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HEALTH RESOURCES GROUP: REPORT ON A GLOBAL MEETING

The Health Resources Group for Primary Health Care (HRG), at its third meeting in December 1981, decided to establish a Preparatory Committee which would, inter alia, address itself essentially to the issues of country primary health care programming and its implementation, with particular reference to questions of management, promoting the organization of consortia or similar groupings in pursuit of the generally agreed principles and objectives of the HRG and administration of the Primary Health Care Initiative Fund. The fourth meeting of this Committee was held in Geneva on 12 and 13 November 1984. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka represented the South-East Asia Region on this Committee for the period 1983-1984, and the Regional Committee, at its thirty-seventh session, elected India and Indonesia for the period 1985-1986.

The Committee noted the progress achieved in support of health development since its last meeting through the HRG/CRU mechanism as a component part of the broader programming framework of a country's national health development process. So far, CRU exercises have been conducted in 19 countries, of which 16 were in least developed countries. The countries in the South-East Asia Region where this exercise has been conducted are Sri Lanka (1981), Nepal (1982), Bangladesh and Bhutan (1983) and Maldives (1984). The Committee noted the progress achieved in the CRU activity in the Member Countries and noted that this process would be decentralized, with the Regional Offices reviewing potential CRU countries and being responsible for decisions that any given country has indeed met the criteria for a CRU, and that a further review of the CRU Guidelines was being undertaken, as desired by the Programme Development Working Group.

As the next crucial elements of the CRU activity, the Committee felt that there should be a systematic follow-up by the national authorities, including the convening of donors' meetings, supported by bilateral discussions with individual or small groups of donors, and that there was a need for a careful evaluation of the HRG/CRU approach in order to improve the utility and effectiveness of the process.

... The attached report (HRG/C4/84.4) presents a summary record of discussions of the Committee. Specific attention is invited to Section 3 on "Overview of progress achieved, recent CRU activity and follow-up" (pages 3-12) and Section 5 on "Future Action" (pages 12-13).

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