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MALARIA ERADICATION

Inter-regional Malaria Training Course

The availability of an adequate number of well-trained antimalaria workers is obviously essential in a malaria control or eradication programme. This subject was discussed at length at the First¹ Asian Malaria Conference where a recommendation was adopted that WHO assist governments in training malaria-control personnel by providing fellowships, visiting lecturers or consultants and regional malaria training centres. The Second² Asian Malaria Conference, likewise, recognized the importance of training malaria workers.

While the supply of trained malaria workers in one or two countries in the Region may be considered adequate, there is still a great need for such trained workers in the other malarious countries in the Region. WHO has endeavoured to assist in training malaria-control personnel by providing fellowships as well as malaria teams, and by disseminating information on methods and techniques being used in various countries.

Information has been received that WHO Headquarters is planning to establish an inter-regional malaria training course in Indonesia under Technical Assistance in 1958. It is believed that such a training course will be of considerable value in facilitating the training of malaria-control personnel, particularly at the professional level, and will ultimately benefit country malaria control and eradication programmes.

The following draft resolution is submitted for the consideration of the Regional Committee:

The Regional Committee,

Having been informed of the plan to establish an inter-regional malaria training course based in Indonesia, to be financed from Technical Assistance funds in 1958,

¹First Asian Malaria Conference, Chron, Wld Hlth Org. 8, 117-128, 1954

²Malaria Conference for the Western Pacific and South-East Asia Regions, Wld Hlth Org. techn. Rep. Ser., 1956, 103

Considering the importance of the intensification of antimalaria campaigns to the economic development of those under-developed countries in which malaria is a problem,

EXPRESSES the desire of the countries in the Region which have a malaria problem to participate in the course, and

REQUESTS the Regional Director to ask the Director-General to convey to the Technical Assistance Board and the Technical Assistance Committee the request of the governments in the Western Pacific Region that this training course be approved as a project in the 1958 Technical Assistance programme and that funds to finance the course be provided from the Technical Assistance Special Account.