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

Report by the Director-General

This report is submitted in accordance with resolution WHA37.24 and concerns the continuing health assistance provided by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and WHO to Cyprus in 1984-1985.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA37.24, 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-eighth World Health Assembly on such assistance.

1.2 The present report deals with the joint UNHCR/WHO action undertaken so far to meet the health and medical needs of refugees and displaced persons in Cyprus during the biennium 1984-1985.

2. Assistance provided and sources of funds

2.1 An international team visited the country to advise on the expanded programme on immunization and primary health care.

2.2 A sum of US\$ 204 000 is expected to be provided for 1984-1985 for the regional training centre for maintenance and repair of medical equipment, Nicosia.

2.3 During the period, WHO has so far awarded 16 fellowships for training in maintenance and repair of medical equipment, surgical instrument supply, orthopaedic surgery, quality control of drugs, pharmaceutical inspection, psychotherapy, chronic respiratory diseases, and human cytology.

2.4 The Larnaca General Hospital, built with technical advice from WHO and funds from UNHCR, was opened in March 1985.

2.5 WHO is contributing a total of US\$ 568 000 from its regular budget during the biennium 1984-1985 for various health projects.

2.6 In addition to funds from the regional regular budget the following resources are available for WHO's collaborative programmes in Cyprus: UNHCR support for the health of refugees; and funds from the World Bank and the Kuwait Fund for International Development.

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