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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I attended all the sessions of the Sixth Annual Meeting on the Demographic Research Program for the Sahel, which was held in Praia, Cape Verde Republic, June 26 - July 4, 1983. I participated in some of the discussions and presented a brief statement on the program and activities of the Population Council in Africa, with particular reference to the Sahel. I also had many discussions about various aspects of the research and training program of the Sahel Institute Socio-Economic and Demographic Unit (USED) with the following persons (the appended list of participants at the meetings provides their titles and affiliation): Papsyr Diagne, Barbara Jones, Baba Traore, Jean Marie Toko, Naman Keita, Ibrahim L. Diop, Allan Hill, Alene Gelbard, and Alan Simmons.

On the return trip, I stopped in New York for a debriefing about the Praia meeting with Dr. George F. Brown, Director, and Dr. Anrudh Jain, Deputy Director, International Program, the Population Council.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, June 29, and Thursday, June 30

Research and Other Activities of USED, July 1982-June 1983

EXADD and EMIS: Since these two activities of USED were discussed extensively during the evaluation meeting that was held in Bamako from 10/12 March, 1983, only a brief progress report was presented. The documents from the meeting in Bamako have been appended to the Progress Report.

- o The following points were brought out in a discussion of EXADD. There was agreement with the recommendation of the evaluation team to develop ways of going beyond EXAAD. This means that the member states would have to develop their hardware and software facilities, which is essential to the proper analysis of data from survey and censuses. Thus, a high priority was given to the development of adequate hardware and software.
- o It was recommended that the repatriation of data and documents be extended from France to include Senegal.

Contrary to the recommendations of the evaluation team, it was decided to retain the seven rounds that were initially planned for EMIS Bamako. The following reasons were given: procedures were developed to decrease the loss of followup and to allow comparability between EMIS Bamako and the other EMIS sites.

For EMIS-Senegal there was a reduction from nine to seven rounds and the funds released would be used for a coverage study. A coverage study is also planned for EMIS-Bamako.

A workshop on the EMIS methodology is planned for the second trimester 1984. The delegation from the Cape Verde Republic presented tabulations and analyses of the 1980 census.

Studies of Population, Health, and Development (PSD)

The delegates recognized the importance of USED studies of population, health, and development and discussed at length the problems encountered in PSD Senegal. The following points were brought out in the discussion: the need to delineate more precisely the objective of the project, to better specify the methodology, and to make a complete inventory of existing data and studies on the region included in PSD Senegal.

It was decided to form an ad hoc committee made up of three members to guide the director of PSD Senegal in developing the plans for research. Also a larger committee was appointed to review methodologies that are appropriate for the study of the relationship between population, health, and development in the Sahel.

Health Statistics

To date, the only project on health statistics that has been officially approved is with the Cape Verde Republic. The delegates disagreed with the recommendation of the evaluation team to phase out this activity. It was felt that there is a great need to improve the collection of health statistics and that this could be done with limited funds. It was suggested that specific proposals on this topic be submitted to the Institute.

Training

The timetable for training, which was specified in the project paper, is being adhered to quite well. The following accomplishments were indicated: (1) Long-term training at the ENEA in Dakar, Ibadan, and in Universities in the US; (2) short-term training at the Catholic University of Louvain; and (3) workshop and seminars -- the national seminar of the Upper Volta on population growth and development, April 1983 and regional seminar of the PRDS Dakar May 1983 on the use of SPSS. The delegates also proposed that training workshops be held for middle level staff.

Thursday, June 30 and Friday, July 1

Presentation was made of the two migration studies carried out by USED in collaboration with other institutions. This was followed by an extended discussion of the methodology and the fundings of these two studies.

The first is a pilot study of internal migration in a district of Bamako and in a village close to Bamako. The purpose of this study is to test the methodology of a 1-year followup survey of migration with tree rounds. Preliminary results were presented pertaining to the first two rounds carried out in October 1982 and April 1983. The following points were brought out in the discussion: (1) In view of the deficiencies of vital registration, multi-round surveys should be designed to measure vital events as well as migration. (2) The choice between types of survey (single versus multi-round) should be left to each

country. (3) Some consideration should be given to tape recording of interviews in a subsample.

The delegates recommended that the Institute proceed with the third round and provide member countries with the results of their methodological study of migration.

The second is a study of the migrants from the river region (in Senegal, Mali, and Mauritania) to France. The study was carried out jointly by USED and OECD. Results were presented from the Paris and the Sahelian phases of the study.

Interviews were carried out with 1,229 migrants from the river region who resided in migrant hostels in the Paris region. The group and individual questionnaires used provided information on characteristics of the sample studied, migration history, socio-economic status, remittances, and plans for return. The following problems were noted: finding adequate ways to send remittances, living conditions in France, and payment of family allowances.

A survey of 98 villages (total population 12,558) in the river region of origins of emigrants to France was carried out in the period November 1982-January 1983. Three types of villages were included: those with at least 20 emigrants in France, those with 1-19 emigrants, and those with no emigrants to France.

Since the major objective of the study of Sahelian emigrants to France is to sensitize decision makers, a symposium will be held at the end of the project for their benefit. Persons invited to this symposium will include the decision makers, Sahelian specialists, and representatives of Sahelian emigrants in France.

All delegates praised the originality and importance of the study of Sahelian emigrants and expressed the wish that similar studies be undertaken in other regions of the Sahel, including studies of Sahelian international migration in Africa.

Saturday, July 2

Future Orientation of USED

The coordinator of USED reminded the delegates of the major recommendation of the evaluation team with respect to future orientation. The following statement from the evaluation report is included in the final report of the meeting:

Based on the strong technical capacity of the project staff, the evaluation team recommends that USED shift emphasis

from being a grant-making organization to an organization primarily providing technical assistance. The staff is therefore encouraged to devote more time to developing applied studies in collaboration with national institutions and to continue to seek outside assistance for funding specific projects such as the migration studies. USED is encouraged to become a center for population and development studies in two senses -- staff members themselves will undertake methodologically sophisticated studies and national researchers will have a center where they can bring data and work for several weeks on their own analyses.

This paragraph is from a meeting document which presented the highlights of the evaluation report.

The coordinator indicated that the reorientation of USED will necessitate the following:

- o A high-level professional staff
- c A unit equipped with the appropriate hardware and software
- o A well stocked documentation center
- o Supporting administrative staff
- o An adequate system of publications
- o A priority list of research topics.

During the discussion that followed the presentation by the coordinator, all delegates agreed that the recommendation of the evaluation team constituted a logical extension of the activities that are already occurring. The implementation of the recommendation will also require the consideration of administrative issues. The representative of USAID Bamako informed the delegates that the evaluation report has not yet been officially approved. She briefly described the questions raised by SDPT/USAID (Sahel development planning team) pertaining to the recommendations of the evaluation team. She also indicated the need for USED to continue its technical discussions with SDPT. The delegates unanimously and without any reservations, expressed themselves in favor of USED becoming a research center on population and development. They asked the Institute to prepare a detailed document on this matter so that the Institute's governing council can give its final approval.

Statements and Comments by Observers

Representatives of the following international organizations made a number of statements and comments:

- o The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (presented a paper on infant and child mortality in rural Mali).
- o The Population Council (described the activities of the Council in Africa).
- o Westinghouse Health System (described the new program on Demographic Data for Development; the wish was expressed by the delegates, that the Sahel Institute develop formal contacts with this program).
- o International Development Research Center (Canada) (described the activities of IDRC, particularly as they pertain to social science research; the wish was expressed for collaboration between IDRC, the Sahel Institute and the member states of CILSS).
- o UNFPA (presented a statement on the new orientations of UNFPA).
- o ECA-Addis Ababa (informed the delegates of the possibility of having short-term training seminars in the member states of CILSS as well as long-term training at IFORD or RIPS).
- o Catholic University of Louvain (described the agreement between this university and the Sahel Institute for the methodological study of internal migration; possibilities for advanced short- and long-term training sessions sponsored by this university).
- o Executive Secretariat of the CILSS (indicated the need for studies of urbanization in the Sahel).
- o Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cape Verde Republic (expressed the interest of Cape Verde in international migration).

In the discussion following these presentations, the delegates requested that the Sahel Institute study ways of establishing close cooperation with the institutions and organizations represented at the meeting and respond to the needs that were expressed. The discussion also centered on the comments by the UNFPA representative. It was urged that the member states of CILSS adopt the necessary measures to insure the successful execution of the next round of censuses.

Monday, July 4

The session was devoted to a presentation, discussion, and amendment of recommendations of the meeting. The delegates recommended unanimously that--

- o The Sahel Institute make SPSS available to member states and organize training seminars to facilitate the strengthening of the data processing and analytical capabilities of national institutions.
- o The health statistics activity be maintained and invited member states to submit proposals to the Sahel Institute to implement this activity.
- o An ad hoc committee be formed to help the director of PSD/Senegal in the execution of this project and that an enlarged ad hoc committee consider the methodology appropriate to the Sahel.
- o The Sahel Institute include the study of the problems of urbanization in its activities.
- o The Sahel Institute study the ways of increasing the participation of Chad in the Demographic Research Program for the Sahel.
- o The Sahel Institute continue its studies on migration and hold a seminar for the presentation of final results of these studies; and that the Institute also consider the possibility of initiating studies in other Sahelian countries faced with the same problem.
- o The Sahel Institute study with interested parties the ways of implementing the recommendation of the evaluation team that USED evolve into a Center for Research on Population and Development and prepare, as soon as possible, a report to be submitted to the appropriate authorities.
- o The Sahel Institute participate actively in the efforts that will be made to insure the successful execution of the next round of censuses.

APPENDIX

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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-----PROJET DE CALENDRIER DE TRAVAILMercredi 29 Juin 1983

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| 9h | - Ouverture Officielle de la Réunion |
| | - Allocution du Directeur Général de l'INSAH |
| | - Allocution de S. E. M. Le Secrétaire d'Etat au Plan et à la Coopération de la République du CAP-VERT. |
| 9h30 | - Suspension de séance |
| 9h40 - 10h | - Présentation des participants |
| | Election du bureau |
| | Adoption de l'ordre du jour et du calendrier de la Réunion |
| 10h - 10h30 | - Pause Café |
| 10h30 - 13h30 | Examen du Rapport d'activités. |

Jeudi 30 Juin 1983

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| 8h30 - 10h15 | - Rapport d'activités |
| 10h15 - 10h30 | - Pause Café |
| 10h30 - 13h30 | - Etudes sur les Migrations |
| 13h30 | Suspension. |

Vendredi 1e Juillet 1983

- 8h30 - 10h15 - Etudes sur les Migrations
- 10h15 - 10h30 - Pause Café
- 10h30 - 13h30 - Orientations Futures.

Samedi 2 Juillet 1983

- 8h30 - 10h15 - Orientations Futures
- 10h15 - 10h30 - Pause Café
- 10h30 - 13h30 - Communications et Questions diverses.

Dimanche 3 Juillet 1983

- Excursion
- Rédaction du Rapport Final
- 20h00 - Réception offerte par l'Institut du Sah

Lundi 4 Juillet 1983

- 9h00 - 10h30 - Adoption du Rapport Final et des Recommendations
- 10h30 - 11h00 - Pause Café
- 11h00 - 12h00 - Clôture de la Réunion
- . Lecture du Rapport Final et des
Recommandations.

N.B.

Des programmes de visites et réunions ad hoc vous seront
proposés les après-midis.