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REVIEW OF THE APPROVED REGIONAL PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR
1958 IN THE LIGHT OF PRESENT BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND CONSIDERATION
OF AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES

The regional programme and budget for 1958 is based upon the approval given by the Tenth World Health Assembly.

The attention of the Committee is drawn to the resolution passed by the Regional Committee at its seventh session, which requests "the Regional Director to implement as many of the projects in the Supplemental Programme and Supplementary List as possible, as and when funds are available, from whatever source".¹

In accordance with this request, every effort has been made in 1957 to implement as many of the projects as possible. Consequently, a number of modifications have been made in the 1957 programme as submitted to the Committee at its seventh session.

Changes affecting the Technical Assistance Programme will be the subject of an addendum to this document as it is not possible to report on this part of the programme until copies of the countries' consolidated requests for 1958 to the Technical Assistance Board have been received. This document is therefore limited to a report on:

1. the modifications made in the regular and supplemental programmes for 1958 which are given in Appendix I, and
2. the action taken with regard to the Supplementary List of projects which is given in Appendix II.

In 1958, and thereafter, there will no longer be a Supplemental programme, merely a Regular programme and a Supplementary List of Projects. Therefore, any item which formed part of the Supplemental programme or Supplementary List of projects submitted to the Committee at its seventh session is now incorporated either into the regular programme or indicated in the Supplementary List. The exception to the foregoing would be any activity provided for under the Technical Assistance Programme or those no longer required by the Government.

¹Resolution WP/RC7.R6

MODIFICATIONS MADE IN THE
REGULAR AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 1958

Arising out of the decisions of the Tenth World Health Assembly, the Regional Office allocation was increased to \$327 500 for 1958. The revised allocation took into account adjustments resulting from amendments to the staff rules based on posts approved for 1958 as indicated in Official Records No. 74. The allocation in respect of field activities was reduced to \$782 000 as opposed to \$841 008 representing the estimates included in Official Records No. 74 for both Basic (\$688 973) and the Supplemental programme (\$152 035). There follows hereunder brief explanations indicating what modifications were made in order to remain within the revised allocation:

1. Regional Office

The statistician previously indicated in Health Services has been transferred to Regional Advisers. This is in conformity with the staffing pattern of other regions. Within the approved allocation for the Regional Office, provision has been made for a reports officer at P.2 level and in addition an accounts clerk, grade M.4, whilst in the Personnel Unit the M.6 post has been deleted and replaced by two local posts at a lower grade of M.4. An increased provision has been made under Common Services mainly under acquisition of capital assets, the latter being required for the new regional office building.

2. Regional Advisers

The major modifications within Regional Advisers, apart from the inclusion of the Regional Adviser in Statistics, amounting to \$14 245, is (a) the increase of \$2625 in respect of acquisition of capital assets required for the new regional office building; (b) the adjustments resulting from the amendments to the staff rules; and (c) an increased provision in respect of home leave requirements due to changes in regional advisers in the interim period. The over-all net increase represents \$31 149.

3. Area Representatives

The over-all number of local posts in the area representatives' offices has been increased by one. This additional post proved absolutely essential for the office in Saigon due to the considerably increased workload in respect of Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam and the liaison required between WHO and UNICEF. In effect, the latter organization has agreed to meet half of the cost in respect of the additional post. The adjustments resulting from the amendments of the staff rules have also been taken into consideration and the net over-all increase in respect of 1958 is \$4888.

/4. Country ...

4. Country Schedules

4.1 British Solomon Islands
Protectorate

4.1.1 Malaria Control

In view of the desire expressed by the Government to defer appointment of the malariologist originally provided for in the 1958 Supplemental programme until 1959, provision has only been included in the regular programme for an amount of \$4300, which will cover the two fellowships originally requested.

4.2 Cambodia

4.2.1 Venereal Diseases
and Treponematoses
Control

Whereas the expert is still provided for in 1958, his appointment was not possible in 1957. Consequently recruitment cost representing a net additional increase of \$1129 in the year 1958 became necessary.

4.3 China

4.3.1 Tuberculosis Control

The medical officer originally requested for a five-month period has now been extended to twelve months based on the Government's request - the added costs for this post are \$8972. However, the X-ray engineer is now only anticipated for a period of six months instead of for twelve months as originally provided. This represents a saving of \$1430. The one six-month and one twelve-month fellowship have since been reduced to two six-month fellowships, resulting in an estimated saving of \$1500. Supplies and equipment in the sum of \$5000 have been relegated to the Supplementary List. The over-all net increase, therefore, is \$1042.

4.3.2 Venereal Diseases
and Treponematoses

Although the Government has not withdrawn its request for the fellowship estimated at \$5500, this has been relegated to the Supplementary List in view of the fact that the project has already had an extensive fellowship programme.

4.3.3 Mental Health

The Government has indicated that only one fellowship should remain in the regular programme whilst the short-term consultant and the second fellowship should be relegated to the Supplementary List. This represents a net saving of \$6720.

/4.3.4 Other Projects ...

- 4.3.4 Other Projects (College of Medicine, National Taiwan University) One six-month fellowship originally provided for in the 1958 Supplemental programme has been transferred to the Supplementary List at an unchanged estimated cost of \$3500.
- 4.3.5 Other Projects (Institute of Public Health) The original request for one six-month and two twelve-month fellowships as provided in the 1958 Supplemental programme has been revised to two twelve-month fellowships, at an estimated cost of \$5000 each, and provision made in the regular programme. The third fellowship for six months estimated at \$3500 and the twelve-month expert (\$10 248) together with the supplies and equipment (\$3000) have been transferred to the Supplementary List.
- 4.4 Fiji
- 4.4.1 Other Projects (Central Medical School) The original request contained in the 1958 Supplemental programme for one twelve-month and one forty-eight-month fellowship has been revised to one twelve-month fellowship at an estimated cost of \$2600 and transferred to the Supplementary List.
- 4.5 Hong Kong
- 4.5.1 Public Health Administration (Dental Health) Five fellowships were originally requested but mainly due to the United Kingdom Colonial policy, only two have been retained in the 1958 regular programme at an estimated cost of \$11 000, one deferred to 1959 and the remaining two previously listed in the Supplemental programme have been transferred to the Supplementary List.
- 4.6 Japan
- 4.6.1 Nursing Education The Government's original request which allowed for an eight-month provision in 1958 has since been amended to twelve months at an additional cost of \$6119.
- 4.6.2 Other Projects (Medical Specialization) One six-month fellowship estimated at \$3500 has been deferred from the 1958 Supplemental programme to the 1959 regular programme without change in cost.
- 4.7 Korea
- 4.7.1 Public Health Administration One six-month fellowship and one twelve-month fellowship at an estimated revised cost of \$9000 have been transferred from the Supplemental programme to the 1958 regular programme.

4.8 Laos

4.8.1 Maternal and Child
Health

The Government has revised its original request to provide for two further posts in 1958 at an increased cost of \$13 556, together with a new provision for supplies and equipment in the amount of \$500.

4.9 Macau

4.9.1 Malaria

The original provision for a two-month fellowship has been revised to a three-month fellowship at an increased cost of \$500 or a total estimated cost of \$1450. This represents a transfer from the 1958 Supplemental to the 1958 regular programme.

4.10 Malaya

4.10.1 Public Health
Administration

The original request of the Government involving two experts for eleven months each in 1958 has been revised to twelve months each, involving a net increase of \$2642.

4.11 New Zealand

4.11.1 Endemo-epidemic
Diseases (Virology)

The Government was unable to nominate a candidate for the 1957 Supplemental programme fellowship and it is, therefore, deferred to the 1958 regular programme at an estimated cost of \$4000.

4.11.2 Health Education
of the Public

In lieu of the endemo-epidemic diseases fellowship, the Government nominated a candidate for this twelve-month fellowship for advancement to 1957.

4.12 Philippines

4.12.1 Public Health
Administration

The two two-year fellowships originally provided for in the 1958 Supplemental programme at an estimated cost of \$10 700 have been transferred to the Supplementary List without change in cost.

4.12.2 Mental Health

The Government indicated its urgent need for the expert's services to continue through 1958 instead of the two-and-a-half months as originally provided. The additional cost is estimated at \$12 854. It further requested a new provision for supplies and equipment in the amount of \$250. The second twelve-month fellowship originally Supplemental 1958 has been especially requested by the Government and provision has been made accordingly in the regular budget resulting in an estimated total cost of \$11 000 for both fellowships.

/4.12.3 Environmental ...

4.12.3 Environmental Sanitation

Supplies and equipment estimated at \$1000 have been transferred to the Supplementary List.

4.13 Timor

4.13.1 Maternal and Child Health

The twelve-month fellowship provided in the Supplemental programme 1958, at an estimated cost of \$4500, has been transferred to the 1958 regular programme with no change in costing.

4.14 Western Samoa

4.14.1 Tuberculosis Control

The implementation of this activity, provided for in the 1958 Supplemental programme, at an estimated cost of \$18 507, has been deferred to the 1959 regular programme due to outstanding negotiations.

4.15 West New Guinea

4.15.1 Malaria

The twelve-month fellowship provided for in the 1958 Supplemental programme at an estimated cost of \$4400 is now provided for in the regular programme at the same amount.

5. Inter-Country Programmes

5.1 Malaria Eradication Technical Meeting

Transferred from the regular programme at an estimated cost of \$2300 to the Supplementary List.

5.2 Seminar on Venereal-Disease Control

This seminar provided for in the 1958 Supplemental programme at an estimated cost of \$27 900 is transferred to the regular programme 1958 at a revised estimate of \$10 100 for that year. It is considered and expected that awards to the majority of the participants could be made late in 1957 from regular savings.

5.3 Public Health Administration (Seminar on Veterinary Public Health)

Deferred to 1959 with estimated cost reduced to \$22 300 due to incomplete negotiations.

5.4 Conference on Maternity Care

This conference, recosted from \$34 510 to \$30 900, has been deferred to 1959 due to delayed availability of required consultants.

ACTION TAKEN ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF PROJECTS

1. Country Schedules1.1 China

1.1.1 Environmental Sanitation Fellowship withdrawn.

1.2 Hong Kong

1.2.1 Nursing Midwifery fellowship has been withdrawn.

1.3 Japan

1.3.1 Endemo-epidemic Diseases The fellowship in communicable diseases was awarded in 1956 from regular savings.

1.3.2 Maternal and Child Health The six-month fellowship is transferred to the 1958 regular budget.

1.3.3 Mental Health The supplies and equipment in respect of the National Institute of Mental Health is reduced from \$1500 to \$1000 and transferred to the 1958 regular budget.

1.4 New Caledonia

1.4.1 Health Education of the Public The twelve-month fellowship (\$5000) now elevated to 1958 regular budget.

1.5 Philippines

1.5.1 Endemo-epidemic Diseases The fellowship (rehabilitation of leprosy patients) is deferred to the 1959 regular budget.

1.5.2 Public Health Administration (various) Fellowship in health administration with emphasis on general environmental sanitation was advanced to 1957.

1.5.3 Environmental Sanitation The short-term consultant for the environmental sanitation training programme was implemented in 1957 from regular savings. The sanitary engineer is transferred to the 1958 regular budget.

2. Inter-Country Programmes

2.1 Endemo-epidemic Diseases The Poliomyelitis Training Course has been withdrawn.

2.2 Public Health Administration The rural health fellowships have been withdrawn.