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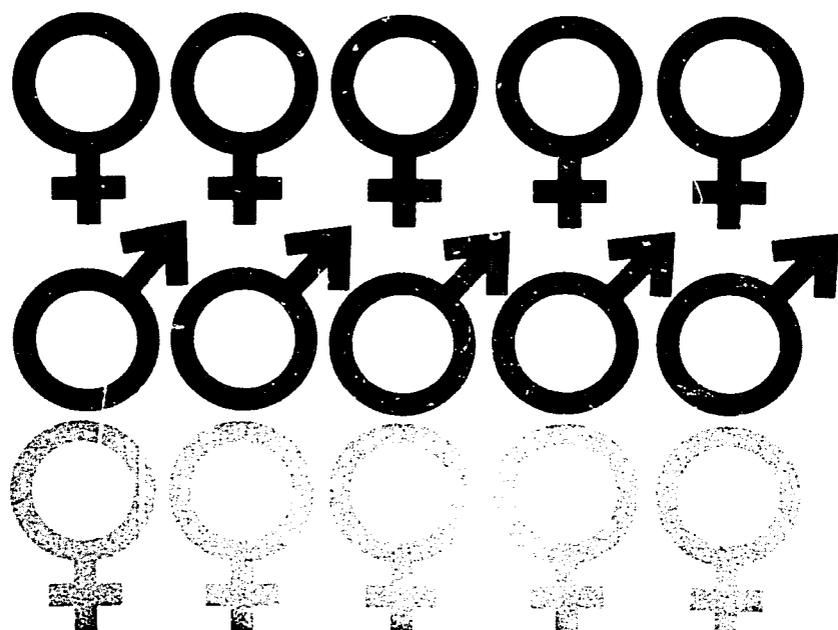
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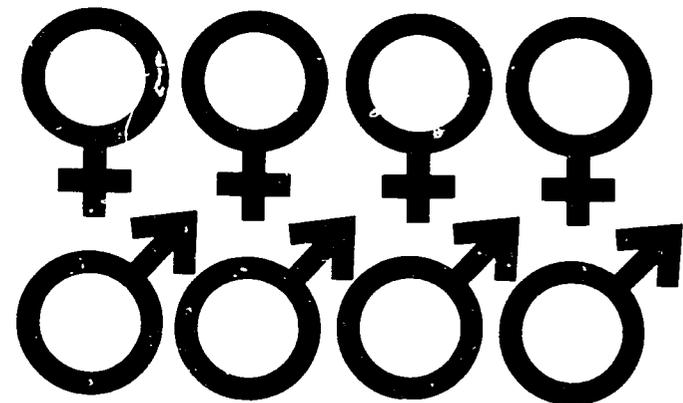
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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DATA BASE IN THIS BOOKLET

The United States Bureau of the Census (BuCen) recently completed a pilot six-month project, sponsored jointly by the AID Women in Development Office (PPC/WID) and the Office of Population (DS/POP), which, drawing on existing data sources, provides AID with data disaggregated by sex, age and urban-rural residence for a variety of variables including demographic, education, health, household, income and employment. The purpose of the project was to capture and make accessible, in a convenient single location, statistical data from existing sources relevant to a better understanding of the status and roles of women in AID-participating countries. The scope of work included a data search of 69 AID-participating countries for specific variables. A listing of the countries for which searches were conducted is provided in Appendix A. A listing of the variables searched is provided in Appendix B. Appendix C presents, in matrix form, a summary of the results of the data search. More than 2,000 tables were compiled during the project (though some remain blank owing to lack of information) using a variety of national and international sources. The most commonly used sources were national censuses and surveys, statistical abstracts, and international compendia (e.g., publications from the United Nations, the Latin American Demographic Center, the International Labor Organization, and so forth). Each table is in a standard format which permits the footnoting of sources and important definitions. Further annotation is often included to indicate instances where data availability deviates significantly from the standard table outline, or where concepts and definitions used in collection or tabulation differ from internationally recommended standards.

BuCen researches were concerned with recording "hard", reliable data. Census data were generally accepted as valid. Survey data were used if they had been judged reliable by the country analysts in the BuCen International Demographic Data Center (IDDC). Projections were not used and estimates or questionable measures were generally avoided. If, of necessity, the latter were employed, caveats appear in the footnotes.

A major product of this effort is a computerized data file suitable for analysis using standard statistical packages, e.g., Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) and Statistical Analysis System (SAS). Data for all 69 countries are available on a single tape. A standard tape file format was prepared for all 19 tables. Information concerning the record layouts (formats) for the various types of data as well as information regarding data-file specifications is available. Beyond the basic tabular data, the tapes indicate source references, concept definitions, and any qualifying information which should be considered by the user. The computerized data file is available for use by Agency personnel on the AID computer. Arrangements for Agency users should be made through the Economic and Social Data Services Division, Office of Development Information and Utilization (DS/DIU/ESDS). The data file is also available on magnetic tape from the BuCen. Requests should be addressed to Chief, International Demographic Data Center, U. S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C. 20233.

At this time we are making copies of the data available in hard copy booklet form, on a country-specific basis. Each country booklet contains a complete set of computer printout tables for the variables searched for that country. In those cases where the data search failed to uncover data for a variable, the table(s) appears blank in the country booklet. Copies of these country-specific booklets are available upon request from the AID Office of Development Information and Utilization (DS/DIU).

Census data on women exhibit certain limitations and biases which must be taken into account if the statistics are to be interpreted appropriately. Some of these biases are noted in the FOREWORD which follows. Appendix E, "A Cautionary Note Regarding Use of Employment Statistics for Women," by Nadia Youssef, expands on the difficulties surrounding the use of women's statistics in the important area of employment.

The data capture activities comprising this project are being extended and expanded in a three-year follow-on contract with the Bureau of the Census, to begin in FY'81. The Objective and Scope of Work for that contract are reprinted in Appendix D for the purpose of informing users of these data about the directions of continuing efforts.

Finally, several tear-out copies of Reader Comments forms have been bound into this volume for use in submitting user reactions and suggestions to the DIU office in AID/Washington. We would appreciate hearing from you. Every effort will be made to improve upon the present volume so that succeeding editions become progressively more useful.

## FOREWORD

### Background

#### (a) The International Context

The decade of the seventies witnessed a growing international movement directed towards improvement in the status and roles of women worldwide. Increasingly, it became widely recognized and accepted that, while class or social ranking is a general or basic factor in all people's fate in life, women face a special problem in that there are two systems of stratification in operation. The second system concerns women's position vis-a-vis men in public and private life. It is in this sense that women are confronted with problems of discrimination peculiar to them, and it is this universal problem that lay behind the designation of the International Women's Year in 1975, followed by the current United Nations Decade for Women (1975-1985). A more recent milestone in this international women's movement was reached when, on 18 December 1979, the United Nations General Assembly adopted by a vote of 130 in favor, none against, with 11 abstentions and 11 Member States non-voting, The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Eighty-one nations are now signatories to the Convention and ratification proceedings are underway in these countries.

#### (b) The Situation in AID

During this same time, within the Agency for International Development, awareness of women as they impacted on, and were affected by, the development process also grew. Reports depicting women as victims of the development process appeared with increasing frequency, as did reports that the contributions of women to the development process were being consistently overlooked.\*

Special concern for the status and roles of women was initially provided explicit recognition in the Agency policy framework, in 1973, in Sec. 113 of the Foreign Assistance Act, otherwise known as the Percy Amendment.

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\*This perspective was also incorporated in the conceptual framework underlying the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women which states, in part: "It can be argued that the predominant economic analyses of labor and capital insufficiently trace the linkages between production systems in world economics and women's work as producers and reproducers; nor is the subjection, exploitation, oppression and domination of women by men, sufficiently explained in history." (UN: A/Conf. 94/34, 13 August 1980, p. 6)

That amendment mandated that Foreign Assistance "shall be administered so as to give particular attention to those programs, projects and activities which tend to integrate women into the national economies of developing countries, thus improving their status and assisting the total development effort."

While the Percy Amendment dealt specifically with women, other broader changes occurring within the Agency (as well as within the development community generally) indirectly spotlighted the situation of women. First, the AID "new directions" mandate of 1973 focussed attention on issues of distribution and equity in the growth process. Secondly, the "new directions" approach was supplemented mid-decade with the "basic human needs" emphasis. Both orientations pushed toward greater concern for women in the process of societal change. This is the case because (1) women make up a disproportionately large portion of the poorest of the poor, and (2) women commonly bear the major responsibility for supplying themselves and their families with food, water, fuel, health care, sanitation, education and so forth. Women are, in effect, simultaneously the group most in need and the "front line" providers of basic human needs. Development projects that overlook or misconstrue their capabilities and contributions run the serious risk of being ineffective or, even worse, counterproductive.\*

(c) Data Needs on Women

Planners and administrators who have recognized the need to take women into account, both as contributors to, and/or beneficiaries of, the development process, are often frustrated by the lack of solid, accessible statistical evidence of women's situations. In the absence of reliable data, decisions must be made on the basis of impressions, hunches, or even prejudices. At stake are substantial investments of both human and financial resources. Data bases which fail to address the unique situations of women provide little guidance for policy planning, and little basis for judging the results of initiatives taken to further women's integration in development. Hence the crucial need for a reliable, up-to-date, accessible data base on women in development.

Within the Agency, it is now generally recognized that beginning with the policy stage and continuing through the project programming, implementation and evaluation cycle, data must be obtained which reflect the differential conditions of men and women. The assumption that when benefits and costs accrue to production aggregates (ranging from nations to households), they will be felt in some comparable way by the various units (ranging from subgroup to individuals) of which they are comprised, has proven patently false. Many projects now require the gathering of baseline socioeconomic data pertinent to women's status, e.g., the sexual division of labor, decision-making in the household, the pattern of expenditure of household cash earnings and so forth. Project evaluations and impact assessments increasingly focus on

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\*See, for example, The Nemow Case, Case Studies of the Impact of Large Scale Development Projects on Women: A Series for Planners, Working Paper No. 7, September 1979, Agency for International Development, Washington,

changes in the differential access of men and women to both the means and fruits of production.\*

(d) Problems and Prospects

Problems with the statistical data base on women and women's situations in society emerge from two theoretically distinct sources. One set of problems arises from the concepts and indicators which have been used in the construction of the data base. For example, there are intrinsic limitations to operational definitions of concepts and measurements designed to capture employment trends in census practices. These combine with cultural biases against women's employment, and together result in the underreporting and undercounting of women's participation in the market place.\*\* Too often the economic value of what women do in the home and subsistence production is given short shrift in census and many survey data. Necessary changes in the concepts and the operations of data gatherers represent a challenge extending into the future, although some measure of improvement is possible in the short run in some areas.

A second set of problems with the statistical data base on women arises from the lack of availability of data at appropriate levels of aggregation; i.e, data are not disaggregated by sex. Although census and survey data have frequently been collected in such a way as to allow the tabulation of responses separately for men and women, because of the past insensitivity to questions concerning differing conditions and responses by sex, separate tabulations have either not been made or have not been reported. This is an area where improvements can be made within relatively short time periods.

One of the goals adopted by the Office of Women in Development (WID) in AID\*\*\* is improvements in the collection, reporting and analysis of data concerning the status of women in society and their role in national development. In order to further the goal of reliable information on women in development issues, the WID Office has been supporting a variety of efforts to develop a reliable and internationally comparable data base in these areas. One of these efforts has been to examine existing data sources, and, where possible, provide tabulations of the information separately by sex. The data presented in this series of country booklets represent the product of that effort.

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\*Assessing the Impact of Development Projects on Women, A.I.D. Program Evaluation Discussion Paper No. 8, Bureau for Program and Policy Coordination, Agency for International Development, May, 1980.

\*\*Limitations and biases regarding employment statistics for women are discussed in Appendix E, "A Cautionary Note Regarding Use of Employment Statistics for Women."

\*\*\*The Women in Development Office was established within the Agency to help meet the objectives of the Percy Amendment.

It is clearly recognized that the data captured in this project do not represent an ideal or complete set of informaton on the status and role of women necessary for project and/or program needs.\* Rather they reflect to a substantial degree what is currently accessible to the research team members. We do feel, however, that it may be useful to publicize basic data available to AID missions, generalists in the development community, and program planners who may be interested in comparisons within regions and comparisons between men and women. In addition we hope this kind of presentation will help create a demand for more detailed and sophisticated information on women in the future, especially if future publications point out current gaps in information.

An assumption underlying the project was that the availability of data on women in developing countries might remind planners of the importance of incorporating women in their programs, help suggest programs and speed up the orientation of more development programs toward women. In other words, the project was expected to have a "consciousness-raising" function.

A more specific concern however, was to build up a solid set of data on characteristics of women in developing countries which could be updated when new information became available. The 1980 round of censuses will provide more information as will the country specific studies now being done in many countries. The data base does provide a solid benchmark of what was available from the 1970s and can serve as a source for future comparisons.

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\*Because of their lack of detail, the data would not be very useful for project planning. It is possible some AID field missions, especially those with smaller staffs, will use the information in their annual Country Development Strategy Statement (CDSS) although many missions may be closer to the data for their own country than the compilers in Washington could be. Regional comparisons might re-emphasize the continued existence of certain problems, e.g., the relatively low life expectancy of females in South Asia.

TABLE 1. UNADJUSTED POPULATION BY AGE, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1966. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE	URBAN TOTAL	URBAN MALE	URBAN FEMALE	RURAL TOTAL	RURAL MALE	RURAL FEMALE
TOTAL	30075858	15176000	14900000	12030343	A	A	18045514	A	A
0-4	5280000	2732000	2548000	A	A	A	A	A	A
5-9	3910000	2003000	1907000	A	A	A	A	A	A
10-14	3369000	1700000	1669000	A	A	A	A	A	A
15-19	2977000	1502000	1475000	A	A	A	A	A	A
20-24	2556000	1260000	1296000	A	A	A	A	A	A
25-29	2226000	1108000	1118000	A	A	A	A	A	A
30-34	1939000	971000	968000	A	A	A	A	A	A
35-39	1699000	834000	865000	A	A	A	A	A	A
40-44	1459000	729000	730000	A	A	A	A	A	A
45-49	1247000	622000	625000	A	A	A	A	A	A
50-54	1038000	531000	507000	A	A	A	A	A	A
55-59	842000	425000	417000	A	A	A	A	A	A
60-64	632000	319000	313000	A	A	A	A	A	A
65 AND OVER	902000	440000	462000	A	A	A	A	A	A
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	A	A	A	A	A	A

- 01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, CAIRO, 1978, TABLES 2.1.10 AND 2.5.1.  
 02 DE FACTO POPULATION.  
 03 A PRECISE DEFINITION OF 'URBAN' IS NOT AVAILABLE; REFERENCE IS MADE TO 'LARGE CITIES AND THE CAPITALS OF GOVERNATES (EXCLUDING FRONTIERS) AND OF TOWNS'.  
 04 AS REPORTED, THE SUM OF THE URBAN AND RURAL POPULATIONS DO NOT ADD TO THE TOTAL, REVISED URBAN/RURAL FIGURES WERE GENERATED BASED ON REPORTED PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL POPULATION IN 1966 (40% URBAN; 60% RURAL). COLUMN FIGURES MAY NOT SUM TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING.

A DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

TABLE 2. UNADJUSTED POPULATION BY AGE, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE	URBAN TOTAL	URBAN MALE	URBAN FEMALE	RURAL TOTAL	RURAL MALE	RURAL FEMALE
TOTAL	36626204	18647289	17978915	16036403	8227787	7808616	20589801	10419502	10170299
UNDER 1	697938	351829	346109	323561	163705	159856	374377	188124	156253
1-4	4344232	2196436	2147796	1674775	852004	822771	2669457	1344432	1325025
5-9	4681702	2421813	2259889	1848602	948602	900000	2833100	1473211	1359889
10-14	4905523	2581979	2323544	2094011	1075288	1018723	2811512	1506691	1304821
15-19	3991806	2141854	1849952	1900522	990836	909686	2091284	1151018	940266
20-24	3083977	1522279	1561698	1564980	759292	805688	1518997	762987	756010
25-29	2684581	1321665	1362916	1289735	638314	651421	1394846	683351	711495
30-34	2128653	1036480	1092173	1013314	516795	496519	1115339	519685	595654
35-39	2054872	1024782	1030090	922718	480529	442189	1132154	544253	567901
40-44	1882691	935787	946904	848362	440919	407443	1034329	494868	539461
45-49	1527724	789521	738203	667949	360845	307104	859775	428676	431099
50-54	1461099	719185	741914	618182	321151	297031	842917	398034	444883
55-59	894090	481997	412093	378391	217708	160683	515699	264289	251410
60-64	970322	479943	490379	380691	197594	183097	589631	282349	307282
65 AND OVER	1311240	639161	672079	507926	262714	245212	803314	376447	426867
UNKNOWN	5754	2578	3176	2684	1491	1193	3070	1087	1983

01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 1.

02 DE FACTO POPULATION, INCLUDING FOREIGNERS.

03 THE DEFINITION OF 'URBAN' IS NOT AVAILABLE; SEE FOOTNOTE 3, TABLE 1.

TABLE 3. ADJUSTED POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX, 1966. EGYPT

01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND. FOR A GRADATION OF THE 1966 AGE DISTRIBUTION BY THE LOGIT METHOD, SEE CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 2.1.9.

TABLE 4. ADJUSTED POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX, 1976. EGYPT

01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND. THE 1976 CENSUS HAS NOT BEEN  
ADJUSTED FOR POSSIBLE COVERAGE ERROR.

TABLE 5. POPULATION BY GOVERNATE, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE,  
1976. EGYPT

GOVERNATE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE	URBAN TOTAL	URBAN MALE	URBAN FEMALE	RURAL TOTAL	RURAL MALE	RURAL FEMALE
TOTAL	36656180	18698904	17957276	16095613	8275267	7820346	20560567	10423637	10136930
CAIRO	5084463	2606999	2477464	5084463	2606999	2477464	0	0	0
ALEXANDRIA	2318655	1190729	1127926	2318655	1190729	1127926	0	0	0
PORT-SAID	262620	136186	126434	262620	136186	126434	0	0	0
SUEZ	194001	102464	91537	194001	102464	91537	0	0	0
DAMIETTA	557115	283426	273689	142815	72419	70396	414300	211007	203293
DAKAHLIA	2732756	1385392	1347364	655272	333447	321825	2077484	1051945	1025539
SHARKIA	2621208	1337017	1284191	530354	271645	258709	2090854	1065372	1025482
KALYUBIA	1674006	869879	804127	634586	356545	328041	989420	513334	476086
KAFR-EL-SHEIKH	1403468	708064	695404	291859	149974	141885	1111609	558090	553519
GHARBIA	2294303	1165492	1128811	766337	391025	375312	1527966	774467	753449
MENOUFIA	1710982	871843	839139	336691	172385	164306	1374291	699458	674833
BEHERA	2545246	1284048	1261198	681412	349156	332256	1863834	934892	928942
ISMAILIA	351889	179874	172015	165698	85868	79830	186191	94006	92185
GIZA	2419247	1246592	1172655	1379277	708947	670330	1039970	537645	502325
BENI-SUEF	1108615	560073	548542	276193	140256	135937	832422	419817	412605
FAYOUM	1140245	583152	557093	276428	141748	134680	863817	441404	422413
MINYA	2055739	1060578	995161	430830	224068	206762	1624909	836510	768399
ASSYUT	1695378	871099	824279	470032	246796	223236	1225346	624303	601043
SOUHAG	1924960	966925	958035	405291	209442	195849	1519669	757483	762186
KENA	1705594	857421	848173	391278	201518	189760	1314316	655903	658413
ASSWAN	619932	306898	313034	229657	117490	112167	390275	189408	200867
RED-SEA	56191	31521	24670	47722	25861	21861	8469	5660	2809
EL-WADI EL-GEIDID	56691	28765	27926	13002	6858	6144	43689	21907	21782
MATRUH	112772	57959	54813	51036	26933	24103	61736	31026	30710
SINAI	10104	6508	3596	10104	6508	3596	0	0	0

- 01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, 22/23 NOVEMBER 1976 IN EGYPT, CAIRO, UNDATED, TABLE 12.
- 02 THESE DATA ARE PRELIMINARY DE FACTO RESULTS. FINAL FIGURES FROM THE PUBLISHED ARABIC CENSUS VOLUME SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN LATTER 1980.

TABLE 6A. POPULATION BY ETHNIC GROUP, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL  
RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND. FOR POPULATION BY RELIGION,  
SEE TABLE 6B.

TABLE 68. POPULATION BY RELIGION, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE,  
1976. EGYPT

RELIGION	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
TOTAL	36510849	16579651	17931198
MUSLIM	34243089	17417982	16825107
CHRISTIAN	2264250	1160188	1104062
JEWISH	1447	561	886
OTHER	2063	920	1143

01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS,  
THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978,  
TABLE 13.

02 FIGURES EXCLUDE THE NON-EGYPTIAN POPULATION.

TABLE 6C. POPULATION BY NATIONALITY, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE,  
1976. EGYPT

01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND. ACCORDING TO THE 1976  
PRELIMINARY CENSUS REPORT, THE NON-EGYPTIAN POPULATION COMPRISED  
ONLY 0.26% OF THE TOTAL IN 1976.

TABLE 6D. POPULATION BY LANGUAGE, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE,  
1976. EGYPT

01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND.

TABLE 7. LIFE EXPECTANCY AT SELECTED AGES, BY SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1966. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
0	53.9	53.0	54.8
1	60.1	58.9	61.4
5	62.3	60.2	64.5
15	53.3	51.2	55.5
30	39.8	38.0	41.8
45	26.7	25.3	28.2
60	14.8	14.3	15.2

01 SOURCE: AHMED, FERIAL ABDEL KADER, "FERTILITY TRENDS IN EGYPT AND THEIR EFFECT ON POPULATION GROWTH," IN FERTILITY AND POPULATION GROWTH, CAIRO DEMOGRAPHIC CENTER, CAIRO, DATE UNKNOWN, CHAPTER 3, TABLES 1 AND 2.

02 LIFE TABLES FOR 1966 WERE BASED ON VITAL STATISTICS REPORTED FROM 1965 TO 1967.

TABLE 8. INFANT MORTALITY RATES (PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS), BY SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1969. EGYPT

YEAR	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE	URBAN TOTAL	URBAN MALE	URBAN FEMALE	RURAL TOTAL	RURAL MALE	RURAL FEMALE
1969	B	128	139	A	136	146	A	124	134

01 SOURCE: ABDU ISSA, MAHMOUD, AN ANALYSIS OF EXOGENOUS AND ENDOGENOUS INFANT MORTALITY IN EGYPT, POPULATION RESEARCHES AND STUDIES, CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, CAIRO, VOL. 1, NO. 2, JANUARY 1972, P. 24.

02 THE AUTHOR HAS ADJUSTED OBSERVED INFANT MORTALITY RATES USING THE BOURGEOIS-PICHAU TECHNIQUE.

A A PRECISE COMBINED RATE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

B AN OVERALL INFANT MORTALITY RATE OF 90 HAS BEEN DERIVED FOR 1975; SEE DETAILED NOTES TO WORLD POPULATION 1979, U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS (FORTHCOMING).

TABLE 9. PERCENT OF NATIVE-BORN POPULATION BORN OUTSIDE OF PROVINCE  
OF CURRENT RESIDENCE, BY AGE AND SEX, 1976. EGYPT

01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND.

TABLE 10A. TOTAL POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS, AGE, AND SEX, 1976.  
EGYPT

SEX AND AGE	TOTAL	SINGLE	MARRIED	CONSENSUAL	WIDOWED	SEP/DIVOR.	NOT STATED
TOTAL COUNTRY	36510849	21564862	13090642	0	1689724	165621	0
TOTAL MALES	18579651	11856925	6504866	0	177770	40090	0
UNDER 20	9672074	9643531	27949	0	286	308	0
20-24	1509410	1212153	292792	0	1860	2605	0
25-29	1315311	569825	736774	0	3575	5137	0
30-34	1031234	175305	845300	0	4705	5924	0
35-39	1021058	73421	936514	0	5938	5185	0
40-44	931989	50657	867236	0	9411	4685	0
45-49	786943	30106	742528	0	10632	3682	0
50-54	716531	29398	666198	0	17206	3729	0
55-59	480058	17224	445568	0	14816	2450	0
60-64	478259	19953	429211	0	26591	2504	0
65 AND OVER	634402	33320	514470	0	82736	3876	0
UNKNOWN	2377	2032	326	0	14	5	0
TOTAL FEMALES	17931198	9707937	6585776	0	1511954	125531	0
UNDER 20	8908529	8598965	299045	0	3620	6899	0
20-24	1556231	605528	918061	0	13044	19590	0
25-29	1359752	190214	1124216	0	24513	20809	0
30-34	1088690	76995	955178	0	39561	16956	0
35-39	1027457	48737	899622	0	65065	14033	0
40-44	944083	46062	764306	0	120073	13582	0
45-49	736495	28491	565686	0	132581	9737	0
50-54	739863	33259	459973	0	237206	9425	0
55-59	410575	16908	251593	0	137500	4514	0
60-64	488917	25972	192292	0	267818	4835	0
65 AND OVER	667501	38058	153724	0	470612	5107	0
UNKNOWN	3105	748	2020	0	301	36	0

01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS,  
THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978,  
TABLE 13.

02 NO CONSENSUAL UNIONS WERE REPORTED.

TABLE 108. URBAN POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS, AGE, AND SEX, 1976.  
EGYPT

- 01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO RECENT DATA FOUND; FIGURES FROM THE PUBLISHED ARABIC CENSUS VOLUME SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN LATTER 1980.
- 02 FOR A BREAKDOWN OF MARITAL STATUS BY TOTAL MALES AND TOTAL FEMALES IN 1966 SEE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 2.2.1.

**TABLE 10C. RURAL POPULATION BY MARITAL STATUS, AGE, AND SEX, 1976.  
EGYPT**

- 01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO RECENT DATA FOUND; FIGURES FROM THE PUBLISHED ARABIC CENSUS VOLUME SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN LATTER 1980.
- 02 FOR A BREAKDOWN OF MARITAL STATUS BY TOTAL RURAL MALES AND TOTAL RURAL FEMALES SEE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 2.2.1.

TABLE 11. MINIMUM LEGAL AGE AT MARRIAGE AND AGE AT WHICH SPECIFIED PERCENT ARE EVER-MARRIED, BY SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

ITEM	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
MINIMUM LEGAL AGE	18	16
AGE 25% EVER-MARR.	23	20
AGE 50% EVER-MARR.	27	21
AGE 75% EVER-MARR.	30	24

01 SOURCES: FOR MINIMUM LEGAL AGES; POPULATION INFORMATION PROGRAM, POPULATION REPORTS, SERIES M, NO. 4, THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, NOVEMBER, 1979, TABLE 15. FOR AGE EVER MARRIED; CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 13.

TABLE 12. NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE, MEAN SIZE AND MEDIAN SIZE,  
BY URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

NO. OF PERSONS/HH.	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL
TOTAL	6985171	3247590	3737581
MEAN SIZE	5.2	5.0	5.5
MEDIAN SIZE	A	A	A

01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS,  
THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING  
CENSUS, 22/23 NOVEMBER 1976 IN EGYPT, CAIRO, UNDATED, TABLES 12  
AND 24.

02 THESE DATA ARE PRELIMINARY DE FACTO RESULTS. FINAL FIGURES FROM  
THE PUBLISHED ARABIC CENSUS VOLUME SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN LATTER  
1980.

03 THE CENSUS HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF PERSONS LIVING INDIVIDUALLY OR  
IN GROUPS WHO PROVIDE THEMSELVES WITH FOOD AND OTHER VITAL  
NECESSITIES.

A DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

**TABLE 13. HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD 10 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT**

**01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND.**

TABLE 14A. AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES (PER 1,000 WOMEN), BY URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1970. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL
15-19	32	32	32
20-24	204	186	219
25-29	236	215	251
30-34	240	188	276
35-39	175	129	205
40-44	100	61	124
45-49	44	22	57

01 SOURCE: AHMED, FERIAL ABDEL KADER, 'FERTILITY STUDIES IN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT', POPULATION RESEARCHES AND STUDIES, CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, CAIRO, NO. 5, OCTOBER 1972, PP. 9 AND 10.

02 THE SAME AUTHOR HAS PROJECTED EGYPTIAN FERTILITY RATES BEYOND 1980; SEE 'FERTILITY TRENDS IN EGYPT AND THEIR EFFECT ON POPULATION GROWTH', IN FERTILITY AND POPULATION GROWTH, CAIRO DEMOGRAPHIC CENTER, CAIRO, DATE UNKNOWN, CHAPTER 3.

TABLE 14B. SELECTED FERTILITY MEASURES, BY URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE,  
1970. EGYPT

SELECTED MEASURES	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL
CBR (PER 1000 POP)	35.10B	30.00	38.60
TFR (PER WOMAN)	5.55C	4.86C	6.00C
GRR (PER WOMAN)	2.50	2.01	2.82
NRR (PER WOMAN)	1.85	A	A

01 SOURCE: AHMED, FERIAL ABDEL KADER, 'FERTILITY STUDIES IN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT', POPULATION RESEARCHES AND STUDIES, CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, CAIRO, NO. 5, OCTOBER 1972, PP. 6, 11 AND 12.

02 SEE FOOTNOTE 2, TABLE 14A, FOR SOURCE OF PROJECTED FIGURES.

A DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

B THIS FIGURE IS FOR 1970. FOR 1978, THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS HAS CALCULATED A CBR OF 38.70, BASED ON REGISTERED BIRTHS ADJUSTED FOR 3% UNDERREGISTRATION AND A MIDYEAR 1978 POPULATION ESTIMATE.

C THESE FIGURES ARE FOR 1969, FROM EL-GUINDY, MOSTAFA, 'FERTILITY AND POPULATION ACTION PROGRAMMES, IN A.R.E.', POPULATION RESEARCHES AND STUDIES, CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, CAIRO, NO. 5, OCTOBER 1972, P. 24.

TABLE 15A. NUMBER OF LITERATE PERSONS 10 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
TOTA	11227158	7685550	3541608
10-14	2995611	1845263	1150348
15-19	2084715	1339823	744892
20-24	1439141	915279	523862
25-29	1091047	749408	341639
30-34	806874	582682	224192
35-39	690434	525334	165100
40-44	584250	452554	131696
45-49	472628	381340	91288
50-54	381103	311978	69125
55-59	252902	214648	38254
60-64	199849	169904	29945
65 AND OVER	226184	195534	30650
UNKNOWN	2420	1803	617

01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS,  
THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978,  
TABLE 10.

02 THESE DATA EXCLUDE THE NON-EGYPTIAN POPULATION

03 THE DEFINITION OF 'LITERATE' IS THOUGHT TO CONFORM TO THE UNESCO  
STANDARD.

TABLE 15B. POPULATION BASES FOR PERCENTAGES IN TABLE 15C, 1976.  
EGYPT

01 FOR POPULATION BASES SEE TABLE 2.

TABLE 15C. PERCENTAGE LITERATE 10 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE, SEX AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
TOTAL	41.7	56.2	26.8
10-14	61.1	71.5	49.5
15-19	52.2	62.6	40.3
20-24	46.7	60.1	33.5
25-29	40.6	56.7	25.1
30-34	37.9	56.2	20.5
35-39	33.6	51.3	16.0
40-44	31.0	48.4	13.9
45-49	30.9	48.3	12.4
50-54	26.1	43.4	9.3
55-59	28.3	44.5	9.3
60-64	20.6	35.4	6.1
65 AND OVER	17.2	30.6	4.6
UNKNOWN	42.1	69.9	19.4

- 01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978, TABLES 1 AND 10.
- 02 THE POPULATION BASES FOR THESE PERCENTAGES INCLUDED THE FOREIGN POPULATION, WHILE THE PERCENTAGE DENOMINATORS (I.E., NUMBERS OF LITERATES) EXCLUDED THIS COMPONENT. THUS, WHILE THE FOREIGN POPULATION IS SMALL (SEE FOOTNOTE, TABLE 6C), A SYSTEMATIC ERROR OCCURS THROUGHOUT TABLE 15C.
- 03 THE DEFINITION OF 'LITERATE' IS THOUGHT TO CONFORM TO THE UNESCO STANDARD.

TABLE 16A. NUMBER OF PERSONS ENROLLED IN SCHOOL BY AGE, SEX, AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1975-1976. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
TOTAL	6560894	4146249	2414645

- 01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 3.3,5.
- 02 TOTALS EXCLUDE 40,200 PERSONS WHO WERE ATTENDING INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION OTHER THAN UNIVERSITIES.
- 03 WHILE AGE BREAKDOWNS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THE SOURCE DOES LIST ATTENDING BY SEX AND EDUCATIONAL LEVEL (PRIMARY; PREPARATORY; SECONDARY; HIGHER).

TABLE 168. POPULATION BASES FOR PERCENTAGES IN TABLE 16C, 1975.  
1976. EGYPT

01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND.

TABLE 16C. PERCENTAGE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL BY AGE, SEX, AND  
URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1975-1976. EGYPT

01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO FOUND. FOR AGGREGATE NUMBERS OF  
STUDENTS, SEE TABLE 16A.

TABLE 17A. NUMBER OF ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE PERSONS 10 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE, SEX, AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
TOTAL	10432027	9608364	823663
10-14	901689	773938	127751
15-19	1159438	1064849	94589
20-24	1275460	1082106	193354
25-29	1367903	1221149	146754
30-34	1085053	1000052	85001
35-39	1059537	1003366	56171
40-44	953476	912001	41475
45-49	799046	773033	26013
50-54	716573	693343	23230
55-59	467449	456169	11280
60-64	377591	366849	10742
65 AND OVER	266526	259627	6899
UNKNOWN	2286	1882	404

01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 8.

02 FIGURES ARE FOR THE EGYPTIAN-CITIZEN POPULATION ONLY.

03 THE ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ENUMERATED CATEGORIES: OWN ACCOUNT WORKER, EMPLOYER, EMPLOYEE, UNPAID FAMILY WORKER, UNPAID NON-FAMILY WORKER, UNEMPLOYED (EXPERIENCED), AND SEEKING FIRST JOB. 'HOUSEWIFE' AND VARIOUS OTHER CATEGORIES, INCLUDING 'NOT STATED', WERE EXCLUDED FROM ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE TOTALS.

TABLE 17B. POPULATION BASES FOR PERCENTAGES IN TABLE 17C, 1976.  
EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
TOTAL	26806421	13619746	13186675
10-14	4894667	2576198	2318469
15-19	3981508	2135971	1845537
20-24	3065641	1509410	1556231
25-29	2675063	1315311	1359752
30-34	2119924	1031234	1088690
35-39	2048515	1021058	1027457
40-44	1876072	931989	944083
45-49	1523443	786948	736495
50-54	1456394	716531	739863
55-59	890633	480058	410575
60-64	957176	478259	488917
65 AND OVER	1301903	634402	667501
UNKNOWN	5482	2377	3105

01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS,  
THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978,  
TABLE 8.

02 FIGURES ARE FOR THE EGYPTIAN-CITIZEN POPULATION ONLY.

TABLE 17C. PERCENTAGE ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE 10 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE, SEX, AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

AGE	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
TOTAL	38.9	70.5	6.2
10-14	18.4	30.0	5.5
15-19	29.1	49.9	5.1
20-24	41.6	71.7	12.4
25-29	51.1	92.8	10.8
30-34	51.2	97.0	7.8
35-39	51.7	98.3	5.5
40-44	50.8	97.9	4.4
45-49	52.5	98.2	3.5
50-54	49.2	96.8	3.1
55-59	52.5	95.0	2.7
60-64	39.0	76.7	2.2
65 AND OVER	20.5	40.9	1.0
UNKNOWN	41.7	79.2	13.0

01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 8.

02 FIGURES ARE FOR THE EGYPTIAN-CITIZEN POPULATION ONLY.

03 THE ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ENUMERATED CATEGORIES: OWN ACCOUNT WORKER, EMPLOYER, EMPLOYEE, UNPAID FAMILY WORKER, UNPAID NON-FAMILY WORKER, UNEMPLOYED (EXPERIENCED), AND SEEKING FIRST JOB. 'HOUSEWIFE' AND VARIOUS OTHER CATEGORIES, INCLUDING 'NOT STATED', HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE TOTALS.

TABLE 18. ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION BY OCCUPATIONAL STATUS, SEX, AND URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT

OCCUP. STATUS	TOTAL TOTAL	TOTAL MALE	TOTAL FEMALE
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	10432027	9608364	823663
EMPLR. & SELF-EMP.	2881263	2816966	64297
EMPLOYERS	858111	844063	14048
SELF-EMPLOYED	2023152	1972903	50249
EMPLOYEES	6540196	5980448	559748
UNPD. FAM. WORKERS	420749	386774	33975
OTHERS AND UNKNOWN	589819	424176	165643

- 01 SOURCE: CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, THE 1976 GENERAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS, CAIRO, 1978, TABLE 8.
- 02 FIGURES ARE FOR THE EGYPTIAN-CITIZEN POPULATION ONLY.
- 03 THE ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ENUMERATED CATEGORIES: OWN ACCOUNT WORKER, EMPLOYER, EMPLOYEE, UNPAID FAMILY WORKER, UNPAID NON-FAMILY WORKER, UNEMPLOYED (EXPERIENCED), AND SEEKING FIRST JOB. 'HOUSEWIFE' AND VARIOUS OTHER CATEGORIES, INCLUDING 'NOT STATED', WERE EXCLUDED FROM ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE TOTALS.
- 04 THE 'UNPAID FAMILY WORKER' CATEGORY ALSO INCLUDES PERSONS CLASSIFIED AS 'UNPAID NON-FAMILY WORKERS': IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT NO ONE OVER THE AGE OF 14 APPEARS IN EITHER OF THESE TWO CATEGORIES. THE 'OTHERS AND UNKNOWN' CATEGORY COMPRISES THE UNEMPLOYED (EXPERIENCED) AND THOSE SEEKING WORK FOR THE FIRST TIME.

**TABLE 19. INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND MEDIAN INCOME, BY SEX AND  
URBAN/RURAL RESIDENCE, 1976. EGYPT**

**01 SEARCH CONDUCTED BUT NO DATA FOUND.**

APPENDIX A

"Women in Development" Countries

AFRICA

Benin  
Botswana  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
Cape Verde  
Chad  
Djibouti  
Ethiopia  
The Gambia  
Ghana  
Guinea  
Guinea Bissau  
Ivory Coast  
Kenya  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Mauritius  
Mozambique  
Niger  
Rwanda  
Sao Tome and Principe  
Senegal  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
Somalia  
Sudan  
Swaziland  
Tanzania  
Togo  
Upper Volta  
Zaire  
Zambia

ASIA

Bangladesh  
India  
Indonesia  
Korea  
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Philippines  
Sri Lanka  
Thailand

LATIN AMERICA

Bolivia  
Costa Rica  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Guyana  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Jamaica  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru

NEAR EAST

Afghanistan  
Cyprus  
Egypt  
Israel  
Jordan  
Lebanon  
Morocco  
Syria  
Tunisia  
Yemen Arab Republic

**APPENDIX B**

**A List of Variables Used in the "Women in Development" Tables**

"Women in Development" Tables

1. Unadjusted Population by Age, Sex and Urban/Rural Residence, 19\_\_\_\_
2. Unadjusted Population by Age, Sex and Urban/Rural Residence, 19\_\_\_\_
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- 16b. Population Bases for Percentages in Table 16c, 19\_\_\_\_
- 16c. Percentage Enrolled in School, by Age, Sex and Urban/Rural Residence, 19\_\_\_\_
- 17a. Number of Economically Active Persons, by Age, Sex and Urban/Rural Residence, 19\_\_\_\_
- 17b. Population Bases for Percentages in Table 17c, 19\_\_\_\_
- 17c. Percentage Economically Active, by Age, Sex and Urban/Rural Residence, 19\_\_\_\_
18. Economically Active Population by Occupational Status, Sex and Urban/Rural Residence, 19\_\_\_\_
19. Income Distribution and Median Income, by Sex, and Urban/Rural Residence, 19\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX C

### Summary of Search Results\*

\*Column numbers refer to individual data tables, as presented in Appendix B. (Multi-part data tables appear as single units with the exception of Table 6.) Countries have been grouped by geographic location. For each country, the matrix cells indicate the presence or absence of data table information. Lack of information is represented by an asterisk. Other symbols, explained in the matrix key (located at the bottom of the last page of Appendix C), describe the nature of data obtained, insofar as they conform, or do not conform, to particular standard data-table formats. The final cell in each country row contains the number of data tables (n=19) for some information was recorded. Similarly, the final row represents marginal sums for all 69 countries, indicating the number of countries for which some information for a given data table was located.

AFRICA

Country	1	2	3	4	5	6a	6b	6c	6d	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
Benin	STD	TOI/UR	TOI/SR	*	UR	STD	STD	STD	*	*	*	TOI	AG	STD	RC	AG	STD	AG	AG	AG	STD	*	15	
Botswana	UR	UR	TOI/SR	TOI/SR	UR	*	*	*	*	UR	SX/UR	*	UR	UR	RC	*	UR	TOI/SR/UR	ABS	AG/UR	UR	*	15	
Burundi	AG	AG/UR	*	*	SX/UR	*	*	*	*	RC/UR	UR	*	UR	UR	UR	AG/UR	UR	*	RC/PCI	UR	UR	*	13	
Cameroon	UR	STD	*	STD	STD	*	*	STD	*	UR	SX/UR	*	AG	STD	STD	*	RC/UR	AG	AG	AG	UR	*	15	
Cape Verde	UR	UR	*	*	TOI	UR	UR	UR	UR	*	SX/UR	*	UR	UR	*	*	RC/UR	UR	TOI/UR	TOI/UR	UR	*	12	
Chad	AG	*	*	*	UR	STD	STD	*	*	UR	STD	*	AG	STD	RC	AG	STD	AG	AG	AG	STD	*	14	
Djibouti	*	TOI/SR/UR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	RC/UR	*	*	*	*	*	2	
Ethiopia	RC	AG	*	*	SX	*	*	*	*	TOI/UR	SX/UR	*	RC	RC	RC	*	UR	RC	*	RC	RC	*	12	
Gambia	AG	AG	*	AG	STD	STD	*	STD	*	UR	UR	TOI	*	*	RC	*	UR	TOI/UR	AG	*	*	*	12	
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Nepal	STD	STD	AG	AG	UR	*	STD	UR	SX/UR	UR	UR	STD	UR	UR	UR	*	UR	AG	AG	UR	STD	*	17
Pakistan	AG	STD	AG	AG	STD	*	STD	*	*	UR	UR	*	STD	STD	STD	*	UR	STD	STD	STD	STD	*	16
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Cyprus	STD	AG/UR	*	*	SX	*	SX/UR	*	*	UR	UR	*	RC/AG/UR	UR	RX	*	UR	101	101/SX/UR/AB	AG	STD	*	14
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Israel	AG/UR	AG	*	AG	UR	*	UR	SX/UR	*	SX/UR	UR	*	STD	STD	STD	AG/UR	UR	101/SX/UR/PC	101/SX/UR/AB	AG/UR	RC/UR	*	16
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Lebanon	*	STD	*	AG	SX	*	*	SX	*	UR	UR	*	STD	STD	*	*	UR	AG	AG	STD	SX	*	13
Morocco	STD	STD	AG	AG	SX	SX	*	SX	*	UR	UR	*	STD	STD	RC	AG	STD	STD	AG	STD	STD	*	17
Syria	STD	STD	*	*	STD	UR	*	*	*	UR	SX/UR	*	AG	STD	STD	101	STD	STD	101/SX/UR	STD	STD	*	15
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KEY

STD - Data conform to table framework.

101 - Table contains column or row totals only.

SX - Sex distinction (total or partial) not available.

UR - Urban/rural breakdown (total or partial) not available.

AG - Age categories differ from standard table framework.

RC - Row and/or column deviation from standard table framework (other than SX, UR, or AG).

\* - Search conducted but no data found.

ABS - Table contains absolute numbers only (re: Tables 15, 16, 17).

PCI - Table contains percentages only (re: Tables 15, 16, 17).

NOTE: "STD" tables may be missing certain cells.

\*\* tables may contain figures and/or other information in footnotes.

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## APPENDIX D

### "A. OBJECTIVE

"The objective of this contract is two-fold: (1) to develop and make accessible a body of reliable and internationally comparable data which will facilitate better understanding of the statuses and roles of women worldwide, and their participation in national development, and (2) to promote institutionalization of WID issues and concerns in national and international census and survey activities. Our purpose is to update, expand and make more relevant and accessible, both now and in the future, the census and survey data available to the Agency and AID participating countries pertinent to Women in Development (WID) issues and concerns.

### "B. SCOPE OF WORK

"The contractor will pursue this goal through the accomplishment of a number of basic tasks: (1) expansion of the data base of social, economic and demographic information related to the status and roles of women worldwide; (2) preparation of a hard copy publication(s) providing a worldwide statistical portrait of women, accompanied by interpretative text and an analytical critique of the indicators and the data base as they relate to an understanding of the conditions of women; (3) encouraging through consultation and coordination ongoing and contemplated BuCen programs for statistical training and technical assistance to take into consideration the needs for the conceptualization, design, collection, tabulation and analysis of data pertinent to women in development issues; (4) function as a repository for international WID data and provide dissemination of assembled international WID data base in response to user requests (U. S. and international) utilizing specific transportable medium (tape, card, diskette, etc.) as appropriate, and to include documentation; (5) preparation of special tabulations from census samples and surveys to provide data concerning WID issues which have not previously been available, e.g., micro data from censuses and surveys may be exploited to prepare data on women migrants, women-headed households, male/female income differentials; and (6) compilation of data on subject areas less frequently included in population censuses and general purpose household surveys, e.g., access to credit, political participation.

"Under this new contract agreement BuCen will (1) assess the variables included in the previous stage of work to determine whether new variables should be added to the data base, (2) extend the data capture activities to include, in addition to the 69 AID-participating countries, all countries of 5 million or more population, (3) update the data presented under the previous contract to reflect most recent information available, and (4) drawing on the information presented in this expanded data base, prepare for hard copy publication a worldwide statistical portrait of women using the most recent data available, to include interpretive text and an analytical critique of the data base.

Dissemination and utilization of these data is a primary objective. As indicated above, the data will be made available in two forms: (1) in machine-readable form according to agreed-upon file specifications; and (2) a world handbook, or regional handbooks, which select and display data from the automated file in a maximally useful analytic mode and provide(s) a critique of the data base and indicators. The BuCen will function as repository for these data, and will create a reproductive capacity and disseminate the data in response to user requests, both U. S. and international, in a form consistent with user capabilities.

"An additional priority focus in the contract effort is the institutionalization of an integrated concern and capability for assessing the roles and status of women, in a manner which accurately reflects women's real social and economic contributions and conditions in society, in national and international census and survey data collection, reporting and analysis activities. To this end, BuCen will consult and coordinate with ongoing Census Bureau programs. Examples of these programs are the Census Bureau's regular training programs for population analysis, POPSTAN workshops, assistance to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) program of national surveys on internal migration and the Survey and Evaluation Unit (SEU) Resource Support Services Agreement (RSSA) agreement with AID to assist AID-participating countries in data collection, processing and compilation efforts and to provide on-the-job training for host country nationals in data collection and information management."

## APPENDIX E

### A Cautionary Note Regarding the Use of Employment Statistics for Women<sup>1/</sup>

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The Agency's commitment to promoting productive employment as an integral component of its programmatic emphasis has important bearing on development efforts on behalf of women. The relationship between increasing the use of women's economic resources and improving the economic picture of underdevelopment is only now beginning to surface. AID projects have recently begun to address women in their productive role. However, fuller planning efforts are thwarted by the absence in the Third World of a system of statistics showing the reality of women's economic contribution. National censuses, which are the primary source of data for development planning, have up to now consistently undervalued the productive contribution of women to the national economy. Unless corrective action is introduced women will continue to be excluded from social and economic development planning.<sup>2/</sup>

The perennial problem is that internationally adopted standards, the operational definitions of concepts, and measures of employment are grounded in a system of identification and evaluation of economic activity based on developed and industrialized economies. Methodologically, such an approach is inadequate for developing economies, because it focuses on stable wage-earners and thereby fails to capture the totality of men's and women's productive contributions. The census statistics for women, more than for men, are fraught with ambiguities and sex related biases. This tendency is due to the interaction between two factors: (a) the inappropriate conceptualization of female labor force activity and its underenumeration by means of censuses, and (b) the cultural bias against acknowledging the types and level of work that women perform that leads to distorted reporting and recording of women's contribution to total employment.

The following pages single out some of the limitations intrinsic to current operational definitions and measurement of work in standard census practices.

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<sup>1/</sup> This is a condensed version of a larger paper entitled "Sex-Related Biases in Census Counts" in the report Priorities in the Design of Development Programs: Women's Issues, Bureau of Development Support, AID, Washington, D. C.

<sup>2/</sup> A basic critique of the situation can be found in the U.N. Secretariat "Sex Biases and National Data Systems," (ST/ESA/STAT/99), (June 1980).

## MEASUREMENTS OF WORK: WOMEN'S PRODUCTIVITY

Standard census practices use the labor force approach in collecting data on economic characteristics and in classifying populations as economically "active" or "inactive". According to this approach, the economically active population is identified as 1) at work for pay or profit during a specified brief period, either one week or one day; 2) with a job but not at work, or 3) actively seeking employment. This measure, originally developed in the United States during the Depression to assess the extent of unemployment, fails to capture the reality of working conditions in developing economies for the following reasons: a) much of production is family-based and for home consumption; b) the agricultural cycle generates sharp seasonal variation in activity; c) the length of working days is not uniform; d) most wage work is for daily wages; and e) individuals engage in not one, but a variety of economic activities in the course of a single year.

The flaws intrinsic to this conventional measure are more acute for women than for men because of a deeply entrenched bias against female employment. This bias takes the form of failure to report on the productive contribution of women to economic life, not only through the self-reporting process (because women do not consider their work to be economically important), but also in instructing the interviewer to accept a married woman's designation of herself as a "housewife" (hence to be counted "economically inactive") without further probing into a possible distinction between the economic and non-economic value of the activities she performs.

## THE LABOR FORCE APPROACH AND WOMEN WORKERS

A rigorous interpretation of the concept "economic activity", as utilized in the labor force approach, is disadvantageous to women because of the following:

Domestic Production: The concept excludes activities connected with family production which do not result in the actual production of market goods, such as personal services and home consumption goods.

Reference Periods: Women are more likely to be misclassified as economically inactive because the reference period or time frame in which women perform work is often not according to "standard" reference periods used in the census. To facilitate accurate recall, censuses and labor surveys inquire about work performed in the last week or month. Since most men work almost every week or month of the year, the short reference period will accurately reflect men's long-term labor force status. Many women however, work irregularly, since they either constitute a seasonal labor force used to meet agricultural peak labor demands, or in urban areas, they may engage intermittently in informal sector activities.

Subsistence Activities: Women who work in traditional subsistence activities tend to be excluded from the labor force count. Many agricultural societies are characterized by heavy reliance upon traditional subsistence activities, which remain outside the sphere of formal markets although supporting a high proportion of the rural population. Work activities in those traditional societies are family labor, in-kind exchange labor, and labor provided to meet social obligations at the village level. Such work is typically regarded by enumerators as having no economic significance, often because no form of cash is exchanged. Given that the subsistence economy is mostly in female hands, excluding such forms of labor operates to decrease further the number of women reported in the statistics as part of the labor force.

Unpaid Family Workers: The category of "unpaid family labor" is meant to exclude household work such as food preparation, child care, and care of livestock used for family consumption, but may include any farm activities which result in the cash sale of products and services.

Follow ILO specifications, most surveys and censuses require that a person work at least one-third time during the short reference period (typically the past week or month) to qualify as an "unpaid family worker". This specification has proved to be disadvantageous to women, in that the uncertainty surrounding what constitutes "one-third" of cash producing work by "unpaid" female workers in particular, are misclassified by census enumerators as "economically inactive".

Informal Sector: Women's work in informal sectors of the economy is unrecognized in census statistics. A widespread phenomenon in Third World countries, particularly in the urban areas, is the build-up of an extensive shadow economy, developing as a necessary complement to the expanding formal sector wage labor. Most activities in the informal sector are on the periphery of the job market, and these jobs are not integrated into any industry coding, or detailed occupational breakdown, as exists for the formal sector.

Since informal sector jobs often fall outside taxation structures, lack a set location to transact business, or may even be quasi-legal, the tendency is to exclude informal sector activities from the labor force count. This has led to a considerable underestimation of the number of urban women who are actually economically active.

Multiple Roles: Multiple economic roles of women are not captured in census counts. According to the standard definitions, individuals are classified as economically active or inactive on the basis of a series of questions clustered around the concept of principal economic activity. In developing economies, however, the formulation of such a question does not reflect the totality of work involvement, for both sexes are engaged in a multiplicity of economic activities at different levels of productivity.

The rigidity of standard definitions leads to a distortion once more, and it is the women who go unreported, because their day--more so than that of men--is characterized by a constant and subtle alternation between numerous activities with both economic and non-economic significance. No statistical acknowledgement is made of women who intermittently engage in small-scale trade and in short duration income-earning activities, which are interspersed between housework.

The Underestimation of Unemployment: The standard labor force approach works to the disadvantage of including women in unemployment rates.

Many women who are unemployed are, in fact, not counted. First of all, there is a tendency among census takers to automatically attribute the status of "unemployed" housewife to a married woman who is not working at the time of the census, without probing whether or not she is currently in search of work. Further, the conventional practice of defining the actively unemployed as those who sought work in the previous week leaves out of the count the passively unemployed group of women: those wanting or needing work but who are discouraged, and the groups of women who wanted a job and would have accepted one had it been offered. Inclusion of the passively unemployed group (which may have more members among women than men) in the unemployment rate would reflect a more accurate measure of the proportion of women available for employment.

#### POLICY RELEVANCE OF SOUND STATISTICS ON WOMEN'S WORK

Women will continue to be dropped from the labor force count unless more categories of activity status (full-time, part-time, seasonal worker, and the like) are introduced, unless occupational classifications are set up to fit the specific types of work women pursue, and unless interviewers themselves are trained and sensitized to probe into the economic value and functions of the activities women perform.

Assigning a social and economic value to women's labor force participation has implications beyond the improvement of statistics. The development of sensitive measures which address the critical questions "What types of work do women perform?" and "What are the occupational characteristics and skill levels of women who are active in the labor force?" directly bears upon formulation of employment policies for women.

USER COMMENTS

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