

SUB-COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

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CHAIRMAN: Dr. H.E. Downes

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The second meeting of the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget was held at 12.35 p.m. on Saturday, 27 September 1958, under the chairmanship of Dr. H.E. Downes. The representative of France, who was a member of the Sub-Committee and who had been absent at the first meeting, was present. The representatives of the Federation of Malaya, the United Kingdom and Viet Nam also attended.

1. LOCAL COSTS - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

The CHAIRMAN referred to the question raised by the representative of the United States at the last meeting regarding the approximate figure of the local costs for the Technical Assistance programme in the Western Pacific Region.

The SECRETARY replied that it was, of course, essential that the Sub-Committee should be aware of the fact that ECOSOC resolutions governing the local cost scheme were still in operation. Local cost deductions, therefore, had been applied. It would be noted in Part II of the document that the bracketed figures, in all projects concerned, represented the local cost deduction. The approximate total amount of these figures in Category I in 1959 was some \$86 000. If the Western Pacific Region WHO Technical Assistance allocation (Part II) contended with this local cost instead of governments, then the overall field allocation would need to be increased by some 13.6%. No mention was being made at this time of the 1960 figure, as the programme for 1960 would be reviewed by governments prior to the tenth session of the Regional Committee.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF PROJECTS: Item 3 of the Agenda [Documents WP/RC9/4 Add.1 and WP/RC9/4 Add.1(2)]

The CHAIRMAN stated that the projects in the supplementary list were those that could not be included in the 1960 regular programme or in the

proposed Technical Assistance estimates for 1959. These, in effect, were the third-priority group and might be implemented if there were savings in the Region. He invited the Sub-Committee to comment on the list.

Dr. D. METSELAAR (Netherlands) mentioned that basic education in Netherlands New Guinea was improving very rapidly and professional training was being adjusted in accordance with existing possibilities. There was a great need for fellowships in nursing and his Government would like to see a fellowship in this field added to the supplementary list of projects.

The CHAIRMAN stated that this would be added to the Supplementary List under the heading "West New Guinea" and if there were savings this important project might be implemented. He asked if the members of the Sub-Committee had further comments or any objections to the supplementary list of projects.

The Sub-Committee decided to report to the plenary session of the Regional Committee that it was satisfied with the list of projects in document WP/RC9/4 Add.1.

3. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

3.1 1960 regular programme and budget (WP/RC9/WP/2)

The CHAIRMAN presented a draft resolution on the 1960 regular programme and budget and asked for comments.

Dr. METSELAAR suggested that, to avoid confusion, sub-items (1) to (9) under item (4) be renumbered (a) to (i).

The Sub-Committee approved the amendment suggested and the following resolution was approved for submission to the main Committee:

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"The Regional Committee,

Having examined the regular programme and budget estimates proposed for the Western Pacific Region in 1960 and the report of the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget;

1. CONSIDERS that the programme is well conceived and that a satisfactory balance has been maintained among subject headings;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the programmes proposed for implementation under the Malaria Eradication Special Account;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to transmit the proposals to the Director-General for his consideration and inclusion in his proposed programme and budget estimates in 1960; and
4. AUTHORIZES the Regional Director to establish priorities, if necessary, and that in so doing he should take into consideration the following:

- (a) the value of a project to more than one country or to the Region as a whole;
- (b) the place of the project in the long-term health plans of the government and the government's other intentions as regards the particular problem;
- (c) the association in a project of more than one international organization;
- (d) comprehensive assistance in strengthening national health administrations, both at the central and local level;
- (e) assistance to education and training programmes;
- (f) assistance in campaigns against leprosy, malaria, nutritional diseases, smallpox, tuberculosis, venereal diseases and yaws;
- (g) promotion and development of rural health services;

(h) promotion and development of work in the field of environmental sanitation;

(i) promotion and development of work in the field of vital and health statistics."

3.2 1959 regular programme and budget (WP/RC9/WP/1)

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the following resolution should be submitted for consideration of the main Committee:

"The Regional Committee,

1. NOTES the modifications made in the regular programme for 1959; and
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to implement the programme as planned."

The above draft resolution was approved.

3.3 1959 and 1960 Technical Assistance programme and budget estimates (WP/RC9/WP/3)

The CHAIRMAN called the Sub-Committee's attention to the proposed inter-country programmes listed in document WP/RC9/4 Part II, pages XV-XVII and 32-34, and believed that it was the wish of the Sub-Committee that it endorse the proposed programme in so far as the Technical Assistance Board and the Technical Assistance Committee were concerned and support the inter-country programmes indicated.

Dr. R.K.C. LEE (United States of America) asked the Secretary to name the countries to be visited during the public-health conference and study tour scheduled for 1960.

The SECRETARY stated that Singapore and Malaya would be visited.

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The Sub-Committee then considered a draft resolution proposed by the Chairman.

Dr. LEE wondered whether the resolution could be amended following the lines of the resolution adopted for the regular programme and budget -- that the Committee had examined the proposed Technical Assistance programme and budget estimates for 1959 and 1960 and recommended that the Regional Director transmit the programme to the Director-General for consideration and inclusion in his proposed programme and budget estimates in 1959 and 1960 -- instead of merely endorsing it. He did not believe that the Committee endorsed any particular programme but examined it and, if satisfied with the content of the programme and its costs, asked the Regional Director to transmit the proposals to the Director-General for consideration.

Dr. LE-VAN-KHAI (Viet Nam) said that, as the Regional Director had indicated in document WP/RC9/2, the inclusion of health activities in the final requests submitted for countries in 1960 depended on the influence of the national health authorities as regards the inclusion of these projects in the country programmes. His delegation would like to suggest some sort of invitation to Member Countries to earmark the highest possible amount for health, or at least a sufficient amount, in order that projects which had been recommended by the Regional Committee might be implemented.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the views expressed by the representatives of the United States and Viet Nam would be crystallized in the withdrawal of his draft resolution and the idea of the representative of the United States might be amended to include inter-country programmes. He then proposed the following resolution:

"The Regional Committee,

1. NOTES the projects proposed by governments in the Western Pacific Region for implementation under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance; and

Considering that the following projects can best be carried out on an inter-country basis:

Seminar on Public-Health Laboratory Services

Rural-Health Services Conference

Public-Health Conference and Study Tour;

2. REQUESTS interested Member Governments to indicate their support of the above inter-country projects when submitting their 1960 country submission to the Technical Assistance Board; and
3. EXPRESSES the hope that these projects will be approved by the Technical Assistance Board and Technical Assistance Committee."

Dr. LEE and Dr. KHAI were in agreement with the amended draft resolution.

The resolution was then accepted by the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 12.50 p.m.