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Addendum

PART ONE

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1978-1979

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Section 13. United Nations Environment Programme

Table 13.1. Analysis of programme performance at the output level

Programme of activity	Number of output								
	Programmed as in 1978-1979 budget	Programmed by sub- sequent legisla- tive mandate	Completed		In progress		Postponed	Terminated	Additional output
			As programmed	With deviations	As programmed	With deviations			
Environment	38	-	7	14	8	9	-	-	-
Total	38	-	7	14	8	9	-	-	-

Programme: Environment (A/32/6, vol. II, para. 13.42)

Percentage of output implemented as programmed: 39.5

Delays (11)

Assistance to the Capital Development Authority of Dodoma (CDA) under programme element 1.1 and the control of environmental contaminants in foods in East Africa under programme element 2.1 were delayed because of recruitment problems of qualified staff. The finalization of the FAO/WHO/UNEP food inspection manual, a component of activities carried out under programme element 2.2, was delayed. Under programme element 2.7, the implementation and co-ordination of the UNEP/FAO co-operative global programme for the development and application of integrated pest control in agriculture was delayed because of the reformulation of regional components (programme elements 2.4 and 2.6). Activities for the preparation of a pilot study on tropical forest cover monitoring and the preparation of a methodology for world assessment of soil degradation, programme elements 3.2 and 3.4, respectively, took longer than initially anticipated. Because of difficulties in recruitment activities relating to the control of water logging and salinity in the areas west of the Nubaria Canal programme element 3.3 was delayed. Since technical consultations under programme element 3.8, conservation of animal genetic resources, was scheduled for 1980, activities relating to this programme element were delayed. Under programme element 5.2, a research programme to study the role of perception attitudes and values of people in relation to environmental and developmental measures and programmes was delayed in order to obtain necessary Government clearances to complete the final report. Under programme element 7.1, activities related to regional centres for nuclear fuel were delayed to allow the co-operating agency sufficient time to complete the final report. Delays were also incurred in the procurement related to the establishment of the first Asian rural energy demonstration centre utilizing renewable sources of energy under programme element 10.4.

Reformulations (12)

Activities under programme elements 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4, co-ordination of the demonstration projects in the Philippines and Indonesia and regional activities for an integrated approach for improving slums and marginal settlements, were extensively reformulated, and new co-operative arrangements were made with UNCHS for the implementation of the ultimate phase of activities. Under programme elements 2.4 and 2.5, the activities related to the Near East and African intercountry programmes for the development and application of integrated pest control in cotton growing were reformulated to include additional demonstration and study work. Under programme element 3.1, ecological management of arid and semi-arid rangelands in Africa and the Near and Middle East, activities were reformulated to include closer integration and follow-up activities with other arid land programmes such as UNESCO's. Activities related to the conservation of forest genetic resources under programme element 3.7 were reformulated to include the establishment of conservation stands in four countries. The Mediterranean

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programme activity under programme element 4.1 was reformulated as a result of agreements reached between coastal States at the intergovernmental review meeting. Under programme element 4.7, bio-chemical studies of selected pollutants in the open waters of the Mediterranean were reformulated to include the establishment of long-term pollution monitoring and the preparation of a selected bibliography on pollution by radio-active substances. A methodological study on a comparison of energy options under programme element 7.3 was reformulated in order to develop a new strategy for the comparison of environmental impacts of various energy resources. Under programme element 10.1, staff training and teaching aids for the Arab Maritime Transport Academy, activities were reformulated to include a further refinement of teaching aids and a publication thereof. Activities planned under programme element 10.2, international programme on environmental education and training of engineers, had to be reformulated and rephased.

Section 21. Public information

Organizational unit: Department of Public Information

Table 21.1. Analysis of programme performance at the output level

Programme of activity	Number of output								
	As programmed in 1978-1979 budget	Programmed by subsequent legislative mandate	Completed		In progress		Postponed	Terminated	Additional output
			As programmed	With deviations	As programmed	With deviations			
Radio and Visual Services Division	10 923	29	10 927	-	-	24	1	-	-
Press and Publications Division	11 999	-	11 992	-	2	5	-	-	-
External Relations Division	7 142	-	7 142	-	-	-	-	-	-
Centre for Economic and Social Development	321	34	355	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	30 385	63	30 416	-	2	29	1	-	-

Presentation

21.1 The public information programme in the 1978-1981 medium-term plan was formulated along the four subprogrammes: (a) OPI coverage, (b) information in depth, (c) dissemination and (d) system-wide co-operation; and four organizational units of the Department of Public Information contributed to each of the four subprogrammes from their respective areas of information work. In the 1978-1979 programme budget, the public information programme was presented by the organizational units, the three Divisions and the Centre for Economic and Social Information, so that each of the four units contains the descriptions of the relevant parts of the four subprogrammes which fall within its responsibility. The presentation of the programme performance information is organized according to the organizational lines of the Department.

21.2 However, the programme narrative in the 1978-1979 budget did not, in the majority of cases, provide adequate quantifiable information at the programme element level about the planned output. In most cases, such description of the programme elements consisted of the generic names or titles of output, without any planned targets for the output; although in some periodical publications, a reliable framework for comparison with the actual output could be inferred from the implied frequency or periodicity of such publications. Consequently, the analysis of the programme performance at the output level in table 21.1, showing the number of output according to the status of completion, has been prepared along the lines of the managerial data used in the process of the implementation of the programme, which is obviously more detailed and developed than the titles of output appearing in the budget.

21.3 In the case of the programme activities of the Radio and Visual Services Division and the External Relations Division, the programme performance statistics used for the managerial purposes are not necessarily limited to the output indicators but are also oriented towards the description of the users or beneficiaries of the information services provided. In some cases, the units of measurement of output, e.g., hours of radio transmission services, used for management purposes, cannot be aggregated in a meaningful manner with the numerical indicators of output. Therefore, in addition to the tabular presentation (table 21.1), some supplementary statistical information was provided in respect of the two divisions in table 21.2. In the latter table the description of the types of output and services and the related units of measurement are given.

21.4 It should also be mentioned that every effort was made to avoid double counting of the number of output. However, in view of the presentation of the analysis of programme performance by the organizational units and the subprogramme structure reflecting different stages in the production and delivery of output to the users, for instance, information in depth and dissemination, the potential for such double counting is always there.

Explanation of deviations

Programme: Radio and Visual Services Division (A/32/6, vol. II, paras. 21.4-21.16)

Percentage of output implemented as programmed: 99.8

Delays (24)

21.5 Under subprogramme 2 (para. 21.9), six special information programmes on Namibia in four languages were not produced because of a delay in the approval of the topics of the programmes by the United Nations Council for Namibia and subsequent difficulties in securing the services of a qualified writer and producer. The programmes will be completed during the first half of 1980.

Not commenced (1)

21.6 Under subprogrammes 1 and 2 (paras. 21.5, 21.13 and 21.15), production of news and feature programmes in Hindi was envisaged but not commenced because the post approved for this purpose remained vacant. Efforts are being made to recruit a suitable candidate in 1980.

Programme: Press and Publications Division (A/32/6, vol. II, paras. 21.17-21.29)

Percentage of output implemented as programmed: 99.9

Delays (5)

21.7 Under subprogramme 2 (para. 21.20), of the 18 issues of Objective: Justice envisaged, 5 issues (3 in French and 2 in English) were not published because of lack of funds.

Table 21.2. Supplementary statistics on the output and users of the Radio and Visual Services Division and the External Relations Division during the 1978-1979 biennium

Types of output or users	1978-1979
A. <u>Radio and Visual Services Division</u>	
News despatches, interviews, other information (number of news packages)	2 590
Photo and exhibits produced:	
(a) Display sets (number)	39 000
(b) Wall sheets (number)	38 500
(c) Microfiches (number of copies)	4 300
Exhibits at Headquarters and Geneva (number of persons who viewed them)	Over 3 260 000
Radio coverage of meetings (number of pages):	
(a) Daily news	5 200
(b) Weekly summaries	104
Radio news material distributed for short-wave transmission in 13 languages (number of hours)	774
Radio news material produced for news casts delivered in 11 languages (number of broadcasting hours)	440
Information material of analytical and feature programming produced in 11 languages (number of hours)	393
Radio news material of news programmes produced in 9 languages (number of hours)	583
Special anti-apartheid programmes for broadcasts to South Africa in 6 languages (number of hours)	760

Table 21.2 (continued)

Types of output or users	1978-1979
Broadcast material on tape or disc distributed (approximate number of hours):	
(a) By air mail or pouch	50 000
(b) By line, telephone or radio circuit	1 000
Inquiries received from short-wave listeners and answered (approximate number of letters answered)	4 000
B. <u>External Relations Division</u>	
Briefing summaries distributed (number of copies)	175 000
Press releases issued by information centres (number of units)	5 140
Inquiries answered by information centres' libraries (number of inquiries)	126 464
Information provided at special requests from the field (number of requests met)	1 800
Newsletters and other information materials distributed by mail or direct by information centres (number of units)	690 119
Briefings at Headquarters (number of briefings)	2 191
Special films shown (number of showings):	663
(a) Guided tours	63 750
(b) Number of visitors	1 274 720
