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REVIEW OF THE APPROVED REGIONAL PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1956
IN THE LIGHT OF PRESENT BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND CONSIDERATION OF
AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES

The regional programme and budget for 1956 is based upon the approval given by the Eighth World Health Assembly with certain adjustments made in consultation with the individual governments concerned.

The attention of the Committee is in addition drawn to the following resolutions passed by the Regional Committee at its fifth session:

- 1 recommending the re-establishment of the position of Regional Statistician and Programme Evaluator (WP/RC5.R1);
- 2 requesting the Regional Director to give priority to requests from less favourably situated Member States (WP/RC5.R3 and WP/RC5.R18);
- 3 reiterating the importance of group conferences and lecturers or study tours (WP/RC5.R6); and
- 4 requesting the Regional Director to implement as many as possible of the projects in the Supplementary List from savings and other additional funds which may become available to the Region (WP/RC5.R7).

In accordance with these recommendations a number of modifications have been made in the 1956 programme and budget originally submitted to the Committee at its fifth session (WP/RC5/4). The changes affecting the technical assistance programme and budget will be the subject of an addendum to this document as it is not possible to report fully on the changes made in this part of the programme until copies of the countries' consolidated requests for 1956 to the Technical Assistance Board are received. This document is therefore limited to a report on:

- 1 the modifications made in the Regular Programme for 1956, which are given in appendix I, and
- 2 the action taken in regard to the supplementary list of projects, which is given in appendix II.

Modifications Made in the Regular Programme for 1956

1. Regional Advisers:

- a. Provision for one public health administrator under TA for 1955 and 1956 has been transferred to regular funds as from 1 October 1955: instructions from TAB and Headquarters.
- b. Statistician and programme evaluator included as from 1 January 1956.

2. WHO Area Representatives:

One area representative together with provision for clerical and administrative assistance provided as from 1956.

3. Country Schedules:

3.1 China

- a. Tuberculosis Control. Statistician consultant, being provided in 1956 instead of in 1955. One fellowship deleted in 1956, being awarded 1955 from savings.
- b. VD and Treponematoses. All fellowships deleted in 1956. These fellowships will however be implemented under the TA programme.

3.2 Fiji

- a. Nutrition. Fellowship, originally under TA 1956, awarded in 1955. May be further amended in 1955 to cover a fellowship in another field.
- b. Thoracic Surgery. One of the two fellowships advanced to 1955.

3.3 Korea

- a. Endemo-Epidemic Diseases. Request for epidemiologist replaced by fellowships under TA in 1956.

- b. Public Health Administration. Fellowships transferred to TA 1956 programme under heading Other projects - Fellowships.
- 3.4 Philippines
- a. Public Health Administration. Medical officer being provided late 1955 to continue in 1956. Originally included with a low priority under TA 1956.
- b. Handicapped Children - Orthopaedic Care Amended fellowship brought forward to 1955 under TA in order to strengthen the project for Midwifery Training.
- c. Environmental Sanitation. Public health engineer to be continued for the whole year instead of for 6 months in 1956.
- 3.5 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
- Nursing. Request for 1955 and 1956 withdrawn by the Government.
- 3.6 Western Samoa
- Refresher Course for Assistant Medical Practitioners. Appears now under Inter-Country Programmes, page 29.
4. Inter-Country Programmes:
- a. BCG Demonstration and Training: Cambodia and Vietnam. Will continue to be financed by UNICEF and to extend into 1956 instead of terminating in 1955.
- b. Yaws Control. Serologist to continue during 1956. One fellowship added. A small provision for equipment and supplies included.

- 1.5 Korea
Endemo-Epidemic Diseases. Fellowships being awarded in 1955 under TA revised programme.
- 1.6 Laos
a. Treponematoses Control. Equipment and supplies provided under TA 1954/1955.
Project reactivated with personnel under TA in 1955.
b. Maternal and Child Health. New request for fellowship awarded late 1954 from regular savings.
- 1.7 New Zealand
Virology. Fellowship awarded in 1954 from regular savings.
- 1.8 Philippines
a. Tuberculosis Control. 1. Fellowship being awarded in 1955 from regular savings.
2. Project included in 1956 TA programme.
b. Dental Health. One fellowship being awarded in 1955 from regular savings.
The other tentatively included under TA programme 1957.
c. Veterinary Public Health. Included under TA programme 1956.
2. Inter-Country Programmes:
a. Study Group on Venereal Diseases Control. Included in 1957 regular programme.

- b. Study Group on Insect-borne Virus Diseases. Included in 1956 TA programme.
- c. Conference and Study Tour. Included in 1957 regular programme.
- d. Dental Health. Consultants being provided from 1955 regular savings. Further provision made in 1957 TA programme.
- e. Quarantine Seminar. Included in 1957 TA programme.
- f. Seminar on School Health. Included in 1956 TA programme.
- g. Mental Health Services. Consultant provided late 1954 from regular savings. Headquarters Section chief visited region in 1955.
- h. Development of Pre-School Child. Included in 1957 regular programme.
- i. Study Group on Social and Preventive Medicine. Included in 1957 TA programme.
- j. Regional Study Group on Water Standards. Included in 1956 TA programme.
- k. Nursing. One consultant provided late 1954 and another early 1955.