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

Report to the Director-General

This report is submitted in accordance with resolution WHA41.22 and describes the continuing health assistance provided to refugees and displaced persons in Cyprus by WHO in collaboration with other United Nations organizations in 1988 and the first quarter of 1989.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Forty-first World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA41.22, 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 Forty-second World Health Assembly on such assistance".

1.2 The present report summarizes the assistance provided through joint action by WHO and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as well as that provided by WHO through regular support to health development with a view to meeting the health and medical needs of refugees and displaced persons in Cyprus.

2. Support provided and source of funds

2.1 UNHCR supported the construction of two hospitals in Limassol and Paphos, and WHO assisted in the provision of supplies and equipment for a radiotherapy unit, thus bringing to an end this project as part of current collaboration between UNHCR and WHO in health assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Cyprus.

2.2 The main emphasis of the national programme in 1988 with WHO collaboration and support was on health infrastructure, with particular attention to health manpower development and health science and technology, including disease prevention and control, with particular attention to cardiovascular diseases.

2.3 During 1988 a total of 15 fellowships were awarded for training in such areas as hospital and medical care administration, food quality control, nursing and midwifery, public health nursing, mental health, health education, dental health, control of pharmaceutical and biological preparations, radiology, haematology, basic medical sciences and other medical and surgical specialties.

2.4 The WHO budget provision for Cyprus for the 1988-1989 biennium amounts to US\$ 639 700.

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