

ECPR

Issues Paper

Country	:	Upper Volta
Project Name and Number:	:	Assistance in Population Planning (686-0260)
LOP Funding	:	\$4,400
Obligation this FY	:	None
Authorization Venue	:	Field
CN Expiration Date	:	Not applicable

Issues:

The Project Review Committee and those present at the Issues meeting did not have any issues that require a decision by the ECPR. Only the following points of discussion are offered as guidance to the design team of the Project Paper.

Points for Discussion:

1. The design team should obtain guidance from AID/W regarding the mechanisms for reimbursement to those centrally-funded AID project contracts from which this project will obtain services. The presentation of the above in the Project Paper should also include a clarification of management, monitoring and reporting responsibilities of the Mission and AID/W for those project services provided.
2. The project proposes that participants be trained in the use of microcomputers for analyzing the 1985 census. At present, the technology (software) does not exist to analyze census results on the microcomputer. The Bureau of the Census is sending a representative to Upper volta in May to provide technical assistance in planning the 1985 census. During that TDY, the GOUV will be advised of these limitations. If the Mission wishes to provide support for census analyses, more time and/or funds should be budgeted since the results would need to be analyzed on a mainframe computer.
3. If project funds are to be advanced or reimbursed to governmental or non-governmental organizations in Upper Volta, the system for accountability of those funds must be fully developed and assessed by the Mission Controller for purposes of obtaining the 121 (D) certification.

4. The project proposes that several surveys be conducted at the beginning of the project: a) a Family Health and Demographic Survey which would provide baseline demographic data, as well as data on contraceptive knowledge, attitudes and practice, and b) a marketing survey to investigate the feasibility of a social marketing program. Furthermore, the operations research component will examine issues related to service delivery. The evaluation plan should draw upon the baseline data collected in the initial surveys and should include indicators that will assist in determining whether a Phase II is appropriate.

5. The design team should include an additional person to prepare the procurement plan for contraceptive commodities (e.g., numbers and types of contraceptives required, and logistics for warehousing and distribution). CDC in Atlanta may be able to provide such a person. The procurement plan should also determine whether all commodities will be obtained through S&T/POP.

6. The Mission should consider including an IEC specialist on the design team to outline the IEC technical assistance requirements.

7. The Project Paper should explain why neither an exclusively urban nor rural strategy is being pursued. The explanation given at the Issues meeting regarding the intent to begin with existing institutions and centers is logical.

8. Recurrent costs of the project were discussed and guidance will be provided in the guidance cable.

Project Committee Recommendation:

The Project Committee recommends the ECPR approve the Project Identification Document and allow the Mission to design and authorize the Project Paper in accordance with guidance based on the above discussion points.

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