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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  
(PART II - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE)

A d d e n d u m

The Regional Director stated in the Introduction to the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates (WP/RC5/4), submitted to the Regional Committee one year ago, that "the prospects for the implementation of 1956 Priority I projects are good, although such implementation is, of course, subject to the inclusion by Governments of these projects in their over-all programmes for economic development". The forecast appears to be fully appropriate today, and it is probable that a number of the Priority II projects will also be implemented. The reservation, which was made several months prior to the establishment of the revised procedure for country planning, proved to be well taken in that a number of the modifications which have taken place are due to projects having been deleted, amended or added after September 1955 as a result of the consolidation of country requests.

The attached appendix describes the modifications made to the 1956 TA programme originally submitted to the Committee at its fifth session (WP/RC5/4) insofar as projects or elements of projects are concerned. No comments are made on differences in budget totals which may be due to more recent costing.

Modifications Made in the Technical Assistance Programme for 1956

1. Regional Office:

There is a reduction in cost of approximately \$10,000. The main reasons are the transfer of a staff member to regular funds and the reduced provision for Common Services.

2. Regional Advisers:

There is a further reduction of approximately \$13,000 under this heading. This is due to the only regional adviser included under Technical Assistance last year having been transferred to regular funds, and only one local staff member, plus a reduced amount for duty travel, is now provided under Technical Assistance.

3. Country Schedules:

3.1 Cambodia

a. Rural Health

New project included by the Government in country request under Priority II, with one medical officer.

b. Royal School of Medicine

Two additional lecturers have been requested by the Government under Priority II. Provision for supplies and equipment has been advanced to 1955.

3.2 China

a. Malaria and Insect Control

The public health engineer to continue throughout 1956 together with a new team leader. One of the two fellowships transferred to Priority II.

b. Leprosy

One fellowship added under Priority II.

c. Food and Drug Control

One fellowship added under Priority II.

d. Nursing

Provision for supplies and equipment (\$1,000) deleted.

e. Maternal and Child Health

The medical officer only required for seven months instead of for the whole year.

3.3 Fiji

Nutrition

Fellowship advanced to 1955 and transferred to regular funds.

3.4 Hongkong

Maternal and Child Health

Provision has been made for the two staff members to continue for three months in 1956.  
The consultant has been deferred to 1957.

3.5 Japan

a. Venereal Diseases and  
Treponematoses

The fellowship has been advanced to 1955.

b. Hospital Administration

Provision for supplies and equipment (\$800) has been added.

c. Environmental Sanitation Pilot  
Project

One consultant will be provided instead of two full-time staff members.  
Provision has been made for a small amount (\$500) of supplies and equipment.  
One fellowship has been added.

d. Environmental Sanitation Centre

The fellowship is now part of the Institute of Public Health (see below) project.

e. Water Pollution

The consultant and the fellowship are now part of the activities of the Institute of Public Health (see below).

f. Institute of Public Health

One consultant (see above) has been added, provision for supplies and equipment increased by \$500 and one fellowship has been added to the two mentioned above.

g. Fellowships (Various)

1. The two fellowships, which originally appeared under this heading, were awarded late 1954 from regular savings.
2. A new provision has been made for three fellowships in other fields.

h. Hospital Statistics

Fellowship has been advanced to 1955.

i. Epidemiological Statistics

Fellowship has been advanced to 1955.

3.6 Korea

a. Other Projects - Fellowships

Two fellowships in the field of vital and health statistical services have been added.

b. Therapeutic Substances and  
Insecticides

The provision of a specialist in this field has been deleted while the number of fellowships has been increased from two to three.

3.7 Laos

a. Treponematoses Control

Project re-activated in 1955 with one medical officer, to continue during 1956 and 1957.  
Provision for supplies and equipment has been added in 1955, 1956 and 1957.

b. Nursing

Fellowships transferred to supplementary list since they were not included in the Government's revised request for 1956.

3.8 Malaya

a. Leprosy Control

One consultant has been incorporated under Priority II in the Government's request for 1956.

b. Hospital Administration

New project included in the Government's 1956 request, expected to start in 1955 with one medical officer.

c. Hospital Records

New project included in the Government's request for 1956, expected to start in 1955 with one records officer.

d. Nursing

Continuation of project requested for 1956 with five additional staff members and one additional fellowship.

e. Nutrition

One consultant and a small amount of supplies and equipment requested under Priority II for 1956.

3.9 North Borneo

Environmental Sanitation

Project now to continue to the end of 1956 instead of terminated by the middle of the year.

3.10 Philippines

a. Tuberculosis Control

New project under Priority II with one medical officer and provision for supplies and equipment.  
This is part of the project which appeared last year in the supplementary list.

b. Public Health Administration

1. The medical officer has been transferred to the regular budget for 1956.

2. One fellowship in veterinary public health added under Priority II, formerly in the supplementary list.

- c. Influenza Centre  
New project in 1956 with one virologist and provision for supplies and equipment.
- d. Medical Education  
The consultant will, as originally planned, be provided in 1955 but will now also remain for three months in 1956.
- e. University of the Philippines  
Provision has been made for recruitment and repatriation of 3 lecturers instead of 4.
- 3.11 Singapore
- a. Nursing  
One nurse deleted in 1956. Instead one short-term consultant will be provided.
- b. University of Malaya  
One lecturer has been provided in 1956 under TA instead of under "Other extra-budgetary funds".
- 3.12 Vietnam
- Maternal and Child Health  
Project transferred from "Other extra-budgetary funds" to TA in 1955 and will continue in 1956 and 1957 with one additional nurse (midwife).
4. Inter-Country Programmes:
- 4.1 Study Group on Insect-Borne Virus Diseases  
New project under Priority II, formerly in the supplementary list.
- 4.2 Seminar on School Health  
New project under Priority II, formerly in the supplementary list.
- 4.3 Environmental Sanitation Seminar  
Project transferred from 1955.

4.4 Water Standard Study Group

New project under Priority II, formerly in  
supplementary list.

5. Inter-Regional:

5.1 Tuberculosis Conference

Provision has been made for participation by  
experts from this region.