



**Briefing:**

**Development Information System (DIS)  
Economic and Social Data Bank (ESDB)**

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**For:**

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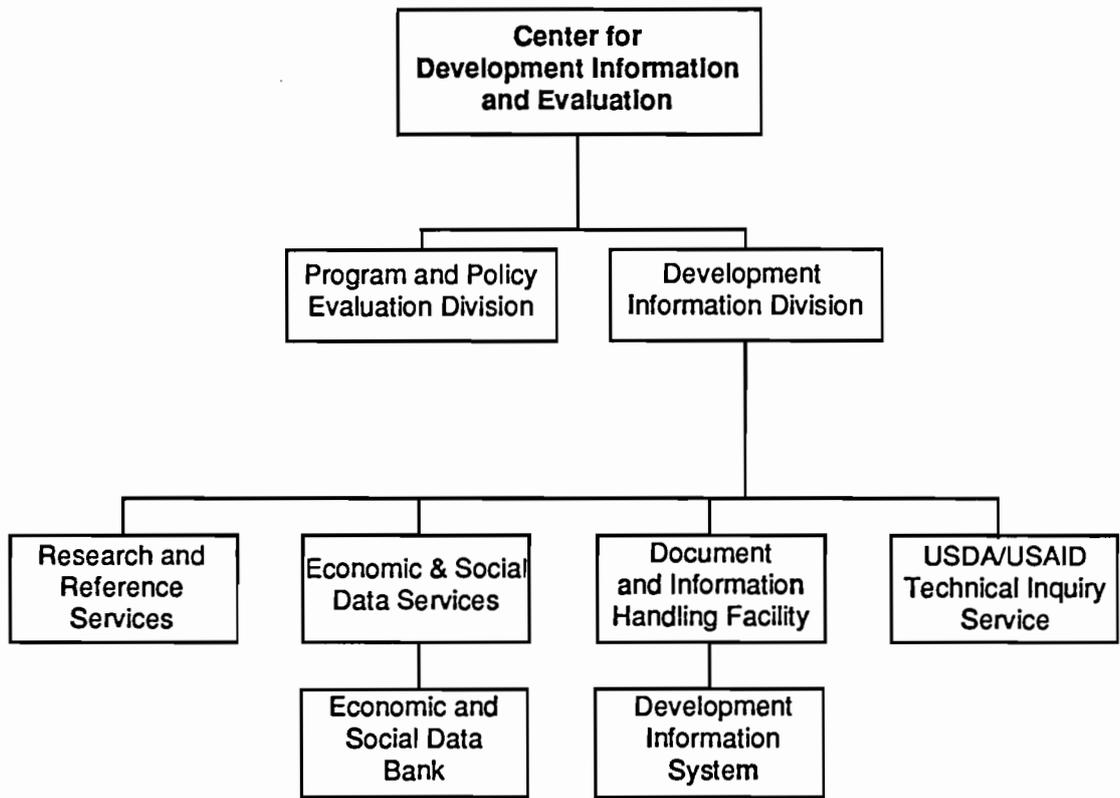


## Agenda

- 9:30**            **Introduction to Development Information services**  
by Lee White, Deputy Chief, PPC/CDIE/DI
- 9:40**            **Presentations**
- Economic and Social Data Bank (ESDB)**  
by Robert Baker, ESDS Project Director
- Development Information System (DIS)**  
by Carolyn Goshen, DIS Training Coordinator
- 10:00**           **Discussion**  
Training and Equipment Requirements  
Questions and Answers
- 10:15–10:45**   **Demos and Donuts, Room 3892, NS**



# Development Information Division Organization



**Development Information  
Sources**  
accessed by PPC/CDIE/DI

- **U.S. Government Agencies**
- **Private Sector**
- **U.S. Universities**
- **PVOs and NGOs**
- **Bilateral Donors**
- **Multilateral Donors**



## **Economic and Social Data Services**

Economic, financial, trade, and social data on an extensive range of topics is available from CDIE. Using the Economic and Social Data Bank (ESDB), an automated computer system for the storage, analysis, and dissemination of economic and social statistical data, CDIE staff can analyze data and provide statistical reports in response to specific information requests. Data included in the ESDB are obtained from a variety of international sources including the World Bank, the IMF, the USDA, the WHO, the UN, and the FAO. Data is currently available from the following databases:

**International Financial Statistics** contains major financial and economic indicators. Indicators include balance of payments, trade and reserves, monetary indices, government finances, production, prices, exchange rates, and interest rates. (Quarterly update)

**Direction of Trade** provides information on units of government, the accounts through which governments work, the nonfinancial public enterprises and public financial institutions owned and/or controlled by governments, and expenditures by sector or function. (Quarterly update)

**Direction of Trade (IMF)** provides information for about 160 countries on the value of exports and imports between a country and its major trading partners. (Quarterly update)

**Balance of Payments (IMF)** provides information for about 160 countries on the value of exports and imports between a country and its major trading partners. (Quarterly update)

**World Debt Tables (IBRD)** provides external debt statistics. The data base contains statistics on medium and long term public and private external debt, including data on commitments, disbursements, principal and interest payments, and debt outstanding. (Annual update)

**World Tables (IBRD)** provides economic and financial time-series data. Variables include national accounts, foreign exchange rates, production indices, and price indices. The Update World Tables contain national accounts and exchange rates. (Annual update)

**Social Indicators (IBRD)** provides social and demographic statistics. Variables include population, vital statistics, social service indicators, energy, and labor force statistics. The World Bank generally uses UN sources for these social data, such as WHO, UNESCO, FAO, ILO, and UNSO. (Annual update)



## **Economic and Social Data Services**

**FAO's Trade and Production** data bases are commodity-based files providing time-series information on imports, exports, and production indicators. (Annual update)

**FAO's Food Commodities** contains data on commodity production, import/exports, stocks, trade, domestic supply, feed, seed, and waste calculated in terms of per capita daily nutrients.

**FAO's Fertilizer database** contains time-series data on production, consumption, and imports of various fertilizers.

**The Geographical Distribution of Financial Flows (OECD)** provides information on net disbursements and commitments of Official Development Assistance and Net Disbursements of Total Resource Flows from Multilateral Agencies for the period 1978-1984. (Annual update)

**The External Debt Statistics (OECD)** provides aggregates concerning credits by OECD countries and capital markets and non-OECD creditors. (Annual update)

**The PPC/PB Green Book (AID/PPC/PB)** provides a budgetary history of USAID-funded programs on a country-specific basis.

**The CIA Factbook** is an almanac database which contains descriptive information on every geographic entity worldwide.

**UN Population Projections** is a worldwide database of demographic statistics.



## **Development Information System**

### **DIS Databases**

The Development Information System (DIS) provides computerized access to A.I.D.'s documented development experience, and to many of the other book, serial and audiovisual resources on development available within the Agency. This information is stored in a number of bibliographic databases, managed by the A.I.D. Document and Information Handling Facility (DIHF) under contract to A.I.D.'s Center for Development Information and Evaluation (CDIE).

The DOCUMENT database identifies all major project, program, policy and technical reports produced by or for A.I.D. since 1974. Emphasis is given to design and evaluation documents, and to research in the various development sectors. Each database record includes a document citation, a document identification number, and subject descriptors. Abstracts are included for documents of wide interest. Document copies are available from the DIHF.

The PROJECTS database complements the DOCUMENT database, providing descriptions of 7,000 A.I.D. projects initiated since 1974. Core information on each project is downloaded into PROJECTS from A.I.D.'s mainframe computer, and then supplemented with an abstract and subject descriptors derived from the approved project design document. Major modifications to the project introduced through amendment to the design are also summarized.

Other databases under the DIS umbrella include: a pre-1974 project history file; indexes to the official project files of the A.I.D. geobureaus, the Bureau of Science and Technology, the Contracts Office and the Office of Financial Management; a union catalog of audiovisual materials; the catalog of the A.I.D. Development Information Center (formerly A.I.D. Library); and a database of documents received from the African, Asian and Latin American development banks.

### **Access to the DIS**

DIS data can be accessed by request to CDIE's Research & Reference Services, or by searching directly via the public terminals in the A.I.D. Development Information Center (DIC), or any personal computer (PC) with a modem located in A.I.D./W offices.

The public terminals in the A.I.D. Development Information Center are logged onto the DIS throughout the day and provide users with a menu-driven interface (Menu-DIS). No passwords or training are required, and DIC staff are available to answer questions. Searching from A.I.D./W offices does require both a password and a training session in either menu- or command-based searching.



## **Development Information System**

**A third access mechanism is also under development. CDIE has produced a prototype CD-DIS, containing on one compact disk (CD-ROM) the entire DOCUMENT and PROJECTS databases, a union catalog of document collections in USAID/Cairo and USAID/Quito, and the full text of the FY1991 Congressional Presentation (Main Volume and two annexes). Access to CD-DIS will require a PC and a CD-ROM reader.**

**For further information on using the DIS, contact:**

**DIS Training Coordinator  
Telephone: (301) 951-7191**



## **Equipment Requirements for DIS and ESDB**

### **Technical Resources Required for On-Line Access**

- Data Line
- Modem
- Communications Software
- Microcomputer with Hard Disk and Serial Port
- Printer

### **Development Information System**

- Data line
- 2400 Baud Modem
- Smartcom, Crosstalk, or Procomm Communications Software
- Microcomputer with Hard Disk and Serial Port
- Printer

### **Economic and Social Data Bank**

- Data line
- 2400 Baud Modem
- SAS Software
- 15 mb Free Hard Disk Space
- Mouse
- Graphics Printer (optional)

### **Development Information System — CD-ROM**

- IBM-compatible Microcomputer with Free Slot
- CD-ROM Disk Drive (Internal or external)



# DIS/ESDB Training Needs Assessment October 1990

Office: Executive Management Staff

Staff	DIS				ESDB		
	No Training Needed	Briefing and Demo Only	Training I: Occasional User	Training II: Regular User	No Training Needed	Briefing and Demo Only	Training
GARNER, Helen							
HOGGARD, Christopher							
LOVE, Mary							
SADLER, Sharon							

