expansion of natural family planning (NFP) activities.	30,000	DA	X	X			X	X		

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<u>OBLIGATION NO.</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	Family Plann	Information, Communicat	Demographic I Evaluation	Population Pc	Training	Private Secto Development	Promote Regio	8 (a) Firms U:
07.	Contract with the University Research Cooperation to assist in preparation of a bilateral population project. Contractor prepared economic and financial analysis, financial viability, and financial planning sectors.	8,173	DA			X			X		
21.	Research Triangle Institute will carry out a set of technical assistance activities, primarily with the Ministry of Plan, to support: a) development of a long-term economic-demographic model, b) extension of the INFLAN Multiregional Population Projection model to include the family planning program and c) further extension of the Tunisian Human Resources Planning Model. Buy-in to the INFLAN project of the Office of Population. The cost (\$120,880) is incorporated in the \$410,000 in "Regional" section-split-funded, ESF&DA.	Included in Regional Section	ESF DA			X	X		X		
26.	Local cost of design team to develop bilateral project paper in population and family planning.	722	DA	X	X	X		Y	X		
<u>TURKEY</u>											
20	Support to RONCO under Office of Populations PAC II Project to strengthen community networks for maternal child health and family planning.	90,000	DA	X	X			X	X		X
21.	Support to the Research Triangle Institute under the Office of Populations Integrated Population and Development Planning II Project (INFLAN) to carry out a set of technical assistance activities population and development planning for the State Planning Organization in Turkey. The cost \$155,803 is incorporated in the \$410,000 in the "Regional" section-split-funded ESF&DA.	Included in Regional Section	DA7 ESF	X		X	X	X	X		

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<u>OBLIGATION NO.</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	Family Planning Serv	Information, Educ. & Communication	Demographic Data/Pro Evaluation	Population Policy	Training	Private Sector/Insti. Development	Promote Regional Coop	8 (a) Firms Used
22.	Provide support to Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology & Obstetrics (JHPIEGO) through a "buy in" to the Office of Population's Cooperative Agreement with them to do the following training programs: ---Turkish National Endoscopy Program for Obstetricians, Gynecologists, and Nurses. ---Project for the development of a standardized curriculum in reproductive health in medical faculties in Turkey. ---IUD insertion training programs. ---National Reproductive Health Conference ---Microsurgery program for tubal reanostomosis	559,266	DA	X	X			X	X		
<u>PORTUGAL</u>											
	Assistance to the Government of Portugal in expanding an urban MCH survey nation-wide and incorporating family planning	140,000	ESF			X	X		X		
<u>LEBANON</u>											
5622500	Lilli Boulouklan- participant training as International Family Planning Nurse Practitioners Training Program at Margaret Sanger Center.	10,343	ESF		X			X	X		

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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT  
(298-0040)

1. SUMMARY: IN 1983 THE NEAR EAST BUREAU AUTHORIZED A GRANT OF DOLS. 6,661,000 FOR THE NEAR EAST REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT. FOR THREE YEARS THE PROJECT HAS FINANCED SMALL-SCALE, SHORT DURATION POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEAR EAST. THIS CABLE SEEKS THE IMPRESSIONS OF NE MISSIONS AS TO THE USEFULNESS OF THE PROJECT AND HOW BEST TO PROCEED IN THE REMAINING TWO YEARS OF THE PROJECT.

2. BACKGROUND: IN 1983, THE NEAR EAST BUREAU AUTHORIZED A GRANT OF DOLS. 5,661,000 FOR A FIVE YEAR PROJECT, THE NEAR EAST REGIONAL POPULATION ACTIVITIES PROJECT. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN ASSISTING RELATIVELY SMALL-SCALE AND SHORT DURATION POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN NEAR EAST COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE BILATERAL POPULATION PROGRAMS. IT HAS ALSO SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES WHICH SPAN TWO OR MORE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PURPOSE, FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL POPULATION PROGRAMS;

ASSISTANCE IN FAMILY PLANNING EVALUATION AND TARGET SETTING;

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND TRAINING SEMINARS; AND

PARTIAL FUNDING FOR INTERMEDIARY ORGANIZATIONS' ACTIVITIES OF COOPERATING AGENCIES.

BOTH DA AND ESF FUNDS ARE USED FOR THE PROJECT. OBLIGATIONS BY YEAR SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT ARE THE FOLLOWING:

3. EVALUATION: ANE/TR IS CONDUCTING AN INFORMAL IN-HOUSE EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT TO EXAMINE HOW MUCH THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROJECT PURPOSES. SINCE THE PROJECT IS COMPRISED OF RELATIVELY SMALL ELEMENTS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT A FORMAL EVALUATION. A SUMMARY OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY THE PROJECT SINCE ITS BEGINNING IS BEING POUCHED TO NE MISSIONS. THE SUMMARY INCLUDES:

- (A) A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY;
- (B) THE COUNTRY BENEFITING
- (C) THE AMOUNT AND SOURCE (ESF/OA) OF MONEY OBLIGATED;
- (D) WHETHER AN 8 (A) FIRM WAS USED;
- (E) AND WHICH OF THE PROJECT GOALS WERE SERVED BY THE ACTIVITY:

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES/MCH  
INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION, IEC  
DEMOGRAPHIC DATA/PROGRAM EVALUATION  
POPULATION POLICY  
TRAINING  
PRIVATE SECTOR/INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROMOTION OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

(4) WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES WE'D APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS TO THE PROJECTS. RESPONSE MAY BE CABLED OR SENT IN MEMO FORM TO ANE/TR/HPM ATTENTION: GARY COOK.

(5) QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER IN YOUR RESPONSE INCLUDE BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(A) HAS THE PROJECT BEEN USEFUL TO THE MISSION FURTHERING POPULATION PROGRAM GOALS?

(B) ARE THERE WAYS IN WHICH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT COULD BE IMPROVED?

(C) WERE THE ACTIVITIES FINANCED IN YOUR COUNTRY REQUESTED BY THE MISSION OR BY SOMEONE ELSE?

(D) WERE THERE ACTIVITIES PROPOSED BY THE MISSION THAT WERE NOT FUNDED BY THE PROJECT?

(E) IN 1985 THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE USE OF PROJECT FUNDS TO BUY-IN TO ST/POP WORLDWIDE PROJECTS TO CARRY OUT WORK IN THE NE. DO YOU SEE THIS AS A GOOD TREND FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS OF THE PROJECT?

(F) HAVE ANY ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THE PROJECT BEEN REPLICATED BY THE HOST COUNTRY USING LOCAL FUNDS?

(G) CAN YOU MAKE ANY GENERALIZATIONS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE WORK DONE TO DATE?

(H) WERE THE ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT CRITERIA?

(I) HAS THE PROJECT HELPED IN IDENTIFYING NEW OPPORTUNITIES OR IN RESPONDING TO INNOVATIVE IDEAS?

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(6) WE WILL SOON BE ASKING MISSIONS TO PROPOSE ACTIVITIES  
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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT

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1. YEMEN IS AT A VERY EARLY STATE OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS, AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICE PROVISION IS NIL THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE COUNTRY.
  2. THE REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THAT IT ALLOWS THE MISSION TO SUPPORT FLEDGLING EFFORTS BY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO PLAN AND INITIATE SERVICES. THIS TYPE OF SUPPORT REQUIRES A RELATIVELY SHORT TURN AROUND TIME FOR FUNDING IN ORDER TO BUILD MOMENTUM FOR BROADER EFFORTS IN THE FUTURE, AND THE AMOUNTS OF FUNDING REQUIRED ARE RELATIVELY SMALL. AS SUCH, THE REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT IS IDEAL FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS YEMEN WHERE ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE DEVELOPED BEFORE THEY CAN EVEN BEGIN TO ACT AS USAID COUNTERPARTS.
  3. THROUGH 0048 FUNDS, THE MISSION HAS BEEN THE MAJOR DONOR IN YEMEN IN TERMS OF RAISING POPULATION AWARENESS, AND INTRODUCING FAMILY PLANNING MANAGEMENT SKILLS. THESE FUNDS HAVE ALSO SUPPORTED THE FIRST NATIONWIDE MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH SURVEY WHICH WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY BASELINE DATA FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.
  4. AS A RESULT OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE CEDPA CONFERENCE, THE UC SANTA CRUZ WORKSHOP, AND THE OBSERVATIONAL STUDY TOUR BY FOUR OB/GYN PHYSICIANS, THE MISSION HAS RECEIVED ITS FIRST UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF POPULATION.
  5. THE MISSION IS ACTIVELY SEEKING TO CONTINUE BUILDING THIS MOMENTUM THROUGHOUT FY 86, AND URGES THE AHE BUREAU TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND SUPPORT FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS YEMEN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL OR CENTRAL PROGRAM CAN BE JUSTIFIED IN TERMS OF LOCAL UNDERSTANDING AND CAPABILITY.
  6. THE MISSION SOLIDLY BELIEVES THAT PROGRESS MADE IN FY 1985 AND CURRENT PLANS FOR FY 1986 CAN LEAD TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS JUSTIFICATION AND PROVIDE THE GROUNDWORK FOR A TRULY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO REDUCING DANGEROUSLY HIGH FERTILITY RATES IN YEMEN -- RATES THAT THREATEN NOT ONLY THE HEALTH OF MOTHERS AND INFANTS, BUT THE ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.
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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT (298-0048)

REF: STATE 325963

1. MISSION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EVALUATE IMPACT OF SUBJECT PROJECT UNTIL CURRENT ACTIVITIES ARE CONCLUDED IN DECEMBER, 1985.

2. IN THE ABSENCE OF A BILATERAL POPULATION PROJECT, 298-0048 HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE VERY USEFUL IN IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL TARGETS FOR ASSISTANCE. MOST ACTIVITIES FUNDED TO DATE WERE INITIATED BY REQUESTS FROM HOST COUNTRY COUNTERPARTS, AND WE CONSIDER THEM TO BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT CRITERIA.

3. SINCE PAST FY FUNDS WERE OBLIGATED, MISSION HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, MOSTLY FOR ARABIC LANGUAGE INFORMATION MATERIALS, AND FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ADMINISTRATION OF WOMEN'S HOSPITAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

4. MISSION DOES NOT SEE ANY VALUE IN USING PROJECT FUNDS TO BUY IN TO CENTRAL PROJECTS AT THIS TIME, DUE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING OUT THE LIMITED NUMBER OF APPROPRIATE CONSULTANTS HAVING ARABIC LANGUAGE CAPACITY. 1 2

5. FYI, FUTURE REQUESTS FROM MISSION WILL BE MORE FOCUSED, AND ARE LIKELY TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT THE BULK OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES ARE DELIVERED IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS.

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SUBJECT: NEAR EAST REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT (298-0048)

REFS: (A) STATE 336211 (B) TUNIS 10628 (C) VERMILLION/  
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1. WITH RESPECT TO PARTICULAR QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTELCON (C), MISSION WISHES TO ADD COMMENTS TO ITS REPLY, REF (B), TO REQUEST FOR EVALUATIVE INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT PROJECT IN REF (A).
2. MISSION BELIEVES THAT ACTIVITIES FUNDED IN TUNISIA UNDER THE PROJECT DURING FY 83, 84 AND 85 WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE PROJECT PURPOSE, TO ASSIST NEAR EAST COUNTRIES, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND EVALUATE POPULATION PROGRAMS IN A FASHION COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR CULTURES, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES. THE EXECUTION OF THESE ACTIVITIES WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROJECT DESIGN AS DETAILED IN THE PROJECT PAPER. THE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES IN TUNISIA WERE DIRECTLY RELATED TO PROJECT EVALUATION AND DESIGN, IN ADDITION TO OTHER ACTIVITIES FALLING UNDER PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE PP, NAMELY AREAS 3, DEMOGRAPHIC DATA/PROGRAM EVALUATION AND 4, POPULATION POLICY.
3. THE DEMAND FOR FUNDS UNDER THE PROJECT HAS EXCEEDED FUNDING AVAILABILITY. INDEED MISSION SOUGHT FUNDS TO SUPPORT A NATIONAL COLLOQUIUM WHICH WOULD SERVE AS A BASIS TO DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY FOR PRICING OF CONTRACEPTIVES SOLD IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUT FOUND THAT THIS COULD NOT BE FUNDED GIVEN OTHER DEMANDS ON THE PROJECT; WE ALSO CONSIDERED OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR PROJECT FUNDING, INCLUDING FUNDING OF TRAVEL FOR TUNISIAN OFFICIALS TO ENCOURAGE SOCIAL MARKETING ACTIVITIES, BUT DECIDED AGAINST THIS REQUEST GIVEN THE OVERLY SUBSCRIBED NATURE OF THE PROJECT.
4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN QUITE SATISFACTORY. SINCE THE PROJECT IS MANAGED BY OUR BACKSTOP OFFICERS, IT HAS BEEN EASY TO COMMUNICATE OUR NEEDS AND ARRANGE FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ACTIVITIES IN A TIMELY AND SATISFACTORY MANNER. HAVING PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNDER THE BACKSTOP OFFICE HAS SERVED TO REMOVE ANY MIDDLE PEOPLE FROM THE MANAGEMENT PROCESS AND HAS MINIMIZED CONFUSION IN COMMUNICATION OVER MISSION NEEDS. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT MANAGEMENT UNDER ANOTHER STRUCTURE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AS TIMELY AND DIRECT RESPONSE TO MISSION NEED.
5. IN SUMMARY, THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN ALLOWING THE MISSION TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO

POPULATION PROBLEMS IN TUNISIA. WHILE TO DATE IT HAS BEEN A STIMULANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW BILATERAL PROGRAM IN TUNISIA, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A USEFUL TOOL FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH COMPLEMENT BILATERAL ACTIVITIES IN TUNISIA. PARTICULAR CASES IN POINT ARE LIKELY TO BE SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONAL TOURS FOR POLICY MAKERS, CONTINUED ACTIVITIES IN POPULATION POLICY PLANNING (AS IS PRESENTLY UNDER WAY WITH RTI UNDER THE REGIONAL PROJECT), EVALUATION ACTIVITIES, AND EXPANDED ACTIVITIES WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN FAMILY PLANNING.  
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REF: STATE 325963

1. MISSION BELIEVES THAT REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT HAS PROVIDED INPUTS WHICH HAVE ENABLED CONTINUING HIGH-LEVEL COOPERATION WITH GOT IN FAMILY PLANNING AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT.

2. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THE PROJECT INCLUDE EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF COOPERATING AGENCIES, AND, ACCORDINGLY A BASELINE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL POPULATION PROJECT. WHILE THE EVALUATION WAS BROAD, IT DID PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DECIDING TO UNDERTAKE NEW ACTIVITIES IN PROMOTION OF SOCIAL MARKETING AND INTEGRATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY WITH MOPH INFRASTRUCTURE. THE DESIGN FUNCTIONS FUNDED UNDER THE PROJECT WERE OF VERY HIGH QUALITY AND HAVE PROVIDED A STRONG BASE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT PAPER AND PROJECT AGREEMENT.

3. AN OERSHOOT OF THE EVALUATION WAS DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY DIALOGUE GUIDELINES FOR THE MISSION; RECENT STATEMENTS FROM THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND FAMILY, MME. F. MZALI, INDICATE THAT THE GOT HAS TAKEN ON NOT ONLY PAYMENT FOR CONTRACEPTIVES AT AN UNSUBSIDIZED PRICE, BUT ALSO FEE FOR SERVICES IN FAMILY PLANNING AS GOT PROGRAMS.

4. IN ADDITION, TRAINING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY RTI UNDER SUBJECT PROJECT FOR MINISTRY OF PLAN HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED BY GOT. FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES ARE EXPECTED TO IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOT'S NEXT FIVE YEAR PLAN.  
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E. O. 12356: N/A

SUBJECT: NEAR EAST REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT  
-- (298-0048) FY 86 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

REF: (A) STATE 332597, (B) AMMAN 8847  
- (C) STATE 287780, (D) AMMAN 10493

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A FOR SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES, USAID/AMMAN REITERATES ITS INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH NEW PROJECT WITH JORDAN FAMILY PLANNING AND PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, PROVIDING T. A. AND TRAINING FROM MARGARET SANGER CENTER OR OTHER QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION TO EXPAND JFPPA SERVICE CAPABILITY. PROJECT WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED BY MISSION IN SEPTEMBER (REF B) AND CONFIRMATION WAS RECEIVED IN REF. C. THAT IT WAS INCLUDED IN FY 86 IMP. PLAN.

2. MISSION STRESSES HIGH PRIORITY IT PLACES ON THIS PROJECT AND EMPHASIZES THE VALUE TO OUR PROGRAM OF THE CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT FUNDS THAT HAS ENABLED US TO SUPPORT POPULATION ACTIVITIES IN JORDAN OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. AS ANE/TR IS AWARE, USAID/AMMAN HAS LIMITED BILATERAL FUNDING FOR POP/FP (ONLY TSFS RESOURCES) AND THIS IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON CENTRAL AND REGIONAL FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD.

3. AT END OF MARKET SEARCH REQUESTED IN REF D, MISSION WILL ADVISE ON EXACT CONTRACTING STEPS IT PLANS TO TAKE AND WILL REQUEST THAT ANE/TR PROCESS DAA APPROVAL OF ACTIVITY AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AT THAT TIME.  
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E. O. 12356: N/A  
SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT  
(298-0048)

REFS: A) STATE 336211, B) STATE 332597, C) RABAT 2269

1. DUE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE FUNDING SUPPORT UNDER MISSION BI-LATERAL POPULATION PROJECT (S), USAID/RABAT USE OF SUBJECT REGIONAL PROJECT HAS BEEN LIMITED TO FUNDING OF ONE SHORT TERM (ST) PARTICIPANT (OBLIGATION NO. 0) AND MOROCCO'S INCLUSION UNDER THREE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANALYSIS SUB-PROJECTS (OBLIGATION NOS 2000, 2004 AND 2005).
2. ST TRAINING SUPPORT FOR B. COHEN HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF USAID POPULATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, RESULTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND AWARD OF AN OPG FOR NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO COHEN'S ORGANIZATION. ALSO, PER COMMENTS PROVIDED REF. C, USAID/RABAT BELIEVES THAT REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED UNDER OBLIGATION NO. 2000 HAVE ALSO COMPLEMENTED MISSION POPULATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.
3. CONCERNING SUPPORT PROVIDED OBLIGATION NOS 2004 AND 2005, USAID/RABAT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR REPORTS DETAILING OUTCOME OF THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES.
4. USAID/RABAT ENVISIONS INCREASED USE OF RESOURCES PROVIDED UNDER THE FOLLOW-ON PROJECT. WE BELIEVE THAT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WILL EVOLVE FROM CURRENT MISSION DISCUSSIONS WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICIALS ESPECIALLY IN REVIEW/ASSESSMENT OF FERTILITY TRENDS. IN OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PROPOSALS IS NOT IMMINENT. THEREFORE, USAID/RABAT DOES NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF SUBJECT PROJECT RESOURCES DURING FY 1986. IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE, HOWEVER, THAT PROPOSALS WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR REGIONAL FUNDING SUPPORT DURING FY 1987. NASSIF

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THIS PROJECT, THE SURVEY HAS BEEN AN EFFECTIVE VEHICLE FOR MOH AND HEALTH/FP INSTITUTIONS IN PORTUGAL TO COMMUNICATE FURTHER, AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, AND UTILIZE LOCAL REOURCES TO THE BENEFIT OF SPECIFIC COMMUNITY PROBLEMS.

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FOR ANE/TR/HPN (GARY COOK)

E.O. 12356:NA

SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT  
- (298-0048)

REF.: STATE 336211

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFCABLE THE USAID SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

- A. SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS: THE DOLS. 140,000 GRANT WAS AWARDED JUNE 21, 1985 TO PERMIT EXPANSION OF A NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY NATIONWIDE. THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE PROJECT (JULY-DECEMBER 1985) WERE FOR PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIELD SURVEY, NAMELY, RECRUITING OF CENTRAL PROJECT STAFF; OBTAINING OFFICE SPACE AND EQUIPMENT; PRELIMINARY MEETINGS WITH POTENTIAL USERS OF SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE ON DESIGN AND CONTENTS; AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIELD PILOT TEST TO DETERMINE USEFULNESS OF THE GP QUESTIONNAIRE IN TERMS OF CURRENT SURVEY METHODOLOGY.

- B. SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON SURVEY CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECT GOALS:

- (1) ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THE PROJECT (FIELD STAFF COSTS, SURVEY STAFF TRAINING, PRINTING OF SURVEY MATERIALS, AND DATA PROCESSING AND TABULATION) ARE OF KEY IMPORTANCE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE SURVEY INASMUCH AS THESE ACTIVITIES WILL ENSURE THAT THE PROJECT HAS ADEQUATELY TRAINED STAFF AND THAT THE PROJECT OUTPUTS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES (THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH - MOH, HOSPITALS, HEALTH CENTERS, FP UNITS, HEALTH FP TASK FORCES, AND AID/W). BECAUSE THE GOP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT (APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 300,000) SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEEDS THE AID GRANT, THE COMMITMENT OF THE GOP/MOH IN ACHIEVING PROJECT GOALS IS THEREFORE REINFORCED.

- (2) BECAUSE OF GOP FOREIGN CURRENCY LIMITATIONS, HIGH COST OF TRAINING IN THE U.S., DESIRABILITY OF HAVING SOME KEY SURVEY STAFF IN THE U.S. FOR SOME OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION TOURS (PARTICULARLY WITH BUCEN AND/OR NCHS WHICH PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THIS SUBPROJECT), AND LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF DOLLAR FUNDS UNDER THE PROJECT, THE GOP HAS REPEATEDLY REQUESTED THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS OR MECHANISMS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PERMIT SOME LIMITED TRAINING IN U.S. AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE PROJECT LIFE.

- (3) IN TERMS OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES GENERATED BY.

- (4) THE PROJECT (NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY) ACTIVITIES WERE REQUESTED BY THE GOP/MOH IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF PUBLIC HEALTH DATA AND THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES BY PORTUGUESE HEALTH PLANNERS, HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL ADMINISTRATORS AND HEALTH RESEARCH GROUPS.

- (5) WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF USING PROJECT FUNDS TO BUY-IN TO ST/POP WORLDWIDE PROJECTS TO CARRY OUT WORK IN THE NE, THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY ADDRESSES VERY SPECIFIC CONCERNS WHICH MAY HAVE LITTLE RELATION TO AID POPULATION PROJECTS IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF EUROPE.

- (6) IN TERMS OF PROJECT ADMINISTRATION, THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY AID/W (ANE/TR/HPN) HAS BEEN ADEQUATE AND SUPPORTIVE OF PROJECT OBJECTIVES.

2. IN VIEW OF THE INITIAL STATE OF THIS SUBPROJECT (GRANT LIFESPAN IS JULY 1985 - JUNE 30, 1983) THE USAID HAS LIMITED COMMENTS TO ESSENTIALS AS IT FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ADDRESS OTHER IMPLEMENTATION ASPECTS.  
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 1985  
TO: Distribution  
FROM: ANE/TR/MPN, Gary Cook  
SUBJECT: In-House Evaluation of Regional Population Project  
(398-0048)

At the PRC meeting on November 27, 1985, it was decided that further response would be sought from the Missions benefiting from the project. The attached cables have been received from Yemen, Tunisia, Jordan, Morocco and Portugal.

The cables indicate the following:

- The Regional Population Project is highly valued by the Missions and in keeping with project purpose.
- The demand for project funds is higher than the availability.
- Administration and management of the project has been adequate.
- The relative speed with which funds can be provided is important in some countries.
- The project has been useful in identifying potential targets for assistance.
- Most requests for funds originate with the host country.
- The project has been helpful in allowing the missions to develop innovative approaches to population problems (Tunisia).
- Past activities funded by the project have:
  - opened doors for other activities
  - helped develop relationships with host government officers and organizations
  - promoted policy dialogue
  - helped provide baseline data for program development
  - prompted the first unsolicited proposals in Yemen

- provided a source of population funds where there was none.
- stimulated the development of a new bilateral project (Tunisia)

I believe that these responses will support the PRC's inclination that the project has been useful to the missions.

Also attached for your information is a copy of a memo the PRC recommended writing regarding the expansion of the project to include Asian countries. The memo requests an additional \$2 million for the project in FY 86.

The PRC will meet again immediately after the holidays to discuss the next appropriate steps in the evaluation and project implementation.

Enclosures: A/S

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DA	550	1,655	2,028	1,050	1,400
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AID/ANE/E: B. PORTER (INFO) AID/S&T/POP: S. SINDING (INFO)  
AID/ANE/TR/HPN: C. JOHNSON (INFO)

3. EVALUATION: ANE/TR IS CONDUCTING AN INFORMAL IN-HOUSE EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT TO EXAMINE HOW MUCH THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROJECT PURPOSES. SINCE THE PROJECT IS COMPRISED OF RELATIVELY SMALL ELEMENTS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT A FORMAL EVALUATION. A SUMMARY OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY THE PROJECT SINCE ITS BEGINNING IS BEING POUCHED TO NE MISSIONS. THE SUMMARY INCLUDES:

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- A) A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY;
- B) THE COUNTRY BENEFITING
- C) THE AMOUNT AND SOURCE (ESF/DA) OF MONEY OBLIGATED;
- D) WHETHER AN 8(A) FIRM WAS USED;
- E) AND WHICH OF THE PROJECT GOALS WERE SERVED BY THE ACTIVITY:

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E.O. 12356: N/A

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(298-0048)

4) WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES WE'D APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS TO THE PROJECTS. RESPONSE MAY BE CABLED OR SENT IN MEMO FORM TO ANE/TR/HPN ATTENTION: GARY COOK.

1. SUMMARY: IN 1983 THE NEAR EAST BUREAU AUTHORIZED A GRANT OF DOLS 6,661,000 FOR THE NEAR EAST REGIONAL POPULATION PROJECT. FOR THREE YEARS THE PROJECT HAS FINANCED SMALL-SCALE, SHORT DURATION POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEAR EAST. THIS CABLE SEEKS THE IMPRESSIONS OF NE MISSIONS AS TO THE USEFULNESS OF THE PROJECT AND HOW BEST TO PROCEED IN THE REMAINING TWO YEARS OF THE PROJECT.

5) QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER IN YOUR RESPONSE INCLUDE BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

2. BACKGROUND: IN 1983, THE NEAR EAST BUREAU AUTHORIZED A GRANT OF DOLS 6,661,000 FOR A FIVE YEAR PROJECT, THE NEAR EAST REGIONAL POPULATION ACTIVITIES PROJECT. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN ASSISTING RELATIVELY SMALL-SCALE AND SHORT DURATION POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN NEAR EAST COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE BILATERAL POPULATION PROGRAMS. IT HAS ALSO SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES WHICH SPAN TWO OR MORE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT PURPOSE, FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

A) HAS THE PROJECT BEEN USEFUL TO THE MISSION FURTHERING POPULATION PROGRAM GOALS?

INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL POPULATION PROGRAMS;

B) ARE THERE WAYS IN WHICH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT COULD BE IMPROVED?

ASSISTANCE IN FAMILY PLANNING EVALUATION AND TARGET SETTING;

C) WERE THE ACTIVITIES FINANCED IN YOUR COUNTRY REQUESTED BY THE MISSION OR BY SOMEONE ELSE?

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND TRAINING SEMINARS; AND

D) WERE THERE ACTIVITIES PROPOSED BY THE MISSION THAT WERE NOT FUNDED BY THE PROJECT?

PARTIAL FUNDING FOR INTERMEDIARY ORGANIZATIONS' ACTIVITIES OF COOPERATING AGENCIES.

E) IN 1985 THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE USE OF PROJECT FUNDS TO BUY-IN TO S&T/POP WORLDWIDE PROJECTS TO CARRY OUT WORK IN THE NE. DO YOU SEE THIS AS A GOOD TREND FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS OF THE PROJECT?

BOTH DA AND ESF FUNDS ARE USED FOR THE PROJECT. OBLIGATIONS BY YEAR SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT ARE THE FOLLOWING:

F) HAVE ANY ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THE PROJECT BEEN REPLICATED BY THE HOST COUNTRY USING LOCAL FUNDS?

G) CAN YOU MAKE ANY GENERALIZATIONS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE WORK DONE TO DATE?

H) WERE THE ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT CRITERIA?

I) HAS THE PROJECT HELPED IN IDENTIFYING NEW OPPORTUNITIES OR IN RESPONDING TO INNOVATIVE IDEAS?

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6) WE WILL SOON BE ASKING MISSIONS TO PROPOSE ACTIVITIES  
TO BE FINANCED IN FY 86. THIS REQUEST FOR IDEAS WILL BE  
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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: DAA/ANE/ASIA, James Norris  
DAA/ANE/NE, Robert Bell

FROM: ANE/TR, Kenneth Sherper /s/ KS

SUBJECT: Regional Population Project (298-0048): Project  
Evaluation and Consideration of Including Asian  
Countries

We are currently considering an expansion of the Near East Regional Population project to include Asia countries. After the current evaluation, we would develop a PF amendment for routine ANPAC review. This note is just to let you know what we are planning.

Background:

In 1983, the Near East Bureau authorized a grant of \$6,661,000 for a five year project, the Near East Regional Population Activities Project. The project has been assisting relatively small-scale and short duration population and family planning activities in Near East countries which do not have bilateral population programs. It has also supported activities which span two or more countries in the region. In accordance with the project purpose, funds have been used for activities such as:

- Information, education and communication projects in support of local population programs;
- Assistance in family planning evaluation and target setting;
- International workshops, conferences and training seminars; and
- partial funding for intermediary organizations' activities of cooperating agencies.



performed to date, including timeliness; (b) the levels of demand; (c) the appropriateness of activities with respect to the project criteria; (d) the management process; (e) the leadership of the project in identifying and responding to innovation and new opportunities, etc. We also hope to get a reading from recipient missions as to the usefulness of the project in furthering their population program goals.

Consideration of Including Asian Countries?

With the merger of the Asia and Near East Bureaus, one of the most important questions to be addressed by the evaluation is the advisability/feasibility of expanding the project to include Asian countries. In making a recommendation to senior management on this issue, the PRC, through the evaluation document, will consider the pros and cons of expanding the project. Certain offices in the Asia Bureau have been considering the concept of a regional population project over the past year.

We will keep you informed of the Project Evaluation as it progresses.

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