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Dear Nancy:


As you will see from the telex that I sent to Dr. Oldfield (copy enclosed), we have reluctantly decided that we would not be able to provide appropriate consultant support to the family planning policy activities in Gambia. As you know, I had hoped in our last phone call that we would be able to offer some possibility of consultant support later on, but after discussing the matter in detail with the various staff who might be suitable for such an activity, it became clear that this was unrealistic. I think it is better to let Dr. Oldfield know that we would not be available, and to encourage him to seek other possible sources for the needed input.

As I suggested to you on the phone, individuals at John Snow International might well be appropriate for such an activity. Of course, there are independent consultants that one could consider as well.

Thank you again for sending up the materials on the Bank project and the research activity that you have envisaged. I do think it would be worthwhile for you to discuss the research possibilities with Michel Garenne. I have listed his address and phone number at the bottom of this letter, should you decide to try to reach him.

With warmest wishes for the holiday season,

Yours sincerely,

  
George F. Brown, M.D., M.P.H.  
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DR. FRED OLDFIELD  
DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
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GAMBIA

FURTHER TO MY TELEX DECEMBER 3, 1985 REGRET POPULATION COUNCIL  
UNABLE TO ASSIST IN PROPOSED REVIEW OF FAMILY PLANNING POLICY  
DUE TO HEAVY COMMITMENT OF COUNCIL STAFF FIRST HALF OF 1986.  
WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL CONSULTANTS  
IF YOU DESIRE.

WE WISH YOU WELL IN THIS IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR.

REGARDS,

DR. GEORGE BROWN  
POPULATION COUNCIL, NY

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

*file: Gambia/ages  
population*

DATE: March 20, 1985

TO: Mr. Mojaddidi, EPDDR

FROM: Barbara Bruns, <sup>BB</sup>Country Economist, WA2DB

EXTENSION: 74029

SUBJECT: WDI and Social Indicators for The Gambia

1. Attached please find the WDI and SIDS data sheets for The Gambia. As you will note, I have changed several of the indicators; some of the changes (such as for life expectancy) are quite substantial. There is still some uncertainty about the overall population growth rate, however, due to the fact that complete information from the 1983 census is not yet available. For the time being, we have decided to use an overall growth rate of 3.2%, which is slightly lower than the preliminary census result (3.4%) being used by the Government.

2. My source for all of these changes is a recent population sector report by Ms. Patel of PHNDR. I am attaching a copy of her report because some indicators, such as population age structure, are presented in her report in a different format from the one you request, but you may be able to utilize the information she presents. Barring that, you may want to talk to her about any additional information she has.

cc: Mesdames S. Patel (PHNDR), N. Birdsall<sup>✓</sup> (PHNPR), B. Vitagliano (WA2DB)  
and Mr. S. Ordoubadi (WA2DB)

Attachments

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PERCENTAGE INTERCENSAL CHANGE OF 1973 AND 1983 CENSUSES p. 2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	DISTRICTS	POPULATION		DIFFERENCE IN POPULATION	PERCENTAGE INCREASE POPULATION
		1973	1983		
BANJUL	BANJUL SOUTH	10,137	12,418	2,281	22.5
	BANJUL CENTRAL	11,891	11,549	-342	-2.9
	BANJUL NORTH	17,151	12,157	-4,994	-29.1
	NEW CAMPAMA ESTATE	-	8,062	-	-
	TOTAL	39,179	44,186	5,007	12.8
KANIFING	KOMBO ST. MARY DIV.	39,404	101,431	62,027	157.4
BAIKAMA	KOMBO NORTH	16,710	33,485	16,775	100.4
	KOMBO SOUTH	18,334	26,271	7,937	43.3
	KOMBO CENTRAL	16,219	29,255	13,036	80.4
	KOMBO EAST	11,304	14,643	3,339	29.5
	FONI BAREFT	5,364	6,877	1,513	28.2
	FONI BINIANG KARANAI	8,322	10,788	2,466	29.3
	FONI KANSALA	7,241	7,268	27	0.4
	FONI BONDALA	3,534	3,580	46	1.3
	FONI JARROL	3,985	4,905	920	23.1
TOTAL	91,013	131,072	40,059	50.6	
MANSA KONKO	KIANG WEST	9,171	11,578	2,407	26.2
	KIANG CENTRAL	5,320	6,405	1,085	20.4
	KIANG EAST	5,285	5,668	383	7.2
	JARRA WEST	10,365	16,579	6,214	60.0
	JARRA CENTRAL	4,179	5,249	1,070	25.6
	JARRA EAST	8,127	9,787	1,660	20.4
	TOTAL	42,447	55,266	12,819	30.2
KEREWAN	LOWER NIUMI	18,426	23,618	5,192	28.2
	UPPER NIUMI	13,259	15,269	2,010	15.2
	JOKADU	9,711	9,567	-144	-1.5
	LOWER BADDIBU	10,190	11,846	1,656	16.3
	CENTRAL BADDIBU	11,441	11,888	447	3.9
	UPPER BADDIBU	30,360	39,746	9,386	30.9
TOTAL	93,388	111,934	18,546	19.9	
KUNIAUR	LOWER SALOMI	10,507	12,763	2,256	21.5
	UPPER SALOMI	8,758	10,357	1,599	18.3
	NIANIJA	5,103	5,100	-3	-0.1
	NIANI	12,479	15,733	3,254	26.1
	SAMI	10,822	13,647	2,825	26.1
	TOTAL	47,669	57,598	9,929	20.8
GEORGETOWN	NIAMINA DANKUNKU	4,001	4,696	695	17.4
	NIAMINA WEST	4,887	5,192	305	6.2
	NIAMINA EAST	8,999	12,321	3,322	36.9
	FULADU WEST	33,494	42,814	9,320	27.8
	MACCAITHY ISLAND	2,851	3,024	173	6.1
	TOTAL	54,232	68,047	13,815	25.5
BASSE	FULADU EAST	44,635	58,969	14,334	32.1
	KANTORA	12,366	17,341	4,975	40.2
	WULI	18,347	22,747	4,400	24.0
	SANDU	10,819	12,278	1,459	13.5
	TOTAL	86,167	111,335	25,168	29.2
	PAMBIA LEVEL	493,499	686,869	193,370	39.2