
Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit:

Report by the Secretariat

1. In 2007, the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) issued 12 reports, five of which were not of direct relevance to WHO¹ or did not call for any specific action from WHO at this stage. WHO's comments on three of the reports that were relevant to WHO were considered by the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee at its seventh meeting, and detailed comments on the remaining four reports from 2007,² together with JIU's main findings and recommendations, have been transmitted to JIU and CEB. A summary in matrix form is available upon request.

2. In addition, during 2007 and 2008, JIU issued three Notes, namely: Review of management and administration of the United Nations Office at Geneva (JIU/NOTE/2007/1); Review of selected telecommunication issues and use of voice over Internet protocol technologies in the United Nations system organizations (JIU/NOTE/2007/2); and Common services at Nairobi (JIU/NOTE/2008/1). These Notes are for the most part not of direct relevance to WHO and there is no need for additional comments by the Secretariat or for action by the governing bodies, as follow-up to JIU Notes is a management responsibility under JIU's Statute.

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN PREVIOUS REPORTS

3. The Secretariat's position on the report "Towards a United Nations Humanitarian Assistance Programme for Disaster Response and Reduction: Lessons learned from the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (document JIU/REP/2006/5) has already been submitted to the Board.³ In terms of implementing the recommendations of that report that directly concern WHO, however, it should be noted that since the report's publication the following actions are being taken:

¹ JIU/REP/2007/3: Review of the working capital fund in the World Meteorological Organization (WMO); JIU/REP/2007/5: Review of management and administration at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); JIU/REP/2007/7: Review of management and administration in the International Maritime Organization (IMO); JIU/REP/2007/8: Funding and staffing of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; and JIU/REP/2007/11: Review of management and administration in the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

² Knowledge management in the United Nations system (document JIU/REP/2007/6); Review of the national competitive recruitment examination as a recruitment tool (document JIU/REP/2007/9); Liaison offices in the United Nations system (document JIU/REP/2007/10); and Review of progress made by the United Nations system organizations in achieving Millennium Development Goal 6, Target 7, to combat HIV/AIDS (document JIU/REP/2007/12).

³ Document EBPBAC7/7.

- for recommendation 5: WHO runs a *Public Health in Emergencies* session in training courses organized by the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination team;
- for recommendation 6: (a) WHO participates in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Working Group in charge of reviewing the terms of reference, profiles and skills of humanitarian assistance coordinators; and (b) through the Health and Nutrition Tracking Service, WHO advocates the use of health and nutrition outcomes as indicators of effectiveness of humanitarian assistance;
- for recommendation 8: WHO leads the Global Health Cluster, which includes planning, management and coordination of humanitarian assistance and disaster reduction and response activities in its terms of reference.

ACTION BY THE PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

4. The Committee is invited to take note of this report.

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