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HEALTH ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN CYPRUS

Report by the Director-General

This report is submitted in accordance with resolution WHA32.18 and concerns the continuing health assistance provided by UNHCR and WHO to Cyprus during the period April 1979 - March 1980. Information is given on the funds made available by UNHCR under the programme of United Nations Humanitarian Assistance in Cyprus, and by WHO from its regular budget.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Thirty-second World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA32.18, 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-third World Health Assembly on such assistance".

1.2 The Director-General's report to the Thirty-second World Health Assembly (document A32/24 Rev.1) described the assistance provided to Cyprus during the period April 1978 - March 1979. The present report deals with the joint UNHCR/WHO action undertaken to meet the health and medical needs of refugees and displaced persons in Cyprus during the period April 1979 - March 1980. 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 From its regular budget in 1979 WHO made available to Cyprus a total of US\$ 98 700.

2.2 Technical collaboration was extended with the provision of medical supplies and equipment for rehabilitation and the development of health services.

2.3 WHO awarded a considerable number of fellowships for health personnel under the general fellowships allocation.

2.4 The Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean took steps to strengthen the measures for malaria control in Cyprus. To guard against a possible reintroduction of the disease through epidemics in neighbouring areas, larvicides, insecticides and anti-malarial drugs were provided through UNHCR assistance.

2.5 UNHCR made available US\$ 115 000 for the purchase of hospital and medical equipment for the mental wing of Nicosia General Hospital, for which WHO provided expert advice and undertook the procurement and shipment of supplies.

