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COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM:
HEALTH AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

Report by the Director-General

This report, submitted in accordance with resolution WHA32.19, provides information on action taken by WHO, in cooperation with other international bodies, for emergency health and medical assistance to Lebanon during the period April 1979 - March 1980.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Thirty-second World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA32.19, requested the Director-General:

"to continue and intensify the health and medical assistance to Lebanon, allocating for this purpose, and to the extent possible, funds from the regular budget and other financial resources, and to report to the Thirty-third World Health Assembly".

1.2 The Director-General's report to the Thirty-second World Health Assembly (document A32/25) provided information on assistance given to Lebanon over the period April 1978 - March 1979. The present report deals with such assistance during the period April 1979 - March 1980 and the funds utilized for that purpose.

2. Assistance provided and sources of funds

2.1 On 1 June 1978 a WHO programme coordinator was appointed to assist the Ministry of Health in Lebanon's rehabilitation programme. He has been helping to identify the emergency health needs for the implementation of a national reconstruction programme, including a national sanitation programme, the strengthening of the emergency services, and the rehabilitation programme, within the health services plan. He also coordinates with other United Nations and bilateral agencies the health assistance provided to Lebanon.

2.2 From its regular budget WHO provided in 1979 a total of US\$ 365 254 for health assistance to Lebanon. This represents US\$ 185 990 for public health administration, US\$ 95 966 for fellowships, US\$ 20 000 for epidemiological services, US\$ 56 789 for health liaison in Beirut and US\$ 6 509 for other services.

2.3 On receipt of a request from the Government for financial support for equipping some 120 dispensaries in southern Lebanon, funds were allocated from the regular budget for the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Laboratory and mobile X-ray equipment were also provided.

2.4 Antimitotic drugs required by the Ministry of Health for cancer clinics were procured and shipped through funds jointly made available from the WHO regular budget and from the United Nations Trust Fund for Assistance to Lebanon.

2.5 In the period 1976-1979 a total of US\$ 2 735 624 from the United Nations Trust Fund was utilized for health purposes.

