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THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMMES

Extrabudgetary resources supporting the Commission's programmes

Note by the Executive Secretary

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1. For the biennium from 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1983, the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) disbursed extra-budgetary resources, excluding the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities, estimated at \$US 7,068,511, and received in kind assistance estimated at \$US 1,590,000.

2. The major contributors of the extrabudgetary resources were the Government of Iraq, the Government of Lebanon, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTO), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the Government of the Netherlands, the Government of France and the European Economic Commission (EEC).

3. A description of the extrabudgetary activities undertaken, excluding those of the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities, as well as the resources provided, is presented below:

I. THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ

4. The Government of Iraq contributed, in addition to the construction of the buildings, the equivalent \$US 2,741,600 for the purchase of furniture, equipment and beautification of the headquarters of the Commission during the biennium 1982-1983.

II. THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON

5. The Government of Lebanon contributed in 1982 the equivalent of \$US 128,205 to assist in meeting the operating expenses of the Commission from 1 January 1982 to 30 June 1982.

III. THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

6. Expenditures for the biennium 1982-1983 for activities financed by UNDP are estimated at \$US 1,422,791.

7. The Programme of activities supported by the UNDP is as follows:

(a) The Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait -- the provision of fellowships;

(b) The Arab Institute for Banking and Financial Studies -- studies and feasibility document for the establishment of the institute;

(c) The development of statistical services in Yemen -- provision of experts, consultant, support personnel services and equipment to strengthen the capabilities of the Statistical Department of the Central Planning Organization, and to strengthen the statistical units in various ministries and governmental organizations and develop a comprehensive statistical system to provide economic and social statistics on a regular basis;

(d) National Household survey in Western Asia -- provide assistance to the participating countries in the region to increase the capability of their statistical organizations in the design, execution and data processing of household surveys;

(e) Preparatory assistance for an intra-regional maritime information system in the ECWA region -- study the feasibility of creating an intraregional maritime information system.

IV. THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES

8. For the biennium 1982-1983, disbursements for activities funded by the UNFPA are estimated at \$US 974,019.

9. The programme of activities is as follows:

(a) Population Bulletin of ECWA -- cost of preparation and issuance of the Bulletin in 40 for 1 semi-annually;

(b) Infrastructure support -- provision of substantive personnel, administrative support personnel, equipment and travel funds for basic infrastructure support of the population programme of ECWA;

(c) Publication and clearing-house -- provision of personnel and equipment for the operation and maintenance of a document research centre on population;

(d) Demography -- provision of a regional adviser on demography;

(e) Population statistics -- provision of a regional adviser on population statistics;

(f) Arabic Manual of Population Terminology -- provision of a regional adviser.

V. THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)

10. During the biennium 1982-1983 FAO provided four Professional posts, and resources for travel and miscellaneous services to strengthen the ECWA food and agricultural programme. The FAO contribution is estimated at \$US 768,000.

VI. THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

11. The costs of activities financed by the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women for the biennium 1982-1983 are estimated at \$US 698,973.

12. The activities supported by this Fund are:

(a) Policy formulation for developmental images of women in mass media and literature -- convening of a workshop for providing policy guidelines for the mass media and identifying stereotyped images of women;

(b) Technical assistance in national planning for women -- case studies on existing national policy and planning guidelines on recommendations for additional programmes on women in various sectors;

(c) Women workers in the National Handicraft Programme -- assess the situation of Yemeni women and identify programmes of assistance;

(d) Production of communication and audio-visual materials for female extension programmes -- train 20 extension workers in technique of producing audio-visual materials for rural programme;

(e) Institutional development for rural women in south Lebanon -- provide women in villages with skills relevant to self-help activities, co-operative management and dairy production;

(f) Education and training for income generation in Lebanon -- provide training and equipment for workshops on commercial sewing, secretarial skills and other professions;

(g) Identification of priority services for development planning for women -- collection of data and field study to identify needs and potentials of Bahraini women;

(h) Non-governmental-organizations (NGOs) institution building -- evaluate and strengthen NGOs in the region through training in leadership roles, administrative planning and programming skills.

VII. THE UNITED NATIONS FINANCING SYSTEM FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (UNFSSTD)

13. The UNFSSTD contributed \$US 558,469 in the biennium 1982-1983 for the convening of two workshops: one on strategic problems related to the transfer of technology and industrial planning, and the other on training of engineers in process and basic design engineering.

VIII. THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO)

14. The ILO provided an expert on labour issues to ECWA during the biennium 1982-1983. The cost of the expert is estimated at \$US 200,000.

IX. THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

15. The UNIDO contribution of experts to strengthen the industrial development programme of ECWA for the biennium 1982-1983 is estimated at \$US 200,000.

X. THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

16. The disbursement for the UNEP-supported programme for the biennium 1982-1983 to strengthen the environmental capabilities of ECWA is estimated at \$US 151,000.

XI. THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (Habitat)

17. The United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) disbursement for the biennium 1982-1983 totalled \$US 9,589. This represented the cost of a General Service post for the ECWA programme on human settlement.

XII. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS

18. The contributions of the Government of the Netherlands disbursed in the biennium 1982-1983 are estimated at \$US 309,313.

19. The programme of activities financed by the funds is as follows:

(a) Scientific and technology co-operation among Western Asian countries;

(b) Assistance in perspective planning, country and regional models;

(c) Study of electric power generators and turbine manufacturing;

(d) Review of major issues and implications related to the application of technological advances in micro-electronics and informatics in the ECWA region;

(e) Study and recommendations of productive joint ventures and investment opportunities in the region;

(f) The role of regional financial institutions to meet developmental finance needs;

(g) Preparation of a manual of project evaluation, including the technological criteria for project evaluation;

(h) Review of national experiences on rural development projects in selected countries of the region;

(i) Examination, evaluation and exchange of information on statistics of distribution on wealth, income and welfare in the Arab World.

XIII. THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

20. The contribution of the Government of France utilized during the biennium 1982-1983 is estimated \$US 74,462. The programme of activities financed by the Government of France during this period is as follows:

(a) French language co-ordinator;

(b) Assistance in the convening of an ad hoc in 44 for 6 expert group meeting on micro-electronics application in the ECWA region;

(c) Solar energy application and energy conservation in Western Asia.

21. In addition to the above, the Government of France provided experts in kind to assist the Commission in its work programme in solar energy and micro-electronics estimated at \$US 160,000.

XIV. THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION (EEC)

22. For the biennium 1982-1983, EEC provided an expert to work with ECWA on a research programme on energy planning in Western Asian countries. It is estimated that the cost for the expert was \$US 250,000. The EEC also provided in-kind assistance in training, which is estimated at \$US 12,000.