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INTER-COUNTRY AND INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS FINANCED  
FROM THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

1. The Regional Director invites the attention of the Regional Committee to a decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at its June 1968 session, regarding the approval and financing of inter-country and inter-regional projects, which is to be effective from 1 January 1970. The decision taken by the Governing Council reads as follows:

"The Council,

Proposes that for new projects introduced for the operational year 1970:

- (i) Agency target figures for inter-country and inter-regional projects be eliminated, with the funds normally reserved for this purpose to be retained by the Administrator.
- (ii) Applications for approval on a project-by-project basis are to be made through appropriate channels to the Administrator. It would be expected that such applications would be supported by groups of governments.
- (iii) In the interest of maintaining the continuous programming approach, project approval should normally be delegated to the Administrator under a system similar to that applicable to country programming. Those projects having a cumulative value of \$ 200 000 or more over the anticipated duration of the project should be submitted for prior approval of the Governing Council.

/(iv) Pending ...

(iv) Pending the establishment of new procedures the Council shall approve new proposals submitted to it at its January 1969 session for 1969 only.

Requests the Administrator to consider the administrative and financial implications and modalities of operation of the revised system including a re-examination of the current system of specific allocation of controlled currencies to participating and executing agencies, together with any necessary transitional measures and, after consulting the IACB, report to the Council at its seventh session on the procedure for the implementation of the new arrangements."

2. Prior to this decision by the Council, each participating organization was given an allocation each year for the financing of its inter-country and inter-regional activities. It will be noted from the above decision that, commencing with the operational year 1970, such activities will be approved on a project-by-project basis in the same manner as country projects are now approved.

3. In the light of the new decision, it is important that the Regional Committee at its 1968 session approve the inter-country projects which WHO plans to implement in 1970 and recommend to the Director-General those which it believes from a technical point of view warrant inclusion in the UNDP programme in succeeding years.

Resolutions of WHO Regional Committees will continue to be regarded by the Administrator as constituting definite support of groups of governments interested in these projects, and such resolutions would meet the stipulations of paragraph (ii) of the Governing Council's decision. This endorsement is essential for the Administrator and/or the Governing Council to approve such projects.

Annex 1 lists those inter-country projects in the Western Pacific Region and the Regional Committee's endorsement of these projects is sought (see also document WPR/RC19/2). In addition, the Regional Director would appreciate an indication by those

/Governments ...

Governments which are directly interested in each of the projects listed. These expressions of interest would appear in the minutes and report of the Regional Committee.

4. A similar endorsement is required in respect of inter-regional activities, i.e. projects involving more than one region. Accordingly, the Regional Committee is invited to endorse the inter-regional programme proposals put forward by the Director-General for financing by the UNDP in 1970 and their continuation through 1973 where appropriate. A list of these activities is given in Annex 2 (see also document WPR/RC19/2 Add.1).

Similarly, an expression of interest by individual Governments in these projects is invited.

5. Accordingly, the Regional Committee may wish to consider and adopt a resolution along the following lines:

"The Regional Committee,

Having considered a report by the Regional Director on the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme regarding the future approval and financing of inter-country and inter-regional projects; and

Considering that these projects are vital to the orderly growth and continued development of the health programmes in the Western Pacific Region,

1. SUPPORTS the inter-country programmes contained in the Regional Director's programme and budget estimates for 1970, document WPR/RC19/2;

2. RECOMMENDS to the Director-General that the following projects be financed under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme during the period 1969-1972:

/Maternal and ...

Maternal and Child Health Advisory Services,  
South Pacific (WPRO 0083)  
Environmental Health Advisory Services, South  
Pacific (WPRO 0135)  
Seventh Regional Seminar on Public Health  
Administration: Hospital Administration  
and Planning (WPRO 0150)  
Control of Pharmaceutical Substances (WPRO 0166)  
First Regional Seminar on the Quality Control of  
Pharmaceutical Substances (WPRO 0167)  
Third Regional Seminar on Environmental Health:  
Planning and Financing of Municipal Water  
and Sewerage Works (WPRO 0178)  
Joint FAO/WHO Regional Seminar on Applied Nutrition  
(WPRO 0179);

3. ENDORSES the following inter-regional activities proposed by the Director-General for financing under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme for the period 1970-1973:

Training in the Epidemiology and Control of Tuberculosis  
(Inter-regional 0113)  
Integrated Public Health (Inter-regional 0156)  
Course on Cholera Control (Inter-regional 0228)  
Cholera Control Teams (Inter-regional 0276)  
Community Water Supply - Consultant Services  
(Inter-regional 0374)  
Travelling Seminar on the Disposal of Solid Wastes  
(Inter-regional 0431)  
Travelling Seminar on Medical Care (Inter-regional  
0490)  
Travelling Seminar on the Organization of Mental  
Health Services (Inter-regional 0493)

/Travelling ...

Travelling Seminar on Industrial and  
Agricultural Health (Inter-regional  
0563)

Course on Epidemiology (Inter-regional 0581);

4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to transmit this resolution to the Director-General of the World Health Organization."

ANNEX 1

INTER-COUNTRY PROJECTS FINANCED FROM THE  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

(Extracted from document WPR/RC19/2)

Project number and title

- WPRO 0083 - Maternal and Child Health Advisory Services, South Pacific
- WPRO 0135 - Environmental Health Advisory Services, South Pacific
- WPRO 0150 - Seventh Regional Seminar on Public Health Administration:  
Hospital Administration and Planning
- WPRO 0166 - Control of Pharmaceutical Substances
- WPRO 0167 - First Regional Seminar on the Quality Control of  
Pharmaceutical Substances
- WPRO 0178 - Third Regional Seminar on Environmental Health: Planning  
and Financing of Municipal Water and Sewerage Works
- WPRO 0179 - Joint FAO/WHO Regional Seminar on Applied Nutrition

ANNEX 2

INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS FINANCED FROM  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

(Extracted from document WPR/RC19/2 Add.1)

Inter-regional number and title

- 0113 - Training in the Epidemiology and Control of Tuberculosis
- 0156 - Integrated Public Health
- 0228 - Course on Cholera Control
- 0276 - Cholera Control Teams
- 0374 - Community Water Supply - Consultant Services
- 0431 - Travelling Seminar on the Disposal of Solid Wastes
- 0490 - Travelling Seminar on Medical Care
- 0493 - Travelling Seminar on the Organization of Mental Health  
Services
- 0563 - Travelling Seminar on Industrial and Agricultural Health
- 0581 - Course on Epidemiology