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Activity Report - Second Quarter 1979
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Project Purpose

The overall purpose is to strengthen the institutional capacity of the GOZ for monitoring and controlling communicable diseases during a five-year period.

Malaria Components

1. The establishment of a model malaria program in the Kinshasa Region
2. The development of a cadre of GOZ health workers competent to deal with insect-borne diseases and environmental health and the organization of an infrastructure to support these activities

Accomplishments

1. Geographical reconnaissance was completed in the two zones of the pilot project. 32,348 homes were visited and 190,000 persons counted.
2. Plans were finalized for the spraying operations. Details will be given in a separate report.
3. A public ceremony to mark the debut of the spraying phase of the program was held on the grounds of Ndjili Zone on June 12. Government, civic notables joined about 600 persons to make the event a success. The Acting Director, USAID and PHO staff also participated.
4. The spraying actually began on June 25, with the following results to 30 June:

Number houses treated	3,028
Number partially treated	258
Number not treated because of absence of householders	102
Number households refusing	58
Number inhabitants protected	25,888

5. Epidemiology staff members have been recruited during the quarter and after a short training period have collected more than 1800 blood smears from school children.
6. Mr. Edgar Smith, TA/H Washington, visited the program in April and made several recommendations for improvements. His report was submitted previously.
7. Mr. S. M. Roche, WHO Technical Officer, arrived on June 15 for a two-month period to assist the field operations.

8. Modification of a building to be the warehouse for the malaria program and the construction of a walled-in parking lot/garage area were begun at the Hygiene Service.

Problem

The one program pick-up truck which was turned over to the GOZ is rapidly deteriorating. Vehicles ordered in June 1978 have not arrived. Thus, the lack of adequate transport is seriously hampering the progress of the program.