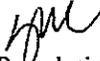


**MILESTONE COMPLETION REPORT**  
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Task No:	7
Task Description:	Contraceptive Procurement and Logistics Management System Fully Funded by the GOE with Pricing Rationalized
Milestone Nos.:	7.9
Milestone Descriptions:	Contraceptive commodity management finalized and implemented, and procurement and financing proposals developed
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## MILESTONE 7.9:

### CONTRACEPTIVE COMMODITY MANAGEMENT FINALIZED AND IMPLEMENTED, AND PROCUREMENT AND FINANCING PROPOSALS DEVELOPED

#### I. Introduction

This milestone submission summarizes the activities undertaken under Task 7 during the life of Pop IV. We only list the activities here and refer the reader to the relevant milestone submission for more details.

Task 7 addresses two related but somewhat different areas:

1. The procurement and distribution of contraceptives
2. The financing of contraceptives and the setting of consumer prices

The first area has progressed smoothly throughout Pop IV pretty much as envisaged at the beginning of the project. However, the second area has been more controversial. The Government of Egypt (GOE) / Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) has remained firm in its belief that family planning (FP) services should be easily accessible to all married Egyptians of child bearing age and that a strategy of providing free or very low fee services is important for achieving this aim. The original intent of the financing work was to help the MOHP develop a plan to implement new revenue generation methods through fees while protecting the poor. Given the GOE / MOHP's philosophy, this has not been possible. Instead, with the agreement of USAID, we have presented and discussed alternative approaches that the GOE / MOHP might wish to consider in the future.

The finalized and implemented activities are listed below with the relevant milestone referenced.

#### II. Procurement and Distribution of Contraceptives

We have helped the MOHP and other National Population Program agencies develop their procurement and distribution capacity through the following activities:

##### 1. Assessment and Development of MOHP Contraceptive Logistics Management Capacity at Warehouses: (See Milestone 7.2)

The assessment focused on five areas:

- Availability of methods
- Inventory
- Storage
- Record keeping and reporting
- Training and supervision

As a result of the assessment, we developed the comprehensive manual *Guidelines for Contraceptive Logistics Management* and disseminated it to all levels. In addition, we developed the skills of governorate and district level storekeepers and statisticians to use the guidelines through a contraceptive logistics management-training program and on-the-job application.

**2. Assessment and Development of MOHP Procurement Capabilities: (See Milestones 7.2 and 7.3)**

- Assessed drug and equipment procurement systems
- Reviewed the role of the Egyptian Pharmaceutical Trading Company (EPTC) and their contraceptive procurement and distribution capabilities in order to identifying and agree on a suitable role for them in the national system
- Reviewed the MOHP's training and procurement manuals
- Developed and distributed the *Contraceptive Procurement Guidelines* and trained staff to use them
- Trained MOHP staff to use the Spectrum Model for developing demographic and family planning projections
- Trained MOHP staff to use the Inventory Management Assessment Tool (IMAT)
- Trained MOHP staff to use the Contraceptive Costing Spreadsheet

**3. Development and Implementation of Integrated Consumption and Distribution System: (See Milestone 7.1)**

- Designed and piloted the computer based logistical management system
- Developed the system user's guide
- Developed a programmer's guide
- Provided and installed computer hardware and software to use the system
- Developed training curricula and trained programmers to user and link data sources
- Linked all data from old to new system and made system fully operational

**III. Financing of Contraceptives and Setting Consumer Prices: (See Milestone 7.4, 7.5 and 7.5)**

We worked with MOHP Population Sector staff to develop long-term contraceptive projections and considered alternatives for financing, pricing and fee waiver mechanism.

- Developed contraceptive commodity projections for Egypt 2001-2017
- Developed discussion documents on procurement alternatives, pricing options and mechanisms to protect the poor
- Presented these issues for public discussion through a series of public events called *The Population Sector Sustainability Process*. The process culminated in a high-level policy conference sponsored by HE the Minister of Health and Population. The report of which, *Sustainability Issues, Proposed Strategies and Policy Dialogue Outcomes* document the discussions
- Conducted a contraceptive security study to develop a long-term contraceptive security plan