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Since the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, family planning managers are rising to the challenge to offer a broader scope of reproductive health services to their clients. This means that in addition to providing family planning services, more programs are offering a wider range of basic health services for women, infants, and adolescents, including well-baby care, the prevention and treatment of reproductive tract infections, and counseling for the prevention of HIV, among others. In order to plan, implement, and monitor the effectiveness of these services, managers need to understand and use a broad spectrum of data from the national and local level.

This issue of *The Family Planning Manager* explores information that managers must understand and use in expanding their services, and it provides guidelines for developing and using a reproductive health indicator panel for tracking the progress of their programs. Two supplements accompany this issue. The *Guide to National and Local Reproductive Health Indicators* provides managers with a list of key national and local indicators and discusses the meaning of each indicator. The second supplement, *1997 World Population Data Sheet*, published by the Population Reference Bureau, presents demographic data for 198 countries around the world in an easy-to-use chart. Both supplements can be used to help develop your indicator panel and can be kept for further reference.

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