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## UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES

### Recommendation by the Executive Director

#### Assistance to the Government of Peru

#### Proposed Comprehensive Country Agreement Between the

#### Government of Peru and UNFPA

Estimated total UNFPA contribution:	\$2.8 million
Duration:	Four years
Estimated equivalent value of the Government's contribution:	To be determined
Estimated date for signing Agreement:	February 1975
Executing Agencies:	United Nations United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Housing National Directorate of Statistics and Census

### I. Background

1. The population of Peru in 1972 was estimated at slightly over 14 million with an annual growth of 2.92 per thousand in the inter-census period. Its demographic profile is that of a very young population, where 46.8 per cent are

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under 15 years of age, while 3.5 per cent are 65 years or older, thus yielding a dependency ratio of 101:100 in the economically productive ages. Peru shares with other developing countries a pronounced rural urban migration phenomenon, showing a heavy concentration of migrants in the Lima Callao metropolitan area, where more than 45 per cent of the population have been born outside its metropolitan limits. Migration and related problems of human settlements and colonization of uninhabited areas are of major concern to the Government of Peru.

2. The Government's population policy is an integral part of development policy which, in turn, affects the nature and configuration of the country's population.

3. UNFPA has previously assisted the Center for Population and Development Studies of Peru. In 1973 UNFPA allocated \$34,000 for the general support of the Center and for research projects on the effects of agrarian and industrial reforms on population, for publication of research studies on the demographic situation in an agricultural industrial co-operative, and for a sex education seminar.

## II. The programme

4. UNFPA is planning to enter into a more general agreement with the Government of Peru in support of the general aims of national economic and social development policy, in particular the aims of Peru's population policy as defined by the Government. Support would be provided in the following areas.

### Collection of basic population data

5. Apart from the regular analysis of census data and other regular statistics compiled by the National Directorate of Statistics and Census, the Government of Peru is requesting support for establishing and strengthening the necessary machinery for inter-census and other specific survey programmes dealing with demographically relevant subjects.

### Population census

6. Peru has taken censuses in 1940, 1961 and 1972. It intends to activate the census publication programme which has lagged behind. Support has been requested for the completion of the analysis of the 1972 census and for acceleration of the printing, publication and distribution of the results. Preparatory activities for the 1981 census are already under way and assistance from UNFPA would be requested for cartographic work, fellowships and training in census taking and analysis. Photocopying equipment, local costs of transport and publications, distribution, etc., as well as an internationally recruited expert in simulation models dealing with cross-relationships between demographic variables and socio-economic data would be needed.

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### Human Settlements

7. In conjunction with the Ministry of Housing, a number of projects are in preparation in the field of human settlements for which assistance would be requested in research and training.

### Migration movements

8. The Government places high priority on studies of internal migration, its nature and effects, in a situation of accelerated urban concentration in the capital city. An expert in the field of migration has been requested for a project designed to discover the reasons underlying rural-urban migration, the patterns of settlements in the urban periphery and the economic activities pursued by migrants in their new locations. Support will be required for technical assistance, equipment and local costs.

### Colonization studies

9. The current land reform process in Peru, as well as the Colonization Law for the Eastern Region, require a number of studies of the colonization scheme and the effects of rapid economic growth. This is particularly the case in the Selva Region, where oil and other natural resources are at present under intensive exploration. The prospection studies and the eventual findings would require research in the rapidly developing new settlements of workers and their dependents.

## III. Financial data

10. The request for support to the above population activities of the Government of Peru amounts to \$2.8 million for a period of four years.

11. Preliminary information indicates that approximately \$480,000 would be required in 1975. In addition to short term consultants, three technical advisers would be requested for a period of three years in the fields of social demography and migration, and for developing a simulation model to study the social and economic implications and effects of demographic variables. Support of local costs would be required in the amount of approximately \$150,000 to cover transportation, printing and publications. Approximately \$50,000 would be needed for the purchase of electronics calculators, copying and mimeographic equipment. In addition local training is being programmed at the approximate cost of \$25,000.

12. Other activities up to the total amount requested are presently being discussed in the areas mentioned above, as well as in other areas related to population, for future submission to the Fund.

## IV. Recommendation

13. The Executive Director of UNFPA recommends that the Governing Council:

(a) Approve the country agreement in the amount of \$2.8 million over four years; and

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(b) Authorize the Executive Director to make the appropriate arrangements with the Government of Peru and the Executing Agencies for the implementation of the programmes.