

PART III

EXAMINATION OF THE DETAILED PROGRAMME BUDGET
FOR 1982-1983

A Sub-Committee on Programme Budget was established, in accordance with the usual practice, to review how the detailed programme budget for 1982-1983 had taken shape after the elaboration of the project details. The Sub-Committee met on 15 and 17 September 1981 and submitted its report to the Regional Committee (see Annex 3).

The Sub-Committee noted that the 1982-1983 budget reflected an increase of 17¹/₂% over the 1980-1981 budget and expressed satisfaction that the detailed programme budget for 1982-1983 conformed to the Sixth General Programme of Work and the policies of the Organization.

The Sub-Committee reviewed the report submitted to the Regional Director by the "Small Committee" (established in accordance with resolution SEA/RC33/R10, see Appendix to Annex 3) and agreed with the fresh guidelines and criteria suggested in it for the establishment of inter-country projects, which formed the basis for collaboration among Member States. An analysis of the regular and extrabudgetary programme proposals had revealed the importance of increased support to the primary health care elements. In this regard, it was agreed that any rescheduling of resources should be encouraged normally in favour of the primary health care package, and assistance to low-priority activities discouraged. The Sub-Committee also stressed the need for a review by the Director-General of the present resource allocation criteria in order to make a higher share of the regular budget available for the South-East Asia Region proportionate to the population and their needs. Establishment of a suitable mechanism for the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources in support of HFA/2000 was also recommended.

The revised terms of reference of the Sub-Committee covering the biennium, as proposed by the Small Committee, were examined and approved for application starting with the thirty-fifth session of the Regional Committee. The revised terms met the requirements of the changing situation arising out of the shift of emphasis in the programme of the Organization.

The Sub-Committee noted the inter-country programme proposals approved by UNDP for the period 1982-1986 and urged Member States to strive for a higher allocation of UNDP resources for programmes relating to health sectors.

Observations made by the External Auditor of WHO in his report to the World Health Assembly (A34/25 and Add.1) were noted. It was suggested that a provision for suitable incentives to national staff be made in the project documents of UNDP.

In resolution SEA/RC34/R11, the Regional Committee approved the report of the Sub-Committee on Programme Budget and requested the Regional Director, inter alia, to establish a "committee", replacing the Small Committee, to carry out the functions mentioned by the Sub-Committee on Programme Budget in its report.