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## USAID

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- Of primary interest to demographers are issues relating to population dynamics. USAID contributes to a global effort to stabilize world population growth and support women's reproductive rights. Most resources support voluntary family planning systems; reproductive health care; needs of adolescents and young adults; infant and child health; education for girls and women; and related research. The Office of Population and Reproductive Health finances most of USAID-supported demographic research – most notably the Demographic and Health Survey.
- The Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee funds USAID. In Fiscal Year 2007 Congress allocated \$691 million for maternal and child health programs and \$435 million for family planning and reproductive health assistance.
- PAA/APC participates in meetings of the International Family Planning Coalition to keep abreast of issues affecting the conduct of international demographic research and to support funding for the Office of Population and Reproductive Health.
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