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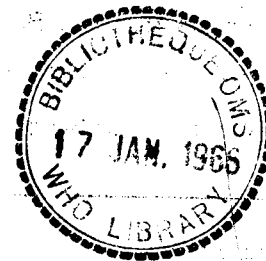
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VOLUNTARY FUND FOR HEALTH PROMOTION

Report by the Director-General



1. Introduction

1.1 In resolutions WHA13.24,¹ EB26.20¹ and EB33.R4² the Director-General is requested to report to each session of the Board on the (a) contributions accepted for the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion; (b) financial status of the Voluntary Fund; and (c) action pursued to publicize the Voluntary Fund and to obtain increased support for it.

1.2 In its resolutions EB34.R17³ and EB35.R19³ the Executive Board invited the Director-General to take such further action as would effectively contribute towards obtaining increased support for the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion, and to continue enlarging and strengthening activities to enlist support for the purposes and policies of the Voluntary Fund.

2. Contributions accepted

2.1 The contributions accepted for the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion for the period 1 May to 31 December 1965 are shown in Annex I to this report.

3. Financial status

3.1 A preliminary statement showing the estimated financial status of the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion as at 31 December 1965 is given in Annex II. The figures in this preliminary statement are subject to change following the final year-end accounts and the review of the External Auditor.

¹ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., p. 328.

² Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., p. 329.

³ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., p. 330.

4. Future operations

4.1 The operations which could be carried out in 1966 and 1967 subject to funds being available in the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion are shown in Annex 3 of the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 1 January to 31 December 1967.¹ The total estimated obligations for these programmes in 1966 and/or 1967 compare with the estimated balances in the corresponding Special Accounts as follows:

Names of the Special Accounts	Estimated obligations for operations planned in 1966 and/or 1967	Estimated balance at 31.12.65	Estimated shortfall ²
	US\$	US\$	US\$
Malaria Eradication Special Account	4 508 397	2 877 874	1 630 523
Special Account for Smallpox Eradication	2 415 000	39 347	2 375 653
Special Account for Medical Research	4 383 040	228 003	4 155 037
Special Account for Community Water Supply	1 253 607	182 338	1 051 269
Special Account for the Leprosy Programme	2 793 231	31 382	2 761 849
Special Account for the Yaws Programme	1 025 686	12 948	1 012 738

4.2 As will be seen from the above table, it will not be possible for the Organization to implement in full the planned programmes without substantial additional contributions. In this connexion, reference is made to the Director-General's suggestion³ that the funds necessary for carrying out the first year smallpox eradication programme be provided through an addition to the Regular Budget for 1967: in the introduction

¹ Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., 146, 478-528.

² The estimated shortfall does not take into consideration the contributions pledged as indicated in Annex II.

³ Document EB37/23 Add. 1.

to the Director-General's proposed programme and budget for 1967,¹ he stated "In view of the urgent need to solve this great public health problem, the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly may wish to take more realistic and effective action by including the cost of the first-year eradication work in the regular budget for 1967".

4.3 While no programmes have been projected under the Special Account for Accelerated Assistance to Newly Independent and Emerging States and the Special Account for Assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, there continues to be a great need for increased assistance by the Organization for these purposes.

5. Publicity and fund-raising efforts

5.1 Promotional activities were pursued along the lines described in previous reports, documents EB35/39² and EB36/13,³ namely through circular letters to Members, individual letters to and personal contacts with some Members and potential private contributors, through the distribution of the brochure on the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion, and the dissemination of information on the Voluntary Fund through various information media. Some of these activities are described below.

5.2 Resolution WHA18.34⁴ in which the Eighteenth World Health Assembly, inter alia, expressed "the hope that more contributions would be made to the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion", and the Executive Board's resolution EB36.R17⁵ together with document EB36/13,³ Report on the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion, have been transmitted to Members.

5.3 The World Health issue of March 1965, devoted to the problem of smallpox, carried specific information on the Special Account for Smallpox Eradication. In the letter transmitting to all Members resolution WHA18.38⁶ adopted by the Eighteenth World Health Assembly on the subject of the smallpox eradication programme, the Director-General again appealed to countries producing potent freeze-dried vaccine to give immediate aid. The individual appeals were sent to several Members producing freeze-dried vaccine in large quantities.

¹ Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., 146, xiv.

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., 140, 53.

³ Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., 145, 25.

⁴ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., p. 172.

⁵ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., p. 330.

⁶ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., p. 51.

5.4 Valuable contributions were given to the Special Account for the Leprosy Programme by three benevolent organizations. In addition to their material value, these contributions may serve as an example to other organizations interested in anti-leprosy work.

5.5 Steps have been taken to implement an anti-yaws project from the funds available in the Special Account for the Yaws Programme. Contributions to this Special Account have been received from the "Students' War Against Yaws" campaign conducted by high school students. It is hoped that the carrying out of the intended project and the information to be made known about it may also help the promoters of the SWAY campaign in their continued fund-raising efforts.

5.6 Action to establish national World Health Foundations continued. The World Health Foundation of the United States of America, which was incorporated on 1 September 1964, is in the process of establishing its Board of Trustees. The World Health Foundation in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was incorporated in the autumn of 1965 and the first meeting of the Foundation's Council was convened shortly thereafter, followed by a second meeting in November. At this meeting, the Council appointed a Chairman who has also been authorized to sign on behalf of the Council the Agreement between the World Health Foundation (UK) and the World Health Organization. As regards the World Health Foundation in Switzerland, the text of the Act of Foundation has now been finalized but incorporation is awaiting decision regarding the membership of the Foundation's Board of Directors. An immediate problem on which further development of these Foundations depends is the provision of funds to finance the initial period of their functioning. Various possibilities have been explored and efforts continue to obtain voluntary contributions for this purpose.

Plans are also being made for the creation of a Federation of National World Health Foundations, the purpose of which is to co-ordinate the activities of the national foundations, to facilitate the interchange of views and experiences between them and to maintain liaison with the World Health Organization. It is anticipated that the Federation would have its seat in Geneva and that office facilities would be made available to it in the new headquarters building.

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Statement of Contributions Accepted during the Period
1 May to 31 December 1965

	<u>Equivalent</u> <u>in US dollars</u>
<u>General Account for Undesignated Contributions</u>	
Central African Republic	4
Kuwait	5 600
Miscellaneous Contributions	3 759
<u>Malaria Eradication Special Account</u>	
Belgium	5 000
Finland	9 916
Greece	3 000
Kuwait	1 000
Lebanon	1 629
Liberia	3 345
Morocco	5 000
Nepal	7 122
Tunisia	1 609
Miscellaneous Contributions	1 200
<u>Special Account for Smallpox Eradication</u>	
Greece	2 000
Kuwait	2 800
Netherlands	2 222 ^{a, b}
Switzerland	23 148 ^{c, b}
Uganda	1 680
Miscellaneous Contributions	7
<u>Special Account for Medical Research</u>	
<u>Specified Activities</u>	
Israel (fellowships)	10 250 ^c
National Institutes of Health, United States of America, grants in respect of:	
Bilharziasis research, 1964-1965	44 000

^a Of which \$ 616 received as at 31 December 1965.

^b Contribution in kind held at the disposal of the Organization; this can be called forward when required.

^c Pledged but not received as at 31 December 1965.

	<u>Equivalent</u> <u>in US dollars</u>
Insecticide resistance and vector control, 1964-1965	136 500
1965-1966	27 084
Virus diseases, immunological surveys, vaccine studies, 1965	141 000
Hypovitaminosis A - xerophthalmia and keratomalacia, 1964-1966	16 250
Human Gamma-G Immunoglobulins for Intravenous Injection, 1965-1966	12 876
Vector control research: <u>Aedes aegypti</u> , 1965-1966	18 959
Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland, USA (Fellowships)	2 500
Swedish National Association against Heart and Chest Diseases (Fellowships for 1966)	14 498 ^a
Miscellaneous Contributions	50
 <u>Unspecified Activities</u>	
Miscellaneous Contributions	321
 <u>Special Account for Community Water Supply</u>	
Germany, Federal Republic of	36 500
Miscellaneous Contributions	4
 <u>Special Account for Accelerated Assistance to Newly Independent and Emerging States</u>	
Czechoslovakia (Fellowships)	26 383 ^a
 <u>Special Account for the Leprosy Programme</u>	
Deutsches Aussätzigen-Hilfswerk e.V., Würzburg, Germany	100 000 ^a
Emmaüs-Suisse, Berne, Switzerland	11 574 ^b
Order of Malta, Geneva, Switzerland	67 000 ^a
 <u>Special Account for the Yaws Programme</u>	
Campaign "Students' War Against Yaws", Canada	1 933
Miscellaneous Contributions	312

^a Pledged but not received as at 31 December 1965.

^b Of which \$ 3 858 received as at 31 December 1965.

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Financial status as at 31 December 1965

(expressed in US dollars)

	Un-designated contributions	Malaria Eradication	Smallpox	Medical Research		Community Water Supply	Assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Accelerated assistance to newly independent and emerging States	Leprosy	Yaws	Miscellaneous designated contributions	Total
				Specified activities	Unspecified activities							
BALANCE AS AT 1 JANUARY 1965	19 952	3 788 240	63 455	274 224	322 258	220 058	-	1 582	1 382	6 030	-	4 697 181
INCOME												
Stamps project		2 732										2 732
Contributions received												
Belgium		5 000										5 000
Central African Republic	4											4
Finland		19 856										19 856
Germany, Federal Republic of						36 500						36 500
Greece		9 000	4 000									13 000
India		21 000									13 500 ^a	34 500
Israel						2 000						2 000
Japan (services and supplies - Cholera Research)											132 124	132 124
Jordan (in kind)			1 400									1 400
Kuwait	5 600	1 000	2 800									9 400
Lebanon		1 629										1 629
Liberia		3 345										3 345
Madagascar (in kind)			5 102									5 102
Morocco		5 000										5 000
Nepal		7 122										7 122
Netherlands (in kind)			616									616
Pakistan		5 000						10 500				15 500
Switzerland (in kind)			9 330									9 330
Tunisia		1 609										1 609
Uganda		2 801	1 681									4 482
National Institutes of Health United States of America				550 169								550 169
Deutsches Aussätzigen-Hilfswerk e.V., Würzburg, Germany									10 000			10 000
Emmaüs-Suisse, Berne, Switzerland									13 858			13 858
Order of Malta, Geneva, Switzerland									12 500			12 500

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	Un-designated contributions	Malaria Eradication	Smallpox	Medical Research		Community Water Supply	Assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Accelerated Assistance to newly independent and emerging States	Leprosy	Yaws	Miscellaneous designated contributions	Total
				Specified activities	Unspecified activities							
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (continued)												
Swedish National Association against Heart and Chest Diseases (fellowships)				14 498								14 498
The Wellcome Trust London (for studies of strains of Leishmania in Brazil)											23 800 ^b	23 800
Miscellaneous	4 177	4 528	7	2 575	3 121	19				6 918	1 980 ^b	23 325
ADJUSTMENTS												
Argentina (cancellation of donation liquid vaccine)			(24 096)									(24 096)
Laos (part 1964 donation transferred to Headquarters Building Fund)						(250)						(250)
Sub-total	29 733	3 877 862	64 295	841 466	325 379	258 327	-	12 082	37 740	12 948	171 404	5 631 236
Less: Estimated 1965 obligations	-	999 988	24 948	731 966	206 876	75 989	-	5 250	6 358	-	165 244	2 216 619
BALANCE AVAILABLE	29 733	2 877 874	39 347	109 500	118 503	182 338	-	6 832	31 382	12 948	6 160	3 414 617
CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED												
Chile (in kind)			3 500 ^c									3 500
Czechoslovakia								26 383				26 383
Israel (fellowships)				10 250				10 250				20 500
Ivory Coast					2 000							2 000
Jordan (in kind)			57 260 ^c									57 260
Netherlands (in kind)			1 606 ^c									1 606
Switzerland (in kind)			23 148 ^c									23 148
United States of America National Institutes of Health				250 000								250 000
United States of America Deutsches Assätzigen-Hilfs-werk e.V., Würzburg, Germany									140 000			140 000
Emmaüs-Suisse, Berne, Switzerland									47 716			47 716
Order of Malta, Geneva, Switzerland									107 000			107 000

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	Un-designated contributions	Malaria Eradication	Smallpox	Medical Research		Community Water Supply	Assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Accelerated Assistance to newly independent and emerging States	Leprosy	Yaws	Miscellaneous designated contributions	Total
				Specified activities	Unspecified activities							
CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED (continued)												
Swedish National Association against Heart and Chest Diseases (fellowships)				14 498								14 498
Various laboratories, United Kingdom (polio vaccine)											169 000 ^c	169 000
Miscellaneous		6 300										6 300
TOTAL	-	6 300	85 514	1 338 745	2 000	-	-	36 633	294 716	-	169 000	1 932 908

^a in kind - cholera vaccine.

^b for aid in medical education.

^c Contributions in kind held at the disposal of the Organization; these can be called forward when required.