**QUESTIONNAIRE ON NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH WHO**

1. **Name of organization**
   
   African Medical and Research Foundation International

2. **Address of headquarters**
   
   P.O. Box 30125, Nairobi, Kenya

3. **Addresses of member organizations:**
   
   (a) Den Afrikanske Lægefonds
       11 Egtoftvej
       DK-2950 Vedbaek
       Denmark

   (b) AMRF
       27 Dover Street
       London W1
       England

   (c) Stichting AMRF-Nederland
       Huygenspark 37
       The Hague
       Netherlands

   (d) AMRF-East Africa
       P.O. Box 30125
       Nairobi
       Kenya

   (e) AMFO
       c/o Swiss Tropical Institute
       Socinstrasse 57
       CH 4051 Basel
       Switzerland

   (f) Gesellschaft für Medizin und Forschung in Afrika
       D 8000 Munchen 81
       Mauerkircherstr 155
       Federal Republic of Germany

   (g) AMRF
       88 Rykert Crescent
       Toronto
       Ontario M4G 2S9
       Canada

   (h) IMRF
       20 East 53rd Street
       New York 10022
       United States of America

4. **Membership**
   
   (a) Total number of persons. AMRF is not an organization with a membership as such, only member organizations as listed in Question No. 3 and in Question 4 (c).

   (b) Do these persons pay directly or are the subscriptions paid by affiliated organizations?

   The member organizations do not pay directly but raise money for the operations and activities of the headquarters.

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1 As submitted by the applicant on 11 August 1976.

The designations employed in this document are those which have been used by the nongovernmental organization itself in its application and do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.
(c) List of affiliated organizations, giving their country, and the total number of persons belonging to each.

Same list as for Question No. 3. Number of persons represents the number of Board of Directors, Trustees and Officers.

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5. General purposes of the organization

To investigate and implement new methods of delivering preventive and curative health care to the rural areas of developing countries and to demonstrate and teach others the methods which prove to be beneficial.

To initiate and further activities designed to promote public health in the developing countries.

To supplement and complement the health care services provided by the Governments of Kenya and Tanzania in collaboration with their respective Ministries of Health.

6. What are the primary functions of the organization?

To provide mobile medical and specialist services to remote area health facilities by land or air transport.

To operate a medical radio network linking up rural health facilities with AMRF headquarters.

To design and conduct training programmes for various cadres of health workers including auxiliary health workers.

To promote and provide health education programmes to rural populations.

To publish, print and distribute health education publications and materials and health training manuals.

To conduct government approved medical research which has a direct and practical use and application.

To demonstrate and to advise, when requested, government and nongovernment health-related agencies on methods of rural health care delivery which the organization has found to be effective and beneficial.
7. (a) Does the organization advocate any special health measures or procedures? If so, what are these?

Governments should give priority to rural health development when allocating financial resources for health, especially for:

- public health programmes concerned with environmental sanitation, safe water supplies, immunization, family planning, mother and child health;
- health education of the public;
- delivery of primary health care at the village level;
- training of health auxiliaries including community level health workers.

(b) Has the organization any special reservations as to treatment or health procedures? If so, what are these?

Those procedures that hinder the development and delivery of health services to the rural areas.

8. Can officially designated representatives speak authoritatively for the membership on matters concerned with the stated purposes of the organization? If so, on what subjects?

Those subjects which the organization has expertise, e.g. provision of mobile medicine by land or air transport, training of health auxiliaries, health education programmes and activities, printing and publishing of health education and training materials, establishment of a medical communications system, delivery of primary health care to rural areas.

9. Specific interest with reference to the work of the World Health Organization

To work with the World Health Organization representatives to promote primary health care such as was done in the Sudan (Primary Health Care Programme Southern Region Sudan, 1977/78–1983/84) and other programmes and projects concerned with training of health auxiliaries and their continuing education, health education of rural populations, use of mobile medical and specialist units, printing and publication of health education and training materials, establishment of a medical communications system, delivery of primary health care to rural areas.

10. Officers. (Names and positions held, including the Chief Executive or Secretary and other principal administrative officials. What is the total number of paid officer personnel? Please distinguish between those with the international organization and those with the national or local groups attached thereto.)

Officers: (11 paid officer personnel all with the international organization)

- Mr A. Michael Wood, FRCS: Director General (Chief Executive Officer)
- Dr D. E. Brooke: Medical Director
- Mr M. H. Cowie: Financial Director
- Dr H. de Glanville: Medical Consultant
- Mr D. Gilchrist, FRCS: Consultant Surgeon
- Dr J. Kagimba: Medical Officer (Training)
- Mr D. E. Lackey: Projects Director
- Dr F. Papworth: Consultant Anaesthetist
- Dr A. Spoerry: 1/c Mobile Medicine
- Dr C. H. Wood: Director of Training
- Ms A. H. Yahya: Health Education Officer
11. Structure

(a) Policy-making bodies such as Conference, Governing Body, Executive Committee.

- Board of Directors of AMRFI elected by the member organizations (as listed in No. 3)
- Board of Directors of AMRF-East Africa
- Executive Committee of Board of Directors of AMRF-East Africa
- Project Committee

(b) Frequency of meetings, with date of the last meeting of each:

- AMRFI Board of Directors annually. Last meeting - 30 October - 2 November 1975.
- AMRF-East Africa Board of Directors meets quarterly. Last meeting - 13 July 1976.
- AMRF-East Africa Board of Directors Executive Committee meets every two months. Last meeting - 10 February 1976.
- Project Committee meets monthly. Last meeting - 14 July 1976.

(c) Voting procedure. Voting procedure is by majority rule.

(d) Affiliation with other organizations, including international organizations.

- International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) and with Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD).
- Non-legal affiliation with Kenya Society for the Blind, Kenya Red Cross, Organization for the Physically Disabled.

12. Finances

(a) Annual budget. For 1976, K£ 317 312 (see accompanying document)

(b) Sources of income:

- Kenya Government: K£ 20 000
- Tanzania Government: 20 000
- Netherlands Government: 15 000
- Flying Doctor Society: 15 000
- Danish Government (1972-77): 543 000
- Private and corporate donations
- Foundation funding of AMRF projects

13. History

1956
- African Medical and Research Foundation registered in the state of New York, United States of America, as a tax-exempt foundation. Shortly thereafter it was set up as a charitable organization in the United Kingdom and in Kenya and Tanzania and later in the countries listed in Question No. 3.

1956-60
- Development of administrative and organizational structure, liaison with Kenya Ministry of Health and Tanzania Ministry of Health, establishment of flying doctor services to rural health facilities, development of a medical radio communication system.

1961
- Establishment of a Health Education Department.
1962-65 Introduction of a mobile medical unit, expansion of medical specialist services to rural area health facilities, medical research into heart disease, nutrition and cancer.

1968-73 Publication of "Defender", a health education magazine for the lay public and "Afya", a health resource magazine for rural health workers; building of a training centre and hostel from a grant by DANIDA and establishment of Training Department and Printing and Publications Department.

1972-74 Carrying out of international health surveys upon the requests from the Governments of the Sudan, Ethiopia, Mali, Botswana, Swaziland, Malawi, Somalia, Zaire, Iran, United Arab Emirates; training of teachers for the Kenya Rural Health Training Programme, training programme for health service administrators in collaboration with WHO.

1975-76 Training of clinical assistant tutors for the Community Health Worker Training Schools in the Sudan as recommended as part of the Primary Health Care Programme Southern Region Sudan by WHO; research into the control of Hydatid disease in collaboration with the British Medical Research Council.

14. Activities (A statement of the most important work accomplished)

- provision of mobile preventive and medical services by use of land transport to the Kajiado area of Rift Valley Province, Kenya
- provision of regular medical specialist services to over 25 provincial and rural hospitals in Kenya and Tanzania
- carrying out of international health surveys in the countries listed in Question No. 13
- establishment and operation of a medical radio network linking up over 75 provincial and rural hospitals and health centres in Kenya and Tanzania
- establishment of a training department which has conducted various training programmes in collaboration with the Kenya Ministry of Health and is now responsible for the training of teachers for the Primary Health Care Programme Southern Sudan Region
- establishment of a printing and publishing department that produces health education materials and publications ("Defender" and "Afya") and has printed and distributed training manuals prepared by the AMRF training department on Child Health, Health Education, Diagnostic Pathways in Clinical Medicine, Obstetric Emergencies, Pharmacology and Therapeutics, with plans to produce additional manuals on Community Health, Mental Health, Health Centre Surgery and Skin Diseases
- medical research projects into heart disease, nutrition, cancer and control of Hydatid disease.

15. Publications. (Name the regular publications, how often they appear, and their general nature. State what kind of special reports, etc., are issued, mentioning those of particular importance.)

AMRF Health Education publications:

(1) "Defender" - 12 500 subscribers, published quarterly free of charge for the lay public concerning general health education information.

(2) "Afya" - 3500 subscribers, published six times a year for use by health personnel working in the rural areas.
(3) "Jamii" - published in collaboration with the Kenya Ministry of Health and the Family Planning Association of Kenya

Special reports:

(1) Medical Development - Botswana
(2) Medical Development - Mali
(3) Radio Communications System - Swaziland
(4) Radio Communications System - Malawi
(5) Southern Ethiopia Emergency Report
(6) Consultancy Service in Health Care for Developing Countries
(7) Health Needs - New Approaches in East Africa - A. Michael Wood, MB, BS, FRCS
(8) Design for Medical Buildings - Housing Research and Development Unit, University of Nairobi with the African Medical and Research Foundation.
(9) AMRFI medical staff members have published articles for medical journals.

Training manuals:

(1) Child Health
(2) Health Education
(3) Diagnostic Pathways in Clinical Medicine
(4) Obstetric Emergencies
(5) Pharmacology and Therapeutics

16. Documentation

Documentation list

(1) Three copies of Memorandum and Articles of Association
(2) Samples of types of literature:
   (a) Copy each of "Defender" and "Afya"
   (b) Special reports:
       (1) Medical Development - Botswana
       (2) Medical Development - Mali
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       (5) Pharmacology and Therapeutics
(3) Annual Budget for 1976
(4) Annual Reports for 1973, 1974 and 1975

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