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COORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM:
HEALTH ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN CYPRUS

Report by the Director-General

This report is submitted in response to resolution WHA30.26, and concerns the continuing health assistance provided by UNHCR and WHO to the north and south sectors of cyprus during the period April 1977 - March 1978.

It gives information on funds made available by UNHCR under the programme of United Nations Humanitarian Assistance in Cyprus. It also provides information on funds made available to the Government of Cyprus by WHO from its regular budget.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Thirtieth World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA30.26, requested the Director-General "to continue and intensify health assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Cyprus, in addition to any assistance made available within the framework of the efforts of the Coordinator of United Nations Humanitarian Assistance in Cyprus, and to report to the Thirty-first World Health Assembly on such assistance".

1.2 The Director-General's report to the Thirtieth World Health Assembly (document A30/31) described the assistance provided during the period April 1976 to March 1977 to the north and south sectors of Cyprus. The present report deals with the joint UNHCR/WHO action undertaken to meet the health and medical needs of refugees and displaced persons in the island during the period 1977-1978. It also provides information on the funds made available by UNHCR and WHO for that purpose.

2. Assistance provided and sources of funds

2.1 In June 1977 a WHO malariologist was sent to Cyprus to investigate the malaria situation in the whole island and to recommend the necessary action to prevent the reintroduction of malaria.

2.2 In July 1977 UNHCR made available US\$ 46 500 for the purchase of vaccines, insecticides and other supplies for the north sector.

2.3 In August 1977 UNHCR made available \$ 160 000 for the procurement by WHO of medical and technical equipment for the north sector and \$ 261 600 for the south sector.

2.4 In March 1978 UNHCR made available \$ 505 000 for the procurement of pharmaceutical and medical supplies for Cyprus and have promised additional \$ 495 000 making a total of \$ 1 000 000, of which \$ 700 000 for the north and \$ 300 000 for the south sector.

2.5 From its regular budget WHO made available to the Government of Cyprus \$ 123 390 in 1977 and \$ 178 500 in 1978.

2.6 Cooperation between WHO and UNHCR will be maintained to assist the health authorities in the north and south sectors of Cyprus in meeting the health needs of the population in the present situation.

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