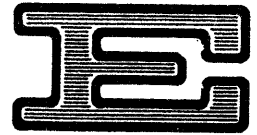




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FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMME

EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES SUPPORTING THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMME

Note by the Executive Secretary

During 1985, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) made use of extrabudgetary resources from different contributors in support of activities financed from the regular budget. Excluding the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities which is the subject of a separate submission under document E/ESCWA/13/9/Add.2, these resources are estimated at \$US 1,546,649.

The main contributors of extrabudgetary resources for the year 1985 were the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD) in addition to the Government of the Netherlands and the Government of France. Furthermore, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) supported ESCWA by financing posts to strengthen different programmes.

The resources utilized for 1985 were as follows:

UNDP	566,057
UNFPA	504,347
UNIFEM	318,423
UNFSSTD	20,048
Government of the Netherlands	71,279
Government of France	66,495

In addition, the following staffing resources were financed by FAO, HABITAT, UNEP and UNIDO in 1985:

	<u>Professional posts</u>	<u>General Service posts</u>	<u>Regional advisors posts</u>	<u>Total</u>
FAO	3			3
HABITAT	2	1		3
UNEP	1			1
UNIDO	2	1	1	4

2. Consolidated expenditures for the biennium 1984-1985 are shown in annex I. The combined status of trust funds as of 31 December 1985 is shown in annex II.

3. The utilization of the extrabudgetary resources available to the Commission during 1985 is briefly described in the following pages.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Development of Statistical Services

Project title : Household Survey Services in Western Asia (ongoing)

Project number : RAB/80/009/I/01/55

Source of funds : United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Type of activity : National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP) Training Course

Description : The ongoing NHSCP project continued to provide technical assistance to participating governments to develop continuous and integrated household surveys that can provide vital information required for national development plans, policies and programmes. The NHSCP project document was prepared for the Government of Qatar, which approved it and agreed to provide the necessary funds for the execution of project. The first and second revisions of the Syrian NHSCP project were completed. Redrafting of project document on women's participation in development in Democratic Yemen was completed, including a set of questionnaires.

A seminar on Household Expenditures and Income Survey was conducted in Bahrain from 16 to 19 September 1985. The ESCWA-NHSCP team presented technical background papers to the Seminar on Population Censuses which was held in Baghdad from 1 to 12 December 1985.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 394,503

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Development Issues and Policies

Subprogramme : Plan Harmonization and Regional Co-operation

Project title : The Arab Planning Institute - Phase II - Kuwait (completed)

Project number : RAB/77/002/I/01/55

Source of funds : UNDP

Type of Activity : Training Course, Seminars, Studies and Lectures

Description : During the period under review UNDP assistance to the Arab Planning Institute (API) was limited to the provision of the funds for fellowships with the objective of establishing the Institute's own research and academic staff. In this connection, ESCWA as an executing agency, assisted the Institute in administering the Fellowship Programme in close collaboration with the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD).

In 1985 two fellowships were awarded for research assistants of the Institute to pursue higher studies abroad. Upon completion of their studies these fellows are expected to return to the Institute and undertake lecturing and research activities on selected problems of economic and social development which are of special significance to the participating countries.

The Institute continued to provide an annual training programme in comprehensive development planning as well as a number of short-term courses, seminars and workshops in specialized development areas of planning, administration and management. The UNDP assistance to the Institute came to an end in December 1984. However, funds were obliged to finance the studies of two fellows, to be completed in 1985. A mission was undertaken to API to finalize the terminal report of the project.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 27,389.

Country : Yemen Arab Republic

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Development of Statistical Services

Project title : Development of Statistical Services in the Yemen Arab Republic (ongoing)

Project number : YEM/77/005/Q/01/01

Source of funds : UNDP

Type of Activity : Statistical Services

Description : The development objective of the project is to strengthen the technical and administrative capabilities of government organization to meet the growing requirements of planned economic and social development. The immediate objectives are to develop and implement a plan for reorganization and strengthening of the Department of Statistics through staff development and training; setting up regional branches and establishing effective statistical units within different ministries; to undertake an integrated programme of household surveys to provide basic data in various socio-economic fields; to build up a system for the collection and compilation of economic statistics from surveys of establishments and administrative sources; and, above all, to provide urgently needed data for the formulation and follow-up of the Five-Year Development Plan.

Publication(s) : - Analysis and evaluation of Pilot Household Survey of November 1981.

- Memorandum on Basic Tables on establishments to be produced out of census questionnaire in accordance with ISIC classification adopted for YAR.

- Memorandum on Foreign Trade Statistics.

- Memorandum on planned field surveys after February 1986 census.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 144,165.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Population

Subprogramme :

Project title : Regional Advisory Services and Training in Demographic Data Collection and Analysis

Project number : RMI-85-PO1

Source of funds : United Nations Fund for Population Activities

Type of Activity :

Description : This project consists of the following activities:

(i) Provision of short-term regional advisory services to assist governments of the ESCWA region to increase administrative and technical capacity in demographic data collection and analysis. These services included in this project are rendered through two regional advisors, one in population statistics and the other in demography.

(ii) Regional Seminar on Conducting Population Censuses in the ESCWA region. This seminar was convened in Baghdad, from 1 to 5 December 1985 by ESCWA. All ESCWA member States were invited to the seminar and the final report which included recommendations, was adopted by the First Meeting of the Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region, Baghdad, from 3 to 5 December 1985.

(iii) Training Workshop on Demographic Software. The software packages will include mortality analysis, fertility estimation and population projection. Some preliminary refresher instruction in demographic theory and methodology will precede the actual presentation and use of the demographic software.

Two participants will be invited from each of the member countries.

The 15-day workshop is due to be held in October 1986. Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD) Computer Software for Population Activities will provide technical assistance.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 160,518.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Population

Subprogramme : Population and Development Policy

Project title : Seminar on Population Forecasts for Urban Planning and Management (ongoing)

Project number : RMI-80-P04

Source of funds : United Nations Fund for Population Activities

Type of Activity :

Description : This seminar is designed to be policy-oriented and the audience will be officials from the capital cities of the region involved in the decision-making process.

The approach is one of applied demography rather than one of technical or measurement problems linked to the production of demographic projections, i.e., what are the needs of the demographic projections' users and to what extent the demographer is able to meet these needs.

Five cities have been chosen for an in-depth study. The ESCWA population programme, in close collaboration with the human settlements programme, prepared the outline of the five in-depth studies. For each of the five cities, ESCWA, in agreement with local authorities, recruited two or three consultants who are undertaking the indepth study. The Commission is preparing a consolidated report based on the five case-studies. This report will have to underscore the issues in a comparative perspective. The Seminar is rescheduled for the fourth quarter of 1986.

Publications : Proceedings of the Seminar

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 14,560.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Population

Subprogramme :

Project title : ESCWA Publications and Documentation

Project number : RMI-85-PO2

Source of funds : United Nations Fund for Population Activities

Type of Activity :

Description : This project contains the following elements:

(a) The expansion of information base for undertaking population research in the region;

(b) The establishment of automated population documentation and related activities;

(c) The publication and dissemination of books, monographs journals of direct relevance for policy-making and training in the region.

Publications : - Demographic and Related Socio-Economic Data Sheets, issue No. 4.

- The Arabic version of International Migration in The Arab World.

- The Arabic section of The Multilingual Demographic Dictionary.

- The Population Bulletin of ESCWA, issues Nos. 26 and 27. Both in English and Arabic.

- Technical papers on:

a. "Population Projections for Nationals and some of its consequences on labour force and education in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and United Arab Emirates, 1980-2005."

b. "Evaluation of Censuses' Data Related to Age and Sex for Countries of the ESCWA Region, 1960-1985."

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 140,459.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Environment

Subprogramme : Environment and Development

Project title : Strengthening of the Environmental Capabilities of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ongoing)

Project number : FP/8201-78-01 (1317)

Source of funds : United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Type of Activity : --

Description : The objective of this project is to strengthen the secretariat capability in dealing with priority environmental problems in the region. Activities include provision of advice and assistance to the member States in planning and implementation of environmental programmes, identification of joint programming activities with UNEP, backstopping of ESCWA's environmental projects and reports on the state of the environment in Western Asia.

Publication(s) : (i) State of Environment Report entitled "Urbanization in Western Asia: Environmental Consequences" (E/ESCWA/ECU/85/9);

(ii) "Management of Industrial and Hazardous Wastes" (E/ESCWA/ECU/85/8);

(iii) "Environment Management Scheme for Amman, Jordan" (E/ESCWA/HS/85/2, E/ECWA/ECU/85/6);

(iv) "Development of Environmental Management in Alexandria" (E/ESCWA/HS/85/1, E/ECWA/ECU/85/5);

(v) Report on the Promotion of Environmental Management Activities in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen;

(vi) The Arabic version of the "Guidelines for Assessing Industrial Impact and Environmental Criteria for the English Siting of Industry".

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 153,722.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Development of skills for organization and participation in training workshops

Project number : IV-RMI-9-W16

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Executing agency : ESCWA

Type of Activity : Training on the skills of conducting meetings and workshops

Description : A workshop was held in Baghdad from 24 June to 4 July 1985 in co-operation with the General Federation of Arab Women for Arab participants in the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women held in July 1985 in Nairobi. The activities dealt with the skills of organizing and participating in meetings. It also dealt with United Nations conference procedures, documentation and skills for negotiations.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 13,640.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Community Self-Help Activities

Project number : IV-RMI-9-W17

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Executing agency : ESCWA

Type of Activity : Preparation of an Arabic manual on Self-Help Activities

Description : The Manual on Self-Help Activities, which is based on the case-studies undertaken in this project, is completed. It will be printed and distributed during 1986, as No. 13 of the ESCWA series on Studies on Arab Women in Development.

Expected outputs : 1. To identify, support and strengthen the existing self-help efforts of women to meet their own needs;

2. To enhance the capacities of poor urban women in order to enable them to participate in community service delivery systems not only as recipients but as designers of such systems and deliverers of the services;

3. To document activities and processes of the project in order to demonstrate the validity of its basic assumption and to use it as a guide for developing better community self-help activities.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 3,978.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Policy Formulation for Developmental Images of Women in Mass Media and Literature

Project number : IV-RMI-9-W18

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Executing agency : ESCWA

Type of Activity : Printing of case-studies on the above subject

Description : The following studies in Arabic were printed as part of the ESCWA/UNIFEM "Studies on Arab Women in Development" series:

- Mass media and the enhancement of the role of women in development;
- Image of women in Arabic novels;
- Image of women in magazines and newspapers;
- Image of Egyptian women in radio programmes;
- Image of women in Arabic films;
- Image of women in women's magazines;
- Image of women in mass media and the arts: issues and trends.

Publication(s) : Seven case studies (see above)

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 19,613.

Country : ESCWA Subregion

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Role of Rural Women in Economic Development in the ESCWA Region (Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Democratic Yemen, Yemen)

Project number : IV-RMI-O-W23

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Executing agency : ESCWA

Type of Activity : Formulation of a project proposal on self-reliance activities

Description : Egypt was selected as a pilot case-study for this project. A report on the study, rural self-reliance activities for women has been completed and is under review.

The report includes:

- (a) Details of the tested methodology and sampling;
- (b) The changing role of women in rural Egypt and problems that accompany this change;
- (c) The status of women's participation in development in rural Egypt;
- (d) Income-generating activities in which rural women in Egypt are employed;
- (e) Recommendations for future self-reliance projects for the participation of Egyptian rural women in development.

Egypt will be used as a guide for undertaking other case-studies in the coming year.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 7,500.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Technical Assistance in National Planning for Women

Project number : IV-RMI-O-W24

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Executing agency : ESCWA

Type of Activity : Printing of case-studies of seminar on above subject

Description : Three case-studies on women in national plans of Egypt, Democratic Yemen and Syria were completed.

Publication(s) : Case-studies on women in national plans have been printed and the publications are currently under distribution.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 3,064.

Country : Lebanon

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Radio programme on nutrition and food hygiene for illiterate and semi-literate women of Lebanon

Project number : IV-RMI-2-W28

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Executing agency : ESCWA

Type of Activity : Broadcasting health programmes

Description : This is an ongoing project with the following activities:

- Preparation of scripts of 26 radio programmes on health and nutritional needs;
- Recording of the programmes for transmission;
- Testing and revision of programmes;
- Broadcasting of programmes.

The project will produce twenty-six weeks (26) radio programmes of 10-15 minutes each covering the following health and nutrition issues:

- Nutrition and health;
- Consumer advice;
- The need for regular eating habits, and balanced diet;
- Conservation of nutrients;
- Food hygiene;
- Simple nutrition menus.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 18,000.

Country : Bahrain

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Identification of Priority Services for Development Planning for Women (Bahrain)

Project number : IV-RMI-2-W37

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) contribution and Government input in kind (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs)

Executing agency : ESCWA/Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Type of Activity : Field research to identify needs and potential of Bahraini women as participants in and beneficiaries of planning target group

Description : A study on the needs of women for inter-ministerial programming was completed. The Government of Bahrain adopted the study.

An Inter-Ministerial Meeting for discussion of the results of study and the necessary programming was scheduled by the Government for 21 January 1986.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 6,019.

Country : ESCWA Subregional

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : NGO Institution Building. (Oman, Democratic Yemen, United Arab Emirates and Yemen)

Project number : IV-RMI-3-W39

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and NGO Women's Association, contribution in kind

Executing agency : ESCWA

Type of Activity : The implementation of a monitoring system for non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

Description : The activities involved in this project, which is still in progress, are as follows:

1. The evaluation of the NGOs role and impact on women and on policies at the national and local levels;
2. The training of women NGO leaders in leadership and institutional administrative skills;
3. The development of programmes and activities relevant to real needs and skills acquired;
4. The development and implementation of a system for monitoring and evaluating NGO outputs.

A consultant has been contracted to undertake the field surveys with the NGOs. A guide for appraising conditions of NGOs was prepared. Women's NGOs in the four countries will be visited for the purpose of studying the conditions of the institutions during the first quarter of 1986.

A workshop will be organized to examine the results of the studies and formulate a plan of action for each NGO which will include developing the capabilities of these institutions.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 13,668.

Country : Lebanon

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Women's Rehabilitation Programme

Project number : 43-LEB/84/W01

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Executing agency : UNDP Beirut

Type of Activity : To promote training in secretarial, sewing and literacy courses

Description : This project aims at providing 100-120 women graduates with secretarial skills, teaching 100 graduates the art of sewing, equipping 25 graduates with reading and writing skills and training 25 nursemaid assistants and child-care assistants for the League's nursery.

A progress report for the period November 1984- April 1985 has been submitted to ESCWA by UNDP, the executing agency. A final report is expected early in 1986.

Expenditure for 1985 : Nil.

Country : ESCWA regional

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Directory of Arab Women Professionals for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

Project number : 45-RAB/84/W01

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Executing agency : ESCWA

Type of Activity : To identify and co-ordinate national researchers with the help of governments in the ESCWA region in order to produce a directory.

Description : This project aims at producing, "A Directory of Arab Women Professionals" in Arabic and English. In the preparation of the directory three ESCWA Governments, Bahrain, Jordan and Democratic Yemen, nominated national consultants who could undertake the collection, categorization and distribution of questionnaires. The consultants will begin their work in January 1986. Reminders have been sent to Governments who did not respond. Research and training institutions, as well as NGOs in the region, have been contacted directly to provide c.v.s of Arab Women Professionals eligible for entry into the Directory.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 6,500.

Country : ESCWA Regional

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Assistance to the Activities of Women's Organizations in Promoting Functional Literacy and Income Generation Skills (Regional)

Project number : RAB/84/W02; (WA-46)

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and Arab Labour Organization

Executing agency : Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) Arab Literacy and Adult Education Organization

Collaborating agency : ESCWA

Type of activity : The preparation of a manual to be utilized in literacy activities

Description : 1. A workshop was held in Damascus from 6 to 10 January 1985. It was organized by the ALECSO/Arab Literacy and Adult Education Organization and the Ministry of Culture, in co-operation with ESCWA.

2. ESCWA presented a paper assessing the activities undertaken by women's organizations in the field of literacy activities and proposing recommendations for strengthening these activities.

3. The workshop was attended by NGO women leaders who work mainly in the area of literacy programmes for women. They represented NGOs from 15 Arab countries. A manual for literacy and adult education programmes was formulated and adopted, with an emphasis on women's literacy. Posters were specially made for the celebration of Arab Literacy Day, 8 January 1986.

Based upon the results of the workshop, the Ministry of Education in Jordan has requested that a similar activity be held at the national level.

Expenditure in 1985 : Nil

Country : Democratic Yemen

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Participation of Women in Development

Project number : 49-PDY/84/W01

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and contribution in kind from Government of Democratic Yemen

Executing agency : ESCWA

Implementing agency : Central Statistics Organization

Collaborating agency : General Union of Yemeni Women (GUYW)

Type of activity : 1. Preparation of field study on situation of women in Democratic Yemen;

2. Formulation of a proposal for action for development planning for women;

3. Convening of inter-ministerial seminar for adoption of results of study;

4. Development planning, both general and sectoral.

Description : The project is being implemented by ESCWA in co-operation with the Central Statistical Organization. A team of experts from the ESCWA Statistics Section and women's programmes are following the implementation of the project. The design of a questionnaire has been finalized. A schedule of all the phases of the project has been prepared and it is expected that the project will be completed by the end of January 1986.

A training programme was scheduled to be convened for 100 female field data collectors from 24 December 1985 to 3 January 1986.

A manual about instructions, concepts and definitions has been prepared. The first draft of the dummy tables has also been completed.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 195,676

Country : Jordan

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Pre-prepared meals for working women in Jordan

Project number : JOR/85/W01

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and NGOs

Executing agency : ESCWA

Requesting agency : General Federation of Jordanian Women

Collaborating agency : General Federation of Jordanian Women

Type of activity : 1. Finalizing physical setting and staffing
2. Preparation of a detailed plan of work
3. Trial period for implementation
4. First evaluation and adjustment plan
5. Implementation of adjusted plan
6. Second evaluation, adjustment of plan and handing-over of project.

Description : This project deals with the catering of pre-prepared and ready-made meals for low and middle income working women. It would be a self-reliant activity undertaken by women for women. It is envisaged that the catering service will not only free working women from the time and energy spent on preparing meals but it will also improve food distribution, enhance family nutrition and provide employment for a few more women.

The project has been approved in principle. Upon the requested of UNIFEM, a consultant has been contracted to prepare a feasibility and marketing study. It is expected that the study will be completed by end of February.

Expenditure for 1985 : Nil

Country : Syrian Arab Republic

Programme : Social Development and Population

Subprogramme : Human resources development

Project title : Establishment of two pilot centres for teaching illiterate rural women

Project number : SYR/85/W01

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and General Union of Syrian Women

Executing agency : ESCWA

Requesting agency : General Union of Syrian Women

Type of activity : To promote literacy training among rural women in Syria

Description : In co-operation with the Syrian Literacy Bureau and the Ministry of Education it is expected that this project will provide an experience in literacy/vocational training for women in rural areas in Syria. It is envisaged that if the project is successful in combating illiteracy, the per-capita income of rural families and small farmers will be increased. It is also envisaged that the project will link literacy to vocational rehabilitation and prepare more women for jobs in the government and private sectors.

Attempts were made to reformulate the project in a more concrete manner and to obtain funds from the UNDP country programme and the Arab Gulf Programme for the United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND).

Expenditure for 1985 : Nil

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Industrial Development

Subprogramme : Development of Selected Industrial Branches and Identification of Regional Projects

Project title : Identification of Regional Projects in Capital Goods and Heavy Engineering Industries (Micro-Electronics)

Project number : --

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Type of activity : Workshop on "Computer Processing of the Arabic Language

Description : A meeting held in Kuwait from 14 to 16 April 1985 reviewed the situation in the ESCWA region concerning various research activities in areas related to computer processing of the Arabic language. It recommended the following priorities to be taken into consideration:

1. The promotion of Arabization of computer hardware and software;
2. Organization of a multidisciplinary task force to define the requirements for an Arabic Computerized Dictionary, i.e., lexical data base that can respond to the needs of various computational linguistics analysers;
3. The dissemination of information related to Arabic computational linguistics research and techniques;
4. The promotion of a network of regional and national institutions concerned with computer Arabization.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 7,192

Country : ESCWA region and North Africa

Programme : 3.1

Project title : Workshop on Computer Processing of the Arabic Language

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The objective of the workshop was to review in detail major issues and problems relating to the processing of the Arabic language through computers, to classify all issues and problems related to this subject and evaluate the priorities among these issues and to propose a follow-up plan that would help to converge all efforts exerted in this field towards a common attainable goal. The workshop was held from 14 to 16 April 1985. About 100 experts from the region and abroad participated. More than 50 papers were presented and reproduced in bound preliminary proceedings. Selected proceedings in Arabic and English are being prepared for publication.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 15,999

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Human Settlements
Natural Resources
Energy

Subprogramme : --

Project title : Solar Energy/Applications and Energy Conservation in Western Asia (ongoing)

Project number : --

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Type of activity : --

Description : This project is carried over from the year 1983. It aims at preparing studies and reports and at formulating projects and providing assistance to member States in the form of concrete action in five areas, namely the following:

1. Demonstration and training centre on simple solar application: This project envisages establishment of a demonstration and training section on feasible solar appliances for remote communities in the already existing training centre within the Yemeni General Electric Corporation, near Sana'a. The project was held in abeyance during 1984/1985 and it is expected to be implemented during the 1986/1987 biennium.
2. Alternative architectural designs for schools: Two missions were undertaken to Democratic Yemen during 1985 in connection with the design of daycare schools sponsored by the Ministry of Industry for its workers. Available climatic and meteorological data have been collected and work was initiated in 1985 and is expected to be completed during 1986.
3. Computer listing for data on wells: The project aims at initiating activity of computerizing the available water well data in both Yemens, and concentration will be on co-ordination, training and transfer of know-how in the ESCWA region. As a first phase of the project arrangements will be made for two trainees from Democratic Yemen to attend a one-month training course at the Water Authority of Jordan Computer Centre.
4. Energy planning: An expert group meeting on integrated energy planning was held in Amman from 30 November to 3 December 1985.

5. Non-baked bricks technology: This is an ongoing project to both Yemen and Democratic Yemen. In Yemen, the Industrial Bank of Yemen has supplied additional information during 1985 and it is expected that a feasibility study will be finalized during 1986. As regards Democratic Yemen, a feasibility study for the development of local clay as a building material was submitted to the Government in 1984 and finalized in 1985. As a result an offer to establish a factory for the production of non-baked bricks was made to the Government. Subject to stability of conditions, it is expected that the project will make further progress in the 1986/1987 biennium.

Publication (s) : Not applicable

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 19,576

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Development of Statistical Services

Project title : Statistical Abstract of the Region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ongoing)

Project number : --

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Type of activity : --

Description : Taking into consideration that ESCWA computer facilities were installed in early 1984, the immediate objectives of this project were reformulated with a view to establishing an ESCWA computerized statistical data base.

Expenditure in 1985 was on rental of software for the computer to collect data from ESCWA member States for the above purpose.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 48,586

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Public Administration and Finance

Subprogramme : Financial Resource Mobilization and Management

Project title : Regional Financial Institutions and Development Finance Need of Selected ESCWA countries in the 1980s (ongoing)

Project number : --

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Type of activity : --

Description : The objectives of the project are as follows:

(1) To examine resource availabilities and gaps in selected countries of the ESCWA region and determine external financial needs;

(2) To assess the extent and nature of Arab national/regional funds and financial institutions' involvement;

(3) To analyse the present and future role of Arab Funds in promoting regional co-operation and integration schemes;

(4) To study the economics of regional financing and the evolving international financial system;

(5) To propose measures aimed at enhancing the role of regional funds in the process of economic and social development of the ESCWA region.

During 1985 a consultant visited six ESCWA member countries, viz, Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt. His report is expected to be completed soon.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 5,500

Country : ESCWA region
Programme : Science and Technology
Subprogramme : Strengthening of National Scientific and Technological Capabilities
Project title : Scientific and Technological Co-operation with Western Asia
Project number : --
Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands
Type of activity : --

Description : The landmark of this project is that it has brought together five main scientific research centres from the ESCWA region. The centres are.

- (1) The Royal Scientific Society (RSS), Jordan;
- (2) Saudi Arabia National Centre of Science and Technology (SANCST), Saudi Arabia;
- (3) Kuwait institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Kuwait;
- (4) Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT), Egypt;
- (5) Iraqi Scientific Research Council (ISRC), Iraq;

Each centre prepared a position paper offering suggestions for scientific research and for implementation through co-operation with other scientific research centres.

An Expert Group Meeting on Scientific and Technological Co-operation Among Western Asia Countries was held in Baghdad from 1 to 3 October 1985, to identify priorities and co-operation on scientific research in the region. During the meeting, a report was prepared. The proposed project will be presented for funding to financing agencies inside and outside of the region.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 32,775.

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Industrial Development

Subprogramme : Development of Selected Industrial Branches and Identification of Regional Projects

Project title : Identification of Regional Projects in Capital Goods and Heavy Engineering Industries (Automotive Industries) (ongoing)

Project number : --

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Type of activity : --

Description : In 1985, an industry profile report was prepared on automotive equipment. The report covered all aspects of the development of automotive equipment. It was supplemented by project profiles from a developing country and in this case India.

With regard to the preparation of a feasibility study of the high-speed diesel engine, the work of the joint task force of ESCWA, the Arab Industrial Development Organization (AIDO), the Arab Fund and the Arab Industrial Investment Company (AIIC) was continued. Recommendations are being made for the appointment of a consultant to prepare the report.

The Third Arab Entrepreneurs Conference which was to be held in Kuwait in December 1985, has been rescheduled to April 1986.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 33,004

Country : Bahrain

Programme : Development Issues and Policies in Western Asia

Subprogramme : Special measures in favour of the least developed countries of the region

Project title : Assistance in perspective planning: country and regional models (ongoing)

Project number : --

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Type of activity : --

Description : The macro-econometric model for Bahrain was completed in September 1985. The Government of Bahrain approved a project proposal, "Training in Computer Techniques in Econometric Modelling". It is envisaged that this training will commence in early 1986.

Expenditure for 1985 : Nil

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Industrial Development

Subprogramme : Development of Selected Industrial Branches and Identification of Regional Projects

Project title : Identification of Regional Projects in Capital Goods and Heavy Engineering Industries (Micro-electronics) (ongoing)

Project number : --

Source of funds : Government of France

Type of activity : --

Description : As agreed on in the memorandum of understanding signed in 1984 between ESCWA and the Government of France the latter's contribution will be used for staff travel on various missions related to the development of informatics and micro-electronics in the Arab countries. Moreover a consultancy was allocated to carry out a study on the "R & D needs in informatics other than in Arabization". The project includes missions to selected Arab countries and a study on the needs on various R&D institutions in the region and ways and means to respond to these needs.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 20,000

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Human Settlements
Natural Resources

Subprogramme : --

Project title : Solar Energy Applications and Energy Conservation in
Western Asia (ongoing)

Project number : --

Source of funds : Government of France

Type of activity : --

Description : This project is carried over from the year 1983. It
aims at preparing studies and reports and at
formulating projects and providing assistance to
member States in the form of concrete action in three
areas, namely the following:

(1) Demonstration and training centre on simple
solar applications: This project envisages
establishment of a demonstration and training section
on feasible solar appliances for remote communities
in the already existing training centre within the
Yemeni General Electric Corporation, near Sana'a.
The project was held in abeyance during 1984/1985 and
it is expected to be implemented during the 1986/1987
biennium.

(2) Alternative architectural design for schools:
Two missions were undertaken to Democratic Yemen
during 1985 in connection with the design of daycare
schools sponsored by the Ministry of Industry for its
workers. Available climatic and meteorological data
etc. have been collected and design work was
initiated in 1985 and is expected to be completed
during 1986.

(3) Non-baked bricks technology: This is an ongoing
project to both Yemen and Democratic Yemen. In
Yemen, the Industrial Bank of Yemen supplied
additional information during 1985 and it is expected
that a feasibility study will be finalized during
1986. As regards Democratic Yemen, a feasibility
study for the development of local clay as a building
material was submitted to the Government in 1984 and
finalized in 1985. As a result an offer to establish
a factory for the production of non-baked bricks was
made to the Government. Subject to stability of
conditions, it is expected that the project will make
further progress in the 1986/1987 biennium.

Expenditure for 1985 : Nil

Country : ESCWA region

Programme Statistics

Subprogramme Statistical Development

Project title ESCWA Statistical Data Base: Preparatory Phase

Source of funds Government of France

Description The immediate objective of this project is to build up for ESCWA a computerized statistical data base. A data processing associate expert was hired to conduct the pilot study which aims at: (i) identifying and solving the general problems which may be encountered during the build up of the data base; and (ii) developing a guideline for the future implementation of the project.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 46,495

Country : Egypt, Jordan

Programme Human Settlements

Subprogramme ---

Project title Strengthening Urban Environmental Management Capabilities (ongoing)

Project number ---

Source of funds Government of France

Type of activity ---

Description

As agreed on in the memorandum of understanding between ESCWA and the Government of France, the project aims at assessing the actual environmental management capabilities of the municipalities of Alexandria and Amman, identifying priorities for action and putting forward proposals for international technical co-operation.

A first joint mission, including a representative of the city of Marseille, was sent to Alexandria in November 1984. A second joint mission was sent in March 1985 to Amman with the participation of the city of Bordeaux.

The two mission reports have been completed and forwarded to the concerned bodies. They will be followed by visits to the counterpart cities in France by officials of Alexandria and Amman.

Expenditure for 1985 : Nil

Country: : ESCWA, National - Democratic Yemen

Programme : Industrial Development

Subprogramme : 1.2 Industrial Programming for least Developed Countries

Project title : Ministerial Solidarity Meeting for Co-operation in the Industrial Development of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

Project number : --

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Type of activity : --

Description : The aim of this project is to assist the industrial development of Democratic Yemen through economic and industrial co-operation with other developing countries. UNIDO, AIDO, and ESCWA, in co-operation with the Government of Democratic Yemen, are the organizers of this meeting which was scheduled originally to be held in Aden during 9 to 11 December 1985.

In accordance with the "Note of Understanding" agreed among the organizing parties, ESCWA prepared project profiles for eight projects to be submitted to the Meeting. Such project profiles incorporate, among other things, the type of assistance sought from the participants. In addition, ESCWA, in co-operation with AIDO prepared a country paper in Arabic and English to serve as a background paper to the meeting.

The project profiles and introductory policy paper which prepared by ESCWA were discussed thoroughly in the follow-up meeting held in Vienna from 16 to 20 August 1985. In this follow-up meeting all matters related to solidarity were discussed and agreed upon by the organizing parties.

Another follow-up meeting was held in Aden from 23 November to 25 November 1985, to review the preparatory activities related to the solidarity meeting. Due to low response from the invited countries, it was decided by the organizing parties to reschedule the solidarity meeting from 9 to 13 February 1986. However, due to recent events in Democratic Yemen, the solidarity meeting has been postponed pending the agreement of the organizing parties on a new date.

Expenditure for 1985 : \$US 15,000

Annex I

EXPENDITURE FROM EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES DURING THE BIENNIUM 1984/1985

	Expenditure for 1984-1985 (in US dollars)
<u>United Nations extrabudgetary resources earmarked for projects</u>	
ESCWA as executing agency for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities	899,554
UNFPA	110,160
ESCWA as executing agency for the United Nations Development Programme	1,053,753
ESCWA as associated agency for UNDP	314,751
United Nations Development Fund for Women	415,989
Special Account for Programme Support Costs (locally administered)	267,448
<u>Government contributions in support of technical co-operation</u>	
Government of France	109,320
Government of the Netherlands	163,765

The status of trust funds as at 31 December 1985 is shown in Annex II.

The status of the utilization of the resources of the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities is submitted in document E/ESCWA/13/9/Add.2.

ANNEX II

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1985

(in United States dollars)

	TRUST FUND FOR ESCWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES	GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE	TOTAL
I. STATEMENT OF ASSETS				
LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE				
<u>ASSETS</u>				
- Cash	469,775	325,898	139,534	935,207
- Accounts receivable	6,262	-	-	6,262
- Due from United Nations General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total Assests	476,037	325,898	139,534	941,469
LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE				
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
- Accounts payable	-	-	-	-
- Unliquidated obligations	18,161	48,337	18,613	85,111
- Reserve for repatriation grant	-	-	1,904	1,904
- Due to United Nations General Fund	21,011	11,807	11,741	44,559
Total Liabilities	39,172	60,144	322,58	131,574
<u>UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE</u>				
- Balance available 1 January 1984	476,385	297,232	48,008	821,625
- ADD: Net excess of income over expenditure (see below)	(39,520)	(31,478)	59,268	(11,730)
- Balance available	436,865	265,754	107,276	809,895

	TRUST FUND FOR ESCWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES	GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE	TOTAL
- Total liabilities and unencumbered fund balance as at 31 December 1985	476,037	325,898	139,534	941,469
II. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD OF THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985 ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1985				
<u>INCOME</u>				
- Public Donations	15,000	-	-	15,000
- Contributions	-	69,700	168,105	237,805
- Interest income	75,782	48,301	14,695	138,778
- Miscellaneous income	794	35,575	-	36,369
- Income from pledged contributions	-	-	-	-
Total income	91,576	153,576	182,800	427,952
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
- Staff and other personnel costs	42,042	147,314	99,988	289,344
- Travel	61,171	13,347	7,889	82,407
- Contractual services	-	3,100	-	3,100
- Fellowships, grants, other	-	-	-	-
- Acquisitions	-	-	-	-
- Operating expenses	12,801	4	1,443	14,248
- Administrative overhead	15,082	21,289	14,212	50,583
Total expenditure	131,096	185,054	123,532	439,682
Excess of income over expenditure	(39,520)	(31,478)	59,268	(11,730)

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