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ACRONYMS

ARI	ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS
BASICS	BASIC SUPPORT FOR INSTITUTIONALIZING CHILD SURVIVAL
CA	COOPERATING AGENCIES
CDD	CONTROL OF DIARRHEAL DISEASES
DHS	DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY
DSP	DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
EPI	EXPANDED PROGRAMME ON IMMUNIZATION
HFS	HEALTH FACILITY SURVEY
MOH	MINISTRY OF HEALTH
MSH	MANAGEMENT SCIENCES FOR HEALTH
OMVS	ORGANISATION POUR LA MISE EN VALEUR DU FLEUVE SENEGAL
PRITECH	PRIMARY TECHNOLOGIES FOR HEALTH
SANAS	SERVICE DE L'ALIMENTATION ET DE LA NUTRITION APPLIQUEE AU SENEGAL
SCS/FP	SENEGAL CHILD SURVIVAL/FAMILY PLANNING PROJECT
USAID	UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WHO	WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE OF THE TRIP

The purpose of the trip was to participate in the SCS/FP pre-implementation workshop, help launch the health facility survey on diarrhea case management, and continue exploring with the USAID mission and the Ministry of Health the possibilities for the BASICS program in Senegal. Given that the workshop was postponed until the beginning of 1995, the HFS became the major focus of my activities.

MEETING WITH THE USAID MISSION

In the meeting with the USAID mission, we discussed the evolving strategies of both the mission and BASICS. Beyond CDD and nutrition, there is interest in ARI, malaria, and municipalities. The major questions included the desire for a coherent strategy, the availability of additional funding, the reduction of the management burden, and the capabilities and interests of BASICS.

LAUNCHING OF THE HEALTH FACILITY SURVEY

The dates of the trip overlapped with those of Dr. Serge Manoncourt, principal investigator, and Dr. Jane Lucas, author and trainer of the revised WHO methodology. We worked together with the local consultant Dr. Bernard Diop, the Ministry of Health (DSP and SANAS), and the BASICS staff. This team worked with intensity and enthusiasm to finalize the scientific, administrative, and logistical details and to implement the training necessary prior to the start of data collection in the four regions. The preliminary report of this study will be presented to USAID and SANAS on 30 September, with the final report to follow by the end of October 1994.

NATIONAL MALARIA PROGRAM

Dr. Adama Koné and I met twice with Dr. Elizabeth Feller-Dansokho, the newly appointed director of the national malaria program.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR BASICS

Several meetings and workshops are scheduled from September to October in both Dakar and Washington that are important for the planning of the Senegal program in the areas of nutrition, CDD/ARI, commodities and logistics management and overall coordination with the cooperating agencies of the SCS/FP project.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Continue to collaborate with WHO to produce the definitive French version of the new HFS manual on diarrhea case management.

Person responsible: John Murray

Continue to collaborate with Macro International to do a secondary analysis of the DHS II data set, specifically for the four USAID-assisted regions.

Person responsible: Patrick Kelly

Continue the dialogue with Senegal malaria program.

Persons responsible: Adama Koné and Mamadou Sène

I. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP

The main purpose was to assist in the final preparations for the launching of the health facility survey on diarrhea case management and participate as a trainee and facilitator in the training week. The scope of work for the trip is attached in Appendix A.

II. TRIP ACTIVITIES

A. Participation in the SCS/FP Workshop

The workshop was postponed until January 1995. This delay was to allow the Senegalese government adequate time to work with USAID and the MSH team to better define the future direction(s) of the SCS/FP project. In the meantime, financing of planned activities and planning for future activities will continue.

Data from three sources will provide timely baseline information for year-end planning exercises at the national, regional, and health district levels.

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Health Facility Survey on Diarrhea Case Management
Secondary analysis of the DHS II data set

Population Council: Family Planning Situation Analysis

B. Meeting with the USAID Mission (26 August)

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the two newly arrived consultants for the survey (Serge Manoncourt - principal investigator; Jane Lucas - trainer), and discuss the present and future directions of the BASICS project. The main issues discussed are summarized as follows:

The mission is eagerly awaiting the results of the HFS.

We were informed of a seminar that was being held on the role of the private sector in health that had been implemented by ABT Associates.

We were informed of a seminar to be held in St. Louis presenting a master health plan for the Senegal River Basin, done by the Environmental Health Project. BASICS may be asked to make EPI/CDD recommendations. Additional funding for this project, which was done in collaboration with the OMVS, will need to be found to support further activities. French cooperation and WHO are also interested.

About 85 percent of the activities of the SCS/FP project are presently focused on family planning. A coordination meeting for CAs is planned for 26 September. Planning activities will be conducted before the end of 1994. Workshops will be held at the health district and regional levels in November and at the national level in December.

There are plans for developing a social marketing project.

Opportunities are evolving for BASICS activities to expand beyond CDD and nutrition. Possibilities include malaria, ARI, and municipality-based activities. The mission's main issues are the desire for a coherent policy, strategic objectives, an evaluation strategy, doing enough to make a difference, while at the same time reducing the management burden. The final question is: How much does BASICS want to do?

C. Participation in the Launching of the HFS

The HFS has become a team effort between BASICS, SANAS, the program for CDD of WHO/Geneva, and EPICENTRE in Paris. The main objective of the study is the assessment of the quality of diarrhea case management in health facilities (public and private) in the four USAID-assisted regions in Senegal. The survey data will be used to provide a baseline for measuring progress and as a source of timely information to improve planning at the health district, regional, and national levels.

This study is of special interest and importance in that it represents the first use of the newly revised version of the WHO methodology (Health Facility Survey Manual: Diarrhoea Case Management, July 1994). This document was completed at the end of July, rapidly approved by WHO/Geneva and sent to BASICS, which then arranged to have it translated into French for the survey. To assure the highest possible quality, the following three highly qualified consultants were engaged:

Dr. Serge Manoncourt: Principal investigator, medical epidemiologist from EPICENTRE/Paris.

Dr. Bernard Diop: Co-investigator, professor of internal medicine from Cheikh Anta Diop University, who had participated in the previous HFS conducted by PRITECH and has excellent knowledge of the EPIINFO statistical program.

Dr. Jane Lucas: Survey trainer, independent consultant (author of the new HFS manual).

The week of 22-27 August was filled with activities necessary for the commencement of the survey. The major activities included:

Coordination with the Directorate of Public Health (DSP) and SANAS to finalize the administrative details, including clearances, travel orders, and notification to the regional authorities.

Revision of the sampling frame for health posts due to the functionality and absence of health personnel from certain facilities. Forty health posts were randomly selected; all the hospitals and health centers in the four regions were included in the sampling frame.

Initial revisions of the questionnaires were made to adapt the documents to the Senegalese CDD program.

Finalization of the calendar(s) of activities for the training, data collection, logistics, and budgetary revisions.

Introduction of EPIINFO 6 and the latest version of EPIMAP.

The week of training week (29 August-3 September) was equally intense. Jane Lucas worked with 21 people - three people from BASICS, two national supervisors, and fourteen regional supervisors (twelve surveyors plus two alternates) from SANAS, and the other two consultants. During the four days in the classroom and two days at clinics in and near Dakar, she guided us through the survey method and helped us develop the rules of interpretation of the questionnaires. Jane allayed our anxieties by assuring us that the implementation of the survey was feasible and that the initial analysis could be done manually from the tally sheets. Jane Lucas stayed in Senegal to participate in data collection in the Louga region. The details of her observations, evaluation, and recommendations will be forthcoming in her trip report.

I left Senegal at the end of training and the remainder of the survey was scheduled as follows:

5-16 September:	data collection
19-29 September:	data cleaning; manual tallying, analysis, and interpretation; and computer data entry, if possible
30 September:	preliminary presentation of results to SANAS and USAID
End of October:	final report

D. National Malaria Program

The BASICS Regional Representative Adama Koné and I met twice with Dr. Elizabeth Feller-Dansokho, the newly appointed director of the national malaria program. In July 1994, WHO/AFROPOC financed a national workshop to assess the current status of malaria in the country and begin the process of developing a national policy and strategy. Dr. Feller-Dansokho is interested in receiving assistance from BASICS and has already had a meeting with the USAID mission. Activities planned for the rest of 1994 include:

Completion of the assessment of the current situation with the help of a consultant from WHO.

Submission of a fourth quarter budget to AFROPOC by the end of September.

Preparation of preliminary work plans for 1995 and a four-year strategy to be presented in a December planning workshop.

Visits to all ten regions of Senegal by December.

Dr. Dansokho and I exchanged documents. The titles are noted Appendix B.

E. Planned Activities for BASICS

Several activities are planned for the months of September and October which are important for the Senegal program:

DAKAR

20 September: Nutrition coordination meeting organized by SANAS for BASICS, MSH, and USAID/Dakar.

26 September: CA coordination meeting with the SCS/FP project.

3-7 October: Joint workshop with WHO for national CDD/ARI program managers. John Murray, BASICS CDD specialist from Washington, will attend the workshop.

WASHINGTON

26-27 September: MSH presentation of software developed for commodities and logistics management (CLM). Senegal and Nigeria were the two countries in which an initial version of this program was tested.

11-20 October: Field staff/WHO participation in BASICS' annual planning meetings.

4 November: CA coordination meeting with the SCS/FP project.

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Scope of Work:

1. Participate in a pre-implementation workshop with the Senegal Child Survival/Family Planning project (SCS/FP).
2. Meet with USAID mission staff and MOH officials.
3. Assist the country and regional advisors with the health facilities survey, including participation in the training activities during the week of August 29 - September 3, 1994.

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