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(The Welfare Committee of PIGNON)

A. People you will meet:

Dr. Guy Theodore, CBP Founder/Director
Dr. Darlene Carre-Theodore, Reproductive Health Coordinator
Mr. Philton Laguerre, Mayor of the Commune of Pignon
Rev. Davilus D. Pierre, Member of the CBP Board

B. What you will do:

Visit the CBP Pignon Hospital, and tour the grounds, administrative offices, dental facilities, dining room and restaurant to select a site for meeting women's credit groups.

C. Deliverable:

Launch the first phase of Pignon's microenterprise lending program with a \$60,000 grant which will eventually serve 900 clients, almost entirely women, through 30 village banks in five neighboring towns -- Pignon, Saint Raphael, Dondon, Ranquit and La Victoire -- over the coming three years.

D. Background:

The Welfare Committee of Pignon (in French, Comité de Bienfaisance de Pignon - CBP) is a non-governmental organization originally established in 1980 to provide curative health services to 35,000 people in the Commune of Pignon. Today, CBP has one of Haiti's most successful, comprehensive health and development programs serving a population of over 150,000 people in five communes. It provides quality curative and preventive health services, women's literacy and credit programs, an innovative water and sanitation program, and environmental and other community development programs.

CBP was founded in 1980 by Dr. Guy Theodore, a native of Pignon and a retired US Air Force Colonel. The Government of Haiti officially recognized the organization in 1984 and, in 1989, the Ministry of Public Health and Population designated CBP with its Pignon Hospital and four satellite centers as the area's official health service provider. USAID provide CBP with approximatively US\$700,000 annually through its Health Systems 2004 Project. The organization also receives important support from two Arkansas organizations, the Christian Mission of Pignon and the World Christian Relief Fund. Several hundred American medical volunteers visit annually and spend 1-2 weeks transferring their skills to the local population.

CBP is widely recognized as one of the most innovative and effective community organizations in Haiti. It has recently launched a collaborative nutrition program with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) for children under five years of age. In addition to recuperating malnourished children and preventing new cases of malnutrition by integrating PL 480 food supplementation into the overall health program, this new program is reinforced by

agriculture, credit, water/sanitation, breastfeeding, child-spacing, and other related activities aimed at families. The CBP/ADRA program is also unique in its effort to identify pockets of childhood malnutrition in the CBP catchment area through the use of Geographical Information System (GIS) equipment and software.

In 1996, UNICEF named the CBP Pignon Hospital as one of two "Baby Friendly" hospitals in Haiti. The hospital is also unique in Haiti in that over 90% of its personnel are local people.

Building on CBP's success in the health sector, and seeking to create more economic opportunities for women in the region, USAID plans to extend its PRET project in the Pignon region, expanding village banking activities to the communes of Pignon, Saint Raphael, Dondon, Ranquit and La Victoire.

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Noa Meyer
White House
By fax at 202-456-6244
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Noa
Dear Ms. Meyer:

Thank you for talking with me last week. Clare Smith speaks highly of you and I can see why. Because of a prior speaking engagement, Clare is unable to go to Haiti when the First Lady is there, so I will go in her stead. I am eager to return to Haiti—I worked there for three months in 1990 on an agricultural project—because there is such tremendous potential in the craftspeople there and such need.

As I mentioned on the telephone, USAID is setting up a time for Mrs. Clinton to see the work of Haitian artisans on Sunday, September 27; we expect to sign a contract between USAID and ATA and our local partner organization, FHAMA. This contract, seed money for a materials bank, will enable Haitian artisans to buy needed materials reliably and at a fair price—something that has been needed for a long time. I've attached some information on our work in Haiti.

I would appreciate it if you could pass this information to Mrs. Clinton's scheduler.

Warm regards,

Mary Cockram

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Projects Manager



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Aid to Artisans in Haiti

In the isolated village of La Vallee in the South East Department of Haiti, a rural village with little industry, LaMotte Du Puissant uses locally available tree bark, grasses, vines and other natural fibers to create unique baskets and birdhouses. Until recently, M. Du Puissant has been limited to selling to the occasional traveler who stumbled upon his workshop. In August, 1998 M. Du Puissant's products were shown in Aid to Artisans' booth at the New York International Gift Show. As a result, this promising microenterprise is expected to increase in size from one to ten artisans as M. Du Puissant trains and hires other artisans from La Vallee to fill orders, offering a vital new source of employment in this rural area.

Founded in 1976, Aid to Artisans (ATA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating economic opportunities for craftspeople and community-based economic growth in underdeveloped regions around the world. By providing on-site design consultation, business training, distribution structuring, and vital links to local, regional, and international markets, ATA has helped artisans in over 30 countries establish profitable businesses while also preserving and strengthening creative and cultural expression.

ATA began working with artisans in Haiti's Southeast region in April 1998 with funding from the US Agency for International Development and additional support from the UNDP. APTECH, an iron and wood workshop in Cayes Jacmel, was founded in the mid-1980's by the UNDP and is now working towards self-sufficiency with the help of Aid to Artisans. APTECH employs 24 artisans, workshop leases hard-to find equipment to artisans at a modest rate, and has been the core of ATA's program in the South East. The purpose of this initial program has been to create and market new and exciting product lines for export that will re-interest foreign buyers in Haiti as a source of innovative product and channel new business and economic growth to producers in the Southeast region.

As part of the project, one of America's leading designers, Lawrence Peabody, has volunteered his time to work with artisans in Jacmel, Cayes Jacmel, Orange, and La Vallee to create home accessory products in iron, wood, papier mache, and natural fibers for export markets. The first results of this effort were introduced by ATA at the New York International Gift Fair in August 1998, and an expanded collection will be presented to U. S. home furnishings wholesalers and retailers at the International Home Furnishings Market at High Point in North Carolina this October. These trade shows are a key first step in establishing market links between artisans and U.S. buyers - already artisans are working to produce orders written in New York. Over time, as orders are successfully fulfilled, artisans increase their business skills and increase production



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capacity, these links will turn into long-term, independent commercial relationships that will fuel employment and economic growth well beyond the term of ATA's program.

Earlier this year, ATA also raised funds privately to bring well-known artist Mary Jo McConnell to Haiti from Marblehead, Mass. to develop another exciting area of design. An internationally recognized print maker, Ms. McConnell has worked with artisans in two separate design workshop series to create original prints using a variety of imaging techniques. The result is a new art form for Haiti that celebrates traditional forms as well as Haitian love of color and flair for innovative visual expression.

Between design visits, ATA's field staff works full time in Haiti to identify skilled producers, offer business training, guide production, and develop the internal infrastructure and systems needed to support export trade. Training is held in the U. S. as well. Two Haitian entrepreneurs participated in ATA's U. S. Marketing Training program held in conjunction with the New York Gift Show. These participants met with buyers, learned to analyze the craft market, and gained understanding of how business is conducted in the U. S. Another training will be held this fall by ATA in Honduras where craft production has been highly developed. This is the first of a series of South-South trainings that ATA will offer artisans in the near future.

Last but not least, ATA has also begun to address one of the most serious problems faced by Haitian artisans over the last decade - the lack of affordable, consistently available raw materials. Working with FHAMA (Federacion Hatienne de l'Artisanat y des Metiers des Artes), a Haitian organization with nation-wide outreach, ATA will open a Materials Bank in the fall of 1998 that will offer basic materials and tools to artisans throughout the country at reasonable prices. Over \$100,000 has been contributed to ATA for this effort by American private citizens. USAID will invest an additional \$100,000, and ATA will continue to raise funds until the final goal of \$500,000 is met to ensure operations are sustainable.

Over the next three years, ATA hopes to continue expanding its work in Haiti by bringing the work of increasing numbers of artisans from throughout the country to the attention of local, regional, and international markets.

For more information about Aid to Artisans' program in Haiti, and the work represented in this exhibit, please contact ATA's Program Coordinators Consuela and Ronald Mevs in Jacmel (Tel. 88-28-26), Nadine Beaulieu at USAID in Port-au-Prince (Tel. 22-55-00) or, in the US, call Eliot Hightet Patty at Aid to Artisans. Membership inquiries are also handled through Aid to Artisans' headquarters at 14 Brick Walk Lane, Farmington, CT 06032; Tel: 860-677-1649; Fax: 860-676-2170; Email: atausa@aol.com or visit ATA's website at: www.aid2artisans.org.

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SUBJECT: FLOTUS Agenda

FROM: Mark Schneider

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MESSAGE:

Melanne,

Here is the first draft of possible stops for the
First Lady's trip.

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*Finding Announcement for
Family Planning*

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Phyllis Forbes - USAID Haiti

FLOTUS AGENDA**DRAFT #2, 7/27/98**

Two scenarios follow, each based on a 6 hour visit. Scenario One is based in Port-au-Prince. It gives broader exposure to USAID program-related activities, including civil society support for reproductive health, youth-targeted programs, microenterprise and women entrepreneurs, AIDS and orphans. It is more logistic-intensive, however, and fast-paced.

The second scenario, though more narrowly focused, still touches on key program elements including health services, women's literacy and microenterprise. It exposes the visitor to both rural and urban initiatives.

SCENARIO ONE:

(Port au Prince-based):

Airport to Center City: 30 minutes

I. Meeting with President Preval: (15 minutes to Palace, 30-45 minute meeting)

II. Visit USAID-funded FOSREF program (15 minutes to site, 45 minute visit)

FOSREF, the Foundation for Reproductive Health and Family Education program and its partner organizations provide reproductive health services and information to a population of approximately 750,000 adolescents and young adults living in Haiti's cities. FOSREF's innovative youth programs include community-based family life education, peer educators, and AIDS and family planning education and services. USAID is providing \$675,000 in financing to FOSREF in 1998.

Site: FOSREF program youth and family life counseling and services center (storefront, metropolitan Port au Prince). Observe peer educators in counseling sessions with families or one-on-one with adolescents; the adolescent family planning services center and staff with clients; and question community volunteer youth re. Haiti's future and their role in that future (multi-level, storefront facility).

III. Accompany leaders of the Haitian Task Force on Reproductive Health and Family Planning to a services site integrating priority elements of the "Cairo Initiative." Choice of sites described in detail below (15 minutes to site, 45 minute visit)

In July, 1997, USAID/Haiti challenged a group of Haitian development experts to develop a plan for addressing the country's demographic crisis. A Haitian Task Force on Population and Reproductive Health emerged, quickly demonstrating its willingness to organize local organizational support and articulate priorities for addressing the crisis. The Task Force, composed of approximately forty Haitian experts from the fields of demography, economics, environment, public health, education and development, rapidly and expertly responded to USAID's challenge. In February, 1998, the Task Force presented a multi-dimensional strategy and budget for addressing the problem posed by rapid population growth. This plan, entitled "A Call to Action for Reproductive Health and Population in Haiti," is organized around the priority interventions identified at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo -- family planning and reproductive health services, advocacy, girl's education, and economic opportunities for women. USAID supports the Task Force desire to establish a Haitian Population Foundation for linking advocacy to action. This visit would provide exposure to a strong civil society movement actively advocating for policy change and an opportunity to discuss priorities with some of the nation's strongest supporters of women's reproductive health. Note: This meeting can be associated with one of the other sites since the venue for such a meeting is still uncertain.

Site choices:

Deliverable: Any one of the following could serve as a forum for the First Lady to announce any new funding for family planning, HIV/AIDS work or a new private foundation activity in Haiti.

a. Profamil, International Planned Parenthood Foundation local affiliate (\$190,000 in USAID funding, 1998) services and counseling center. Visit downtown storefront facility and observe maternity and family planning services and counseling, including a newly launched counseling and services program targeted to male clients (multi-level, storefront facility).

b. COFAL, the Women's Legal Access Center, providing legal assistance and counseling for women. Visit downtown storefront facility and observe legal assistants and voluntary psychiatric counselors offering legal and human rights assistance, literacy training, and psychiatric counseling to women and female prisoners (multi-level storefront facility).

c. The Port-au-Prince University Hospital Maternity (USAID funded \$300,000 for renovating and equipping). Observe the full range of pre- and post-natal, delivery and family planning services, including post-partum services, in this reference hospital setting (campus-type multiple-building facility).

d. Grace Childrens Hospital reproductive health and child survival program (\$160,000 in 1998 USAID funding plus food aid assistance). Visit hospital and outpatient facility offering integrated preventive health programs, including family planning, tuberculosis prevention and treatment, well and sick child services, and community outreach programs (campus-type, multiple building facility).

e. Population Services International Contraceptive Social Marketing Program (\$500,000 in USAID funding, 1998) operations and outreach center. Observe social marketing program packaging and distribution operations, JENN YO (youth-targeted newsletter) board discussions, focus group in session, or social mobilization event (multi-level, enclosed suburban facility).

IV. Meet with urban women entrepreneurs and rural women participating in credit programs (15 minutes to site, 45 minute visit). The numbers of women entrepreneurs and female participants in micro-credit and micro-enterprise programs in Haiti is growing. Improved economic status of women, including access to micro-credit and skills training, are important factors in a women's reproductive choices, the health of their children, and their ability to influence family decision-making. This visit would bring together female entrepreneurs (urban) and female micro-credit recipients, who have benefitted from USAID-financed programs. It would provide an opportunity to view product and business information and hear from the women themselves about how the assistance has benefitted them and their families.

Site: Chamber of Commerce or gallery in a gingerbread house with a special exhibit of artisan products, possibly including from Jacmel artisans benefitting from the current Aid to Artisans activity.

Deliverable:

Announce USAID's second matching grant of \$100,000, to be administered by Aid to Artisans (ATA), for the establishment of a materials input bank to promote improved artisan products. This follows USAID's first grant of \$200,000, made earlier this year, to ATA to promote artisan product diversification among Jacmel's producers and to create linkages with US niche markets for Haitian products.

V. Visit AIDS Prevention and Treatment Programs (15 minutes to site, 45 minute visit).

Site Choices:

a. The Sisters of Charity Orphanage (\$125,000 and food aid assistance in 1998). The Sisters of Charity (branch of the Mother Teresa order) provide child survival programs, including a hospice setting for abandoned or orphaned children and adults infected with the HIV virus. USAID provides complementary food aid assistance through Catholic Relief Services (campus-type, multiple building facility).

b. GHESKIO (Research Group for Kaposi's Sarcoma and Opportunistic Infections) research, treatment and counseling center (\$300,000 in 1998 assistance from USAID). GHESKIO is an internationally-recognized HIV and AIDS research and treatment institution, formerly affiliated with Cornell University. Observe individual or group counseling on prevention and treatment of AIDS and sexually-transmitted diseases and infections; training of counselors for partner service delivery organizations; and family planning counseling for clients and family members (single storey facility).

Return to airport: 30 minutes

Grand total 5 hours 45 minutes to 6 hours

SCENARIO TWO

(Pignon-rural site visit)

Airport to Center City: 30 minutes

I. Meeting with President Preval: (15 minutes to Palace, 30 minute meeting)

II. Visit USAID-funded FOSREF program (15 minutes to site, 45 minute visit)-- for description, see Scenario One).

OR

Accompany leaders of the Haitian Task Force on Reproductive Health and Family Planning to a services site integrating priority elements of the "Cairo Initiative" (15 minutes to site, 30 minute visit)

III. Meet with urban women entrepreneurs and rural women participating in credit programs (15 minutes to site, 30 minute visit) -- for description, see Scenario One.

10 minutes to military helicopter at Palace

IV. Visit the Welfare Committee of Pignon (35 minutes by military helicopter, one hour 45 minute visit) The Welfare Committee of Pignon is a non-governmental organization originally established in 1980 to provide curative health services to 35,000 people in the Commune of Pignon. Today, it is one of Haiti's most successful comprehensive health and development programs, serving a population of over 150,000. It provides some of the highest quality health services in all of Haiti, women's literacy and credit programs, and innovative water and sanitation initiative, and environmental and other community development programs. This integrated program receives \$500,000 in USAID assistance. Building on the success of Pignon's Welfare Committee in the health sector and in creating economic opportunities for women in the region, USAID will expand its successful microenterprise credit activities to Pignon.

The Pignon Welfare Committee was founded in 1980 by Dr. Guy Theodore and has been directed by him ever since. Dr. Guy Theodore is a native of Pignon and a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel. The facility, based at a regional reference hospital and health center, is a campus-style, multi-building facility.

Site Visit: Visit Pignon Hospital to include a walk-through parts of the hospital, discussion with volunteer US medical staff (if on site), and meeting with representatives of women's associations to discuss the importance of microenterprise lending, health and family planning education to women and how this has changed their lives.

Deliverable:

Announce/launch the first phase of Pignon's microenterprise lending program with a \$60,000 financial facility which will reach 900 clients (almost entirely women) through 30 village banks. Each village bank will be owned and managed by their membership comprised of 20 to 50 women who may borrow working capital while increasing their savings. In three years, the program will reach over 3,000 women in five neighboring towns: Pignon, Saint Raphael, Dondon, Ranquit and La Victoire.

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Felipe Manteiga (57-0286)
Nadine Beaulieu (home phone) P6/(b)(6)

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(Aid-to-Artisans)

A. People you will meet:

Mme. Penette, Sec. of Tourism
Nadine Beaulieu, PRET Project
Gessy Aubrey, consultant to Ministry of Tourism
Felipe Manteiga, USAID
Jeffrey Lee, USAID

B. What you will do:

Visit a traditional "gingerbread" house maintained by the Haitian Ministry of Tourism. View an exhibit of crafts produced by local artisans participating in the USAID AID to Artisans (ATA) project, and hear an explanation of the cultural meaning behind Haitian crafts.

C. Deliverable:

Announce USAID's second matching grant of \$100,000, to be administered by ATA, for the establishment of a materials input bank to promote improved artisan products. This follows USAID's first grant of \$200,000, made earlier this year, to ATA to promote artisan product diversification among Jacmel's producers and to create linkages with US niche markets for Haitian products.

D. Background:

ATA began working with artisans of Jacmel in April, 1998 under a grant from USAID. The objective of the program is to create economic opportunities for artisans achieving a sustainable increase in income for the poor in the region.

One of America's leading designers, Lawrence Peabody, has volunteered his time to work with the artisans, designing beautiful products which have high market acceptance. Mr. Peabody is working with artisans skilled in working with iron, wood, papier mache and natural fibers. The first products were introduced at the New York International Gift Fair in August. The orders placed there are now being produced by the artisans. In October, the work of the artisans will be presented in High Point, North Carolina at the semi-annual furniture and furnishings market. Presenting Haiti's handmade products at these major trade shows is the beginning of establishing new market links for between these Haitian artisans and U.S.-based importers. Over time, these links will solidify and be sustainable. USAID provides training in the areas of business skills, customer service and quality control.

Two craft leaders from Jacmel received training in ATA's New York International Gift Fair Training program this August. They analyzed the market, gained an understanding of how business is transacted in the US and saw products being marketed by competitors. There will

be another training for a craft leader in Honduras, where craft production has been highly developed. This is the first of planned south-south training exercises under ATA.

ATA has raised funds privately to bring Marblehead, MA artist, Mary Jo McConnel to Haiti. She is an American print-maker with international recognition. She has led two in country seminars for artists and artisans who have learned to make original prints using a variety of techniques. This a new art technique in Haiti.

ATA took the initiative to address one of the most serious needs expressed by the Haitian artisans, which is creation of a materials bank. Artisans find it difficult to find quality materials at a fair price and on a consistent basis. ATA developed a business plan with FHAMA (Haitian Federation of Handicrafts and Vocational Art) which will offer basic materials and tools to artisans throughout the country. The materials bank is designed to be self-sustaining in three years. FHAMA will develop and manage the bank. Over \$100,000 has been donated by American private citizens to date and these funds will be used to capitalize the materials bank. USAID will invest \$100,000 in the bank, and ATA will continue to raise funds until the ultimate goal of \$500,000 is met and operations are sustainable.

Over the next three years it is the goal of ATA to open local, Caribbean and external markets to thousands of artisans, men and women. Artisans will be introducing market-driven products to the markets, working to build their family businesses and increase their family incomes.

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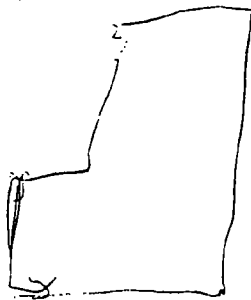
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Phone (Profamil): 49-0149
Mr. Durosier (home): P6/(b)(6)

PROFAMIL

(Association for the Promotion of Haitian Families)

A. People you will meet:

Mr. Amos Durosier, Executive Director
Mr. Michel Bonet, President
Dr. Edith Lataillade, Vice-President
Dr. Rudolph Prudent, Technical Director
Lynn Adrian, USAID
Dr. Rudolph Magloire, USAID

pre-natal

B. What you will see:

Observe a training session for traditional birth attendants on safe birthing practices, observe a session sensitizing youth to reproductive health issues.

C. Deliverable:

This would be an opportunity to announce any new funding (foundation or other) for family planning, AIDS prevention or "Cairo" initiative model programs in Haiti.

D. Background:

PROFAMIL is a non-governmental organization founded in 1984 whose mission is to provide reproductive health and family planning services to the Haitian population. PROFAMIL is the International Planned Parenthood Federation affiliate in Haiti.

Profamil opened Haiti's first family planning center at its *Model Clinic* in Port-au-Prince in 1986. Since then, this clinic has been at the core of Profamil's service delivery efforts offering a wide range of reproductive health services including prenatal care, gynecological services, ultrasound testing, infertility assistance, counseling, and the provision of all modern contraceptive methods.

Between 1990 and 1996, Profamil piloted the first successful initiative to organize mobile clinics for voluntary surgical contraception in the country. Profamil sent teams of Ob/Gyn doctors and nurses to provide quality services in other organizations' facilities. Through the mobile clinic strategy, Profamil was able to provide long-term family planning methods to populations living in isolated and under-served areas. The mobile clinic concept became a standard intervention for many health NGOs in Haiti.

In addition to spearheading clinical services, Profamil has played an important role in the development of community-based distribution (CBD) programs in rural areas. Under the Family Planning Private Sector Project funded by USAID from 1990 to 1995, it initiated ten CBD

programs in the Artibonite, West, and South Departments. This CBD initiative quickly became the most significant community based family planning program in Haiti.

During the period from 1996 to 1997 when external funding was severely curtailed throughout Haiti, Profamil's efforts were concentrated in the *Model Clinic*. The economic situation forced the organization to rethink its structure and management. After a year of institutional rebuilding, the organization is now growing steadily and once again expanding services to under-served areas. Currently, Profamil provides family planning services to approximately 2,700 women every month in Port-au-Prince and in 19 field sites in Port-au-Paix, Anse-Rouge, and Jacmel.

USAID, through the Health System 2004 Program, provides annual funding to Profamil of approximately \$335,000. The organization also receives support from the International Planned Parenthood Federation and Plan International.

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Phone (COFAL): 23-6235

Nadine Perrault (home):

Francoise Bonhomme (home):

P6/(b)(6)

COFAL

(Chamber for Legal
Consultation, Training and Assistance)

A. People you will meet:

Nadine Perrault, Esq. (Executive Director)
Francoise Bonhomme, Esq. (Assistant Director)
Suzy Legros, Esq. (Coordinator)
Gotha Etienne, Esq.
Diane Ponasik, USAID
Garth Van't Hul, USAID

Board of Civil Society leaders
has been holding dialogues
around security
covered
courtyard of San
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B. What you will do:

Observe legal assistants and voluntary psychiatric counselors offering legal and human rights assistance, literacy training and psychiatric counseling to women and female prisoners.

C. Deliverable: TBD

D. Background:

COFAL is a nongovernmental organization of professional women, mostly lawyers. Founded in 1994, COFAL has three main areas of concentration: legal assistance to indigent women detainees, legal and civic education for women's groups, and legal reform through research and lobbying. COFAL has more than thirty active members, including the majority of practicing women attorneys in Haiti. Since January, 1996, COFAL has been providing legal assistance to all indigent women detained at the national women's prison (Fort National). During that time, COFAL has represented more than 1500 women defendants. In addition to individual representation, COFAL also provides basic legal education for its clients, aimed at increasing their ability to participate in their own defense and at reducing recidivism.

COFAL also organizes and leads training sessions as requested by other civic organizations. These trainings range in theme from family law to election monitoring to coalition-building and have ranged in length from half a day to ten weeks. COFAL is extremely interested in expanding its training capacity and network. COFAL occasionally offers these trainings outside the area of the capital but would like to be able to do so regularly. COFAL has also published three Creole-language informational booklets on legal themes for use in these trainings.

COFAL has also undertaken comprehensive reviews of the various legal codes of Haiti, which has resulted in recommendations to bring the codes into accordance with international legal norms and Haitian treaty obligations with regard to gender. COFAL has taken a special interest in the laws pertaining to family matters and the creation of a family law code.

COFAL receives financing from USAID for its training and legal assistance activities. In the past year, COFAL received a total of \$73,358 in USAID funds; \$47,700 for the training program and \$25,658 for legal assistance to and education of women detainees.

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Phone(ED 2004): 57-6972

57-5574

Nicole Racine(Home):

P6/(b)(6)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

A. People you will meet:

Mr. Rosny Desroches, President of the Board, Haitian Private Education Foundation (FONHEP)

Mrs. Vanya Berrouet, Executive Director, FONHEP

Mrs. Yvrose Luberrisse, Distance Education Unit Chief

Mr. Jean-Georges Dehasse, Chief of Party, AED

Mrs. Nicole Racine, Distance Education specialist, AED

Ms. Joan Larcome, USAID

Mr. Yves Joseph, USAID

500 students

Credle

primary school

Grades 1-6

B. What will you do:

Observe schoolchildren learning math and reading through interactive radio instruction. The students in this class--all girls from low-income families--will be interacting with their peers and their teacher, and responding to questions posed by a radio managed by the teacher. This will be an opportunity to see how distance education can bring quality instruction to the classroom to improve the education and future of young Haitian girls.

C. Deliverable:

TBD.

D. Background:

FONHEP, a Haitian non-governmental foundation, emerged from a balkanized private education sector in 1988 with the objective of improving the Haitian educational system and bringing more cohesion to non-governmental educational institution-building.

FONHEP has two founding members: the Episcopal Commission for Catholic Education (CEEC) and the Haitian Federation of Protestant Schools (FEPH). A third group representing non-religious schools has just become a member of FONHEP bringing the number of FONHEP-affiliated schools up to 7,200 out of a total of 11,100 Haitian schools.

With USAID support FONHEP has successfully implemented a basic education project focusing on improving the quality of basic education. As early as 1991, FONHEP started to lay the foundation of a distance education program as a strategy to improve teachers' pedagogical techniques and schoolchildren's performance in mathematics and reading. Between October 1995 and March 1997, together with the Ministry of Education, FONHEP piloted the distance

Established
educ. regulations
inspections - 2000 schools

education program in 40 public and non-public schools in 5 geographic departments. In this particular activity, 110 educational agents (teachers, school directors, monitors etc.) were trained and 2218 schoolchildren taught by radio. This interactive radio program appears as a rapid and efficient response model that uses new learning technologies as intervention techniques.

The evaluation of the pilot program for the 40 schools has revealed that the students in the treatment group improved their performance on the math test significantly more than their counterparts in the control group. Students in the reading treatment group made greater gains in comprehension than did students in the control group.

Under the new USAID-funded education project "ED2004", the same type of distance education will be expanded to 1000 schools, and FONHEP has become a leading local institution in the field, with technical assistance from the Education Development Center, a US-based firm.

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Phone (FOSREF): 23-7377
Dr. Moise (home):
Dr. Moise (pager):

P6/(b)(6)

FOSREF

(Foundation for Reproductive Health and Family Life Education)

People you will meet:

Dr. Fritz Moise, Executive Director
Dr. Pierre Richard Heraux, Director of Finance and Administration
Dr. Joseph Guillaume, Medical Director, Reproductive Health Clinic
Dr. Harry Beauvais, Technical Director
Maureen Cunningham, USAID

Haitian Task Force

*Talk w/ group of
young people about
society, the future,*

no opposition from Catholic Church

B. What you will do:

involve older family members

Observe youth peer educators in counselling sessions with families or one-on-one with adolescents; observe youth debate on current events topic; and question community volunteers regarding Haiti's future and their role in that future. This would also be an opportunity for the first lady to discuss the Cairo Initiative program with Haitian leaders of the Task Force on Reproductive Health and Population in Haiti.

C. Deliverable:

FOSREF is one of two Haitian organizations under consideration for \$1.5 million in financing from The William Gates Foundation.

D. Background:

FOSREF, a Haitian non-governmental organization founded in 1988, has directly provided reproductive health services to approximately 750,000 people in six clinics in congested areas of Port-au-Prince. FOSREF's reproductive health services include: family planning, HIV and STD testing and counselling, prevention education, and prenatal care. In the last 10 years, FOSREF has provided services to over 100,000 family planning acceptors. With its average of nearly 38,000 clients monthly, FOSREF is the nation's leading reproductive health provider.

Fifty percent of FOSREF's clientele are less than 24 years old, and FOSREF is recognized as the leading national authority on reproductive health for young people and family life education programming. To date, FOSREF has trained more than 300 adolescent peer educators who, in turn, have provided information about disease prevention, family planning, and sexual health to thousands of young people in Port-au-Prince and other cities. In all, FOSREF and its partners have reached over 70,000 families nationally with family life education messages. The organization is helping the Ministry of Public Health and Population and other partners, in

collaboration with USAID's Health Systems 2004 program, to develop youth specific reproductive health programs in two of Haiti's departments. The Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports recently asked FOSREF to provide technical assistance for its national out-of-school youth reproductive health training program. FOSREF also provides technical assistance in adolescent reproductive health services to other organizations serving an estimated 800,000 youth in the provincial cities of Gonaives, Cap Haitien, Jacmel, and Cabaret.

USAID has supported FOSREF since its inception and is its principle donor. This year, FOSREF will receive a total of \$230,000 from USAID to provide family planning and reproductive health services and technical assistance to other organizations in these areas. Both the UNFPA and the Dutch government provide support for FOSREF's youth programming.

GRACE

TB HIV

30 beds (used to be 200)

0-14 yrs.

large open atrium

[Prolonged exposure - dangerous]

Sisters of Charity Orphanage

A. People you will meet:

Sister Immacula

Other staff and children at the center

Michael Harvey, USAID

B. What you will do:

The First Lady will have the opportunity to visit children in the different dormitories in the center, stopping to spend time with the Sister providing medical care in the clinic. She will be able to discuss the social factors that are bringing these children to the center.

C. Deliverable:

TBD

D. Background:

The orphanage is run by the Sisters of Charity, one of Mother Teresa's communities. The center cares for 110 orphans from the area, and also provides medical care to neighborhood children suffering from malnutrition, AIDS and tuberculosis. The sisters at the center come from many countries and are supported by a Haitian staff and occasionally by visiting North American volunteers.

Like most of the Sisters of Charity institutions, support for this orphanage comes from around the world. While supplies are modest, they are adequate, and the Sisters are able to provide quality care to their charges, and it is encouraging to see that the children in this center do have toys to play with, unlike most orphanages in Haiti.

The Sisters receive U.S. food aid through Catholic Relief Services to feed the children in their care. This food aid represents a significant resource for the orphanage. Approximately 110 resident children and 15 outpatients received a meal of cooked bulgur wheat mixed with peas or beans and vegetable oil daily. An additional 400 sick or destitute persons living in the area served by the clinic receive a take-home food ration..

Visiting the center is a moving experience for most visitors. Many of the children are not expected to live long, nor to be adopted. The children are not passive in the presence of visitors but often take the initiative, approaching adults and asking to be held. Once in someone's arms, the children are often reluctant to let go.

The center is very clean and well managed; however, it will be very easy to appreciate the difficulties facing the sisters and the children who rely on them.

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FLOTUS AGENDA**DRAFT #2, 7/27/98**

Two scenarios follow, each based on a 6 hour visit. Scenario One is based in Port-au-Prince. It gives broader exposure to USAID program-related activities, including civil society support for reproductive health, youth-targeted programs, microenterprise and women entrepreneurs, AIDS and orphans. It is more logistic-intensive, however, and fast-paced.

The second scenario, though more narrowly focused still touches

To: Peggy Hitt .

DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR FLOTUS PRE-ADVANCE TEAM
6 SEPTEMBER 1998

1000 SELECTED MISSION PERSONNEL MEET AT
AIRPORT ADACG (ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE AIRFIELD
CONTROL GROUP)

1015 MI-8 HELICOPTER PROPOSITIONED AT ADACG
NO LATER THAN 1015

1030 PRE-ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVES AT PORT-AU-PRINCE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PAPIA) (ADACG)

1035 DEPART FOR PIGNON

1110-1210 ARRIVE PIGNON AND DO SITE SURVEY
(MET BY USAID VEHICLES/PERSONNEL)

-HOSPITAL/WELFARE COMMITTEE OF PIGNON
-PIGNON MICROENTERPRISE LENDING PROGRAM

1210 DEPART PIGNON FOR PAPIA

1245-1315 ARRIVE PAPIA (ADACG) AND DO SITE SURVEY
OF AIRPORT VIP ROOM (POSSIBLE GREETING
OF FIRST LADY BY PRESIDENT PREVAL AT THIS
LOCATION) (VISIT SET UP BY ADMIN/OTO)

1315-1415 LUNCH AT USSPTGP FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS
WITH MISSION PERSONNEL ON FLOTUS VISIT

US Support Group Cafeteria

2:15-2:45
1415-1500 ENROUTE TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND
SITE SURVEY OF COMMUNITY EVENT.

John Hamilton
647-8562

Harti Gallery:
Rainbow Art Gallery
456 039
De la Tour

1725 ARRIVE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR
GIRLS, LOCATED BETWEEN DELMAS 9 AND DELMAS 11,
MET BY NICOLE RACINE, DISTANCE EDUCATION
SPECIALIST, ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AND SISTER EVA, SCHOOL DIRECTOR
(USAID POC-JOAN LARCOM)

1740 DEPART SCHOOL

1750 ARRIVE FOSREF YOUTH AND FAMILY OUTREACH CENTER,
#22 DELMAS 19, MET BY DR. FRITZ MOISE, FOSREF
DIRECTOR
(USAID POC-MAUREEN CUNNINGHAM)

1805 DEPART FOSREF

1815 ARRIVE SISTERS OF CHARITY ORPHANAGE, DELMAS 31
AND RUE LARNAGE. MET BY SISTER IMMACULA
(USAID POC-MIKE HARVEY)

1830 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1845 DEBRIEF ENROUTE, ARRIVE AT AIRPORT (ADACG)
AND DEPART PORT-AU-PRINCE

Mz. w/ Preval

PIGNON

FOSREF

Orphanage House

Immaculate Cone. v. US support Group School

US Reception

US Embassy Event - Airport

Troops

1500-1830 ENROUTE AND VISIT PROPOSED USAID VISIT SITES;
FOLLOW USAID SCHEDULE (BEING DEVELOPED)

- FOSREF (FOUNDATION FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION)
- PROFAMIL (INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FOUNDATION) LOCAL AFFILIATE
- COFAL (WOMEN'S LEGAL ACCESS CENTER)
- HAITIAN TASK FORCE, REPRODUCTIVE PLANNING
- URBAN WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS
- GINGERBREAD HOUSE
- ALIO ART GALLERY
- SISTERS OF CHARITY ORPHANAGE
- NADER, CENTRE D'ART, OR MONIN ART GALLERY
- DISTANT EDUCATION/PROJECT AED

*Clinic
vs.
Offices*

1830 DEPART FOR AIRPORT (ADACG)

~~1845~~
1900 DEBRIEF AT AIRPORT

6:45
1930 DEPART PORT-AU-PRINCE

6:00

*Auditorium
or
conference room
for
announcement*

Deliverable: Elimination of Child Labor

Foundation members stay with her

*Rain
Gear*

** Not doing Measles (Merck) immunization*

Paste avec > stay with

*Mrs. Preval leaving on Saturday on a
chilean aircraft - leave w/ tree*

Steer clear of NDI + IKI

8:45

9:10

11:15

REF 1430, 4SEP

DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR FLOTUS PRE-ADVANCE TEAM
6 SEPTEMBER 1998

0930 THOSE DESIRING A RIDE TO ADACG
REPORT TO EMBASSY

1000 SELECTED MISSION PERSONNEL MEET AT
AIRPORT ADACG (ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE AIRFIELD
CONTROL GROUP)

1015 MI-8 HELICOPTER PREPOSITIONED AT ADACG
NO LATER THAN 1015

1030 PRE-ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVES AT PORT-AU-PRINCE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PAPIA) (ADACG)

1035 DEPART FOR PIGNON

1110 ARRIVE PIGNON FOR SITE SURVEY (MET BY
USAID VEHICLES/PERSONNEL) AND BY DR. GUY
THEODORE, PIGNON WELL-BEING COMMITTEE
DIRECTOR, AND DR. DARLENE THEODORE-CARRIE,
CHIEF OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES)
(USAID POC-SHELAGH OROURKE)

1120 ARRIVE PIGNON HOSPITAL

1120-1135 TOUR HOSPITAL

1135-1155 TOUR GROUNDS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES,
DENTAL FACILITIES, DINING ROOM AND RESTAURANT
TO SELECT SITES FOR MEETING CREDIT GROUPS

1200 DEPART FOR AIRFIELD

1210 DEPART PIGNON FOR PORT-AU-PRINCE

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MISSION PERSONNEL ON FLOTUS VISIT

1345 DEPART USSPTGP FOR PETIONVILLE

1415 ARRIVE NADER ART GALLERY, 48 RUE GREGOIRE

1430 DEPART GALLERY

1445 ARRIVE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND SITE
SURVEY OF COMMUNITY EVENT

1500 DEPART RESIDENCE

1530 ARRIVE LESPINASE SCHOOL, NEAR CHAMP DE MARS
(MET BY USSPTGP FOR SITE SURVEY)

1545 DEPART SCHOOL / *8 classrooms - local kids - turned over to Haitian govt.
Colbert Richard used to be a school*

1555 ARRIVE MINISTRY OF TOURISM, GINGERBREAD HOUSE,
ARTISANS' PRODUCTS SITE, CORNER OF RUE MAGNY
AND RUE CAPOIS, CHAMP DE MARS, DOWNTOWN, MET BY
NADINE BEAULIEU, MANAGER OF TOURISM AND ARTISAN
ACTIVITIES, PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY OF THE ECONOMY
IN TRANSITION (PRET) PROJECT
(USAID POC-FELIPE MANTEIGA)

1610 DEPART GINGERBREAD HOUSE

1620 ARRIVE PROFAMIL FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC, 86
CHAMP DE MARS, MET BY DR. JEAN ROBERT BRUTUS,
INTERNATIONAL PARENTHOOD FEDERATION COUNTRY
REPRESENTATIVE, AND AMOS DUROSIERS, DIRECTOR
PROFAMIL
(USAID POCs-LYNN ADRIAN & RUDOLPH MAGLOIRE)

1635 DEPART PROFAMIL

1645 ARRIVE COFAL WOMEN'S LEGAL ASSISTANCE CENTER,
24 AVE JOHN BROWN (2ND FLOOR), MET BY
NADINE PERRAULT, DIRECTOR
(USAID POCs-MICHELLE SCHIMPP & G. VANT-HUL)

1700 DEPART COFAL

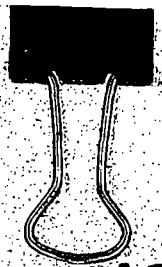
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RADIO "HOTEL FELLOW" *(AT CROSSROADS DELMAS*
PAGER (DR MOISE) 57-8400 *VIRGINIE SANS PEUR,*
1805 DEPART FOSREF

1815 ARRIVE SISTERS OF CHARITY ORPHANAGE, DELMAS ~~31~~ *31*
MET BY SISTER IMMACULA *AT CROSSROADS OF DELMAS*
(USAID POC-MIKE HARVEY) *RUE B. LARNAGE*
RADIO "HOTEL 5" *(PAST GRAVE CHILDREN'S*
1830 DEPART FOR AIRPORT *HOSPITAL, ON LEFT)*

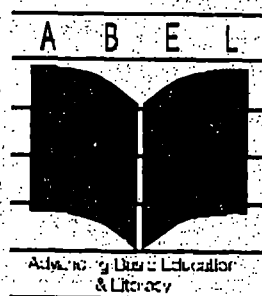
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Preface

Many developing countries have come to make use of interactive radio instruction and complementary educational channels in strategies to improve the quality of basic education. Haiti is one of the most recent. Its experience with interactive radio to teach mathematics and reading in a multichannel learning/distance education approach will be of interest to other countries that are looking at options for strengthening primary school education.

The Advancing Basic Education and Literacy Project (ABEL 2) is proud to have been asked to assist in a pilot effort to test the effectiveness of multichannel learning/distance education as a means for quality improvement in primary school instruction. What follows is a summary of this experience. This report seeks to capture the essence of the experience rather than collate the various events and implementation details of three years of collaborative activity between ABEL 2 and its Haitian partners. Those interested in the latter can obtain this information from the various reports mentioned in Annex 1.

The success that has been achieved by Haiti in the pioneering application of multichannel learning/distance education described here has been the willingness of Haiti's educational community to consider new instructional alternatives and to summon the effort required to devise, implement, and evaluate an innovation. The vision and leadership of the Haitian Foundation for Private Education (FONHEP) and the skill and energy of its Distance Education Team have been the catalysts of the educational change described in this report. Similarly, the future-looking and results-oriented perspective of USAID/Haiti was crucial to the success that have been realized. ABEL 2 wishes to thank Rebecca Adams, Yves Joseph, Paul Hebert, and Joan Larcom for the support that made possible the story that is told here.

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