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Regular budget allocations to regions, and use of extrabudgetary funds in the regions

Progress report by the Director-General

BACKGROUND

1. In their recent review of the Constitution, the governing bodies noted that: (1) regular budget allocations had not been based on objective criteria; (2) each region's share of the allocations had remained largely unchanged since the early days of the Organization; (3) other organizations of the United Nations system had adopted objective criteria to ensure more equitable distribution of resources to country programmes; (4) there was a need for collective agreement on how two basic principles which govern WHO's work, namely equity and support to countries, particularly those in greatest need, should be applied to future allocations.

2. Against this background, the Fifty-first World Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA51.31, guiding the Director-General on how to establish allocations to the regions for the financial period 2000-2001 and subsequent periods. The resolution also requested the Director-General to ensure that the allocations in 2000-2001 to all least developed countries would not be less than for 1998-1999 and

(i) to report to the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly on an annual basis, any further refinement, development or modification to the allocation process in order to ensure response to health needs and the equitable allocation of resources of the Organization;

(ii) to report to the Executive Board at its 103rd session on the overall use of extrabudgetary funds in regional, intercountry and country programmes for the previous three bienniums (see Annex).

CURRENT SITUATION

3. Following the adoption of resolution WHA51.31, the model outlined therein was applied to the initially established planning allocations for the biennium 2000-2001. The application used advance information from the 1998 Health Development Index (published by UNDP), together with updated

information on immunization levels and population. The results of the application of the model were then analysed in the context of the decisions and requests outlined in the resolution, including the needs of least developed countries.

4. In June 1998, the earlier planning allocations for the regions and the global and interregional activities for 2000-2001 were amended. Least developed countries in regions where the allocation was being reduced received a compensation by a transfer of US\$ 4.2 million from the global and interregional allocation. The Regional Directors revised the regional parts of their budget proposals accordingly and regional committees reviewed these on the basis of thorough and complete documentation in the autumn of 1998.

5. The Director-General's budget proposals¹ incorporate the amended regional allocations and take into account programme modifications suggested by regional committees.

6. The impact of changing international social and economic conditions and the impact of the new process on countries will be monitored in the context of work under way on the evidence base and health sector development. As requested by resolution WHA51.31, the Director-General will report annually to the Executive Board and the Health Assembly on the working and the impact of the new process for regular budget allocations.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

7. The Executive Board is invited to take note of this first progress report by the Director-General on the subject.

¹ Document PB/2000-2001.

ANNEX

EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES USED BY THE REGIONS

	1992-1993		1994-1995		1996-1997	
	US\$	%	US\$	%	US\$	%
AFRICA	151 079 169		127 676 136		171 941 972	
of which,						
- regional	6 437 446	4.3	5 086 744	4.0	3 225 206	1.9
- intercountry	88 146 463	58.3	80 001 855	62.7	139 397 042	81.1
- country	56 495 260	37.4	42 587 537	33.3	29 319 724	17.0
THE AMERICAS	37 157 090		34 178 529		15 329 388	
of which,						
- regional	4 565 588	12.3	138 560	0.4	9 294	0.1
- intercountry	9 739 263	26.2	12 783 618	37.4	6 438 525	42.0
- country	22 852 239	61.5	21 256 351	62.2	8 881 569	57.9
SOUTH-EAST ASIA	45 329 121		48 308 511		43 931 431	
of which,						
- regional	2 783 326	6.1	2 424 043	5.0	1 962 782	4.5
- intercountry	7 029 699	15.5	6 392 622	13.2	7 014 532	16.0
- country	35 516 096	78.4	39 491 846	81.8	34 954 117	79.5
EUROPE	31 861 078		73 213 053		50 588 633	
of which,						
- regional	4 676 936	14.7	2 180 178	3.0	2 108 843	4.2
- intercountry	22 095 944	69.3	63 570 163	86.8	36 433 641	72.0
- country	5 088 198	16.0	7 462 712	10.2	12 046 149	23.8
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN	22 876 209		24 150 583		24 080 040	
of which,						
- regional	3 022 327	13.2	2 548 476	10.6	1 597 124	6.6
- intercountry	3 893 318	17.0	4 314 675	17.9	5 093 389	21.2
- country	15 960 564	69.8	17 287 432	71.5	17 389 527	72.2
WESTERN PACIFIC	31 953 580		37 826 723		44 667 226	
of which,						
- regional	3 445 876	10.8	3 773 614	10.0	2 018 169	4.5
- intercountry	13 310 130	41.7	15 895 291	42.0	20 104 482	45.0
- country	15 197 574	47.5	18 157 818	48.0	22 544 575	50.5

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