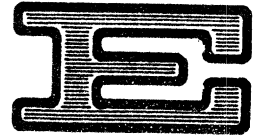




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Corrigendum

1. Page 11, under Description

Line 12

After Saudi Arabia, add Syrian Arab Republic.

Line 15

For energy potential, read wind energy potential.

Line 19

For small scale solar energy, read solar and combined solar/wind energy.

Line 25

For Information papers, read country papers.



I. INTRODUCTION

During 1986, 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 (see document E/ESCWA/14/9/Add.2), these resources are estimated at \$US 1,635,229.

The main contributors of extrabudgetary resources for the year 1986 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), 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 1986 were as follows:

	<u>US dollars</u>
UNDP	749,481
UNFPA	554,261
UNIFEM	177,299
UNFSSTD	1,993
Government of the Netherlands	49,452
Government of France	37,426
Special account for programme support cost	65,317

In addition, the following staffing resources were financed by FAO, HABITAT, UNEP and UNIDO in 1986:

	<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	3

2. Consolidated expenditures for the first year of the biennium 1986-1987 are shown in annex I. The combined status of trust funds as of 31 December 1986 is shown in annex II.

II. HISTORY OF ACTIVITIES

A. United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme contribution to ESCWA started in the year 1979. The contributions, which have amounted since then to over \$US 6 million were utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- The Arab Planning Institute
- The Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics
- International Drinking Water and Sanitation Decade
- Preparatory Assistance project for the establishment of the Arab Institute for Banking and Financial Studies
- ESCWA Regional Industrial Census Training Workshop in connection with the 1983 World Programme of Industrial Statistics
- Preparatory Assistance Project for an Intraregional Maritime Information System in the ESCWA region
- Development of Statistical Services in the Yemen Arab Republic
- National Household Survey Capability Programme. (Regional Project)
- Seminar on Solar and Wind Technology in Western Asia

B. United Nations Fund for Population Activities

The United Nations Fund for Population Activities contribution to ESCWA started in the year 1975. The contributions which have amounted since then to over \$US 2.5 million, were utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Infrastructure for the ESCWA Population Studies and Programmes Section
- Regional Adviser in Demography/Consultant in Civil Registration
- Regional Adviser in Population Statistics
- Support for ESCWA Population Bulletin
- Arabic Manual of Terminology in the Field of Population Studies
- Conference on International Migration
- Regional Conference on Population

- Seminar on Utilization of Research Findings
- ESCWA Publication and Clearing-House
- Demographic Data Collection and Analysis
- ESCWA Publication and Documentation

C. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The United Nations Development Fund for Women contribution to ESCWA started in 1978. The contributions, which have amounted since then to over \$US 4 million, were utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Training of child-care house mothers/teachers/administrators
- Integrated Development and Extension Services in Rural Areas
- Eight Country Training Workshops in Project Formulation
- Promoting Appropriate Social Services for Rural Areas
- Workshop on National Development Planning for Integration of Women in Development
- Regional Plan of Action for Integration of Women in Development
- Flexible Funding for Supplementary Technical Assistance of Country Projects
- Integrated Rural Development and co-operatives
- Establishment of a Training Centre for Women Working in Nurseries and Day-Care Centres
- Preparation of Prototype Educational Materials for Women's Extension Programmes
- Women's Component in Community Development and Primary Health Services in Rural Areas
- Participation of Women in National Development (Phase II)
- Skill Development in Integrated Social Work for NGO (non-governmental organizations) Workers
- Radio for Women's Informal Education in Health
- Improving Animal and Poultry Stock and Processing Food Products
- Improving Rural Women's Skills
- Development of Skills for Organization and Participation in Training Workshops

- Community Self-Help Activities (Egypt, Jordan, Iraq)
- Policy Formulation and Developmental Images of Women in Mass Media and Literature
- Workshop on Experimental Training Methodologies for Trainers of Rural Development Workers
- Logistic Support for ESCWA's Women Development Programme
- Role of Rural Women in Economic Development in the ESCWA Region
- Technical Assistance in National Planning for Women
- Women's Component in Pastoral Community Assistance and Development
- Alternative Skills and Services for Women's NGOs in Southern Lebanon
- Assistance to a community college
- Spot-Light T.V. Programmes for Women (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan)
- Women Workers in the National Handicrafts Programme
- Maintenance Skills for Electrical Appliances
- Production of Communication and Audio-visual Materials for Female Extension Workers
- Women Workers in National handicrafts
- Institutional Development for Rural Women in Southern Lebanon
- Education and Training for Income Generation
- Identification of Priority Service for Development Planning for Bahrain
- NGO Institution Building
- Women's Workshop for Toy Production
- Skills for National Planning for Women
- Community Action for Disadvantaged Rural Women
- Women's Rehabilitation Programme
- Identification of Priority Needs and Services for Development Planning for Women in Democratic Yemen
- Directory of Arab Women Professionals in the Region for Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries

- Assistance to the Activities of Women's Organizations in Promoting Functional Literacy and Income Generation Skills
- Impact of Women Representatives in the National Legislative Bodies and Trade Unions
- Feasibility Study on Pre-prepared Meals for Working Women
- Women Workers in National Handicrafts Programme
- Establishment of Two Pilot Centres for Teaching Illiterate Rural Women
- Production of T.V. Education Programmes for Literacy Follow-up for Women
- Regional Training Module for Women in Integrated Rural Development
- Developing a Regional Training Programme for Women Trainers Specialized in the Socialization of Children
- Guide for Arab Women on Legislation Related to Personal Status, Family and Employment Laws and Procedures
- Preparatory Assistance, Monitoring and Evaluation Mission
- Pre-Project Marketing Study for Income Generating Skills for Women Settlers in Newly Reclaimed Lands.
- Organizing Self-Help Groups to Promote Income Generation Among Poor Women
- Introduction of Biogas Technology in Democratic Yemen

D. Government of the Netherlands

The contribution of the Government of the Netherlands to ESCWA started in 1977. The contributions, which amounted since then to over \$US 1 million were utilized by ESCWA in support of the regular budget. The contributions were received in two forms, one providing experts in certain fields, and the second providing funds for ESCWA to undertake certain activities. The Government of the Netherlands assisted with the following projects:

- Expert in Social Affairs
- Associate Expert in Social Development
- Expert in Port and Harbour Development
- Subregional Training Programme in Public Finance and Administration
- Harmonization of National Statistical System

- Assistance in Integrated Transport Planning
- Country and Inter-country Food Security Arrangements
- Identification of Regional Industrial Projects
- Economic Co-operation and Integration
- Seminar on the Role of Consulting Engineering and Design Functions in the Development Process
- Standardization of National System
- Identification of Regional Industrial Projects
- Seminar on the Role of Consulting Engineering and Design Functions in the Development Process
- Identification of Regional Transport Projects
- Information Support for Providing TCDC (technical co-operation among developing countries)
- Assistance in Perspective Planning: Country and Regional Models
- Seminar on Statistics of Wealth, Poverty and Distribution of Income
- Manual on Project Evaluation
- Arabic Directory on TCDC
- Capital Goods Industries
- Micro-electronics in Western Asia
- Operations of Production Joint Ventures and Investment Opportunities
- Scientific and Technological Co-operation Among Countries of Western Asia
- Review of National Experience with Rural Development Projects
- Regional Financial Institutions and Development Finance Needs of Selected ESCWA Countries in the 1980s
- Development of Capital Goods and Heavy Engineering Industries
- Scientific and Technological Co-operation Among Western Asia Countries
- A programme for Training Activities to Enhance Informatics and Applications in the ESCWA region

- Network on Scientific Research in the ESCWA Region
- Introduction of Biogas Technology to Rural and Remote Areas of the Least Developed Countries
- Assessment of the Role of Local Development Associations (LDAs) in Enhancing Local Initiatives in the Yemen Arab Republic
- Training in Food Preservation and Diet Improvement at the Family Level
- Impact of Changing Conditions in the Oil Market on Energy Policy and Planning in the ESCWA Region
- Training Workshop on the Use of Micro-computers for Agricultural Project Preparation and Analysis
- Macro-econometric Planning Model for two Selected Countries: Egypt and Jordan

E. Government of France

The contributions of the Government of France to ESCWA started in 1980. The contributions, which have amounted to over \$US 400,000, were utilized by ESCWA in support of the regular budget. The contributions were received in two forms, one providing experts and the second providing funds for ESCWA to undertake certain activities. The Government of France assisted with the following projects:

- Consultancy in preparation for the meeting on wheat production and distribution: two papers on early warning systems by an agricultural expert and a remote sensing expert
- Development of Energy-efficient Building Materials (unbaked brick technology)
- Alternative Architectural Design for Schools
- Demonstration and Training Centre on Simple Solar Applications
- Urban Environmental Management in Selected Countries of the ESCWA region
- Identification of Regional Projects in Capital Goods and Heavy Engineering Industries (Micro-electronics)
- Workshop on "Computer Processing of the Arabic Language", Kuwait, April 1985
- Workshop on "The Regional Silicon Foundry and Design Centres", Algiers, 27-29 January 1986
- Energy Audit for Two Selected Cement Factories in Iraq

- Study on "Potential Market for Solar Water Heaters in Jordan"
- Services of two Associate Experts in Statistics
- Promotion of Pilot Project in the Field of Energy Conservation and Efficiency for Low-cost Housing
- Critical Review of the Concepts and Methods of Measuring the Economically Active Population
- Planning of Development and Conservation of Water Resources in the ESCWA region for Urban and Rural Water Supply and Assessment of National and Subregional Projects

F. United Nations Financing System for Science and
Technology for Development

The contributions of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development to ESCWA started in the year 1981. The contributions, which have amounted to over \$US 500,000, were utilized to finance a project entitled "Regional Training Programme for the Development of Industrial Technology Capabilities in the Petroleum Based Industries in Western Asia.

III. UTILIZATION OF EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES DURING 1986

Country : Yemen Arab Republic

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Development of Statistical Services

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

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

Source of funds : UNDP

Description : The main objective of the project is to strengthen the technical and administrative capabilities of government organizations to meet the growing requirements of planned economic and social development.

During the period under review the following main activities were undertaken:

A comprehensive plan for institutional development was prepared by the project dealing with aspects of future staff requirements, improvement of current statistics and co-operation with other Government Ministries. A revised work plan was prepared with manuals and guidelines for every sectoral department of the Department of Statistics.

In addition, manuals dealing with concepts, definitions, methodology etc. together with job descriptions for each sectoral department were also prepared, the efforts being directed at possible improvements of the Department with the currently available resources.

A report on Sample Size and Recommended Principles for Selecting Such Samples for Household Expenditure Surveys, and a report on Evaluation of Methodology Adopted in National Accounts with Recommendations for Improvement were prepared during 1986.

Report on Evaluation of Methodology adopted in National Accounts with recommendations for improvement.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 134,577

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Direct Support

Subprogramme : Institution Building

Project title : Assistance in programming for the transport and communications decade in Western Asia

Project number : RAB/86/052/A/16/55

Source of funds : UNDP

Type of activity : Transport and communications policy planning

Description : The objectives of the project are as follows:

- To assess the transport and communications situation and identify possible future trends in the region within the framework of the Transport and Communications Decade.
- To identify thrust areas for regional action.
- To propose an outline for the Transport and Communications Decade Programme in the ESCWA Region.
- To establish machinery for consultation and co-ordination on the Transport and Communications Decade Programme: (i) Inter-agency Co-ordinating Committee involving pertinent United Nations and Arab League organs and other regional organizations; (ii) National Co-ordination Committees for the harmonization between regional and national programmes of the Decade.
- To prepare a project for the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in the ESCWA Region.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Direct Support

Subprogramme : Regional Co-operation on Research, Development and Demonstration of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

Project title : Seminar on Small Scale Solar and Wind Technologies for rural and Remote Areas in the ESCWA Region

Project number : RAB/84/015/A/01/55

Source of funds : UNDP

Description : The development objectives of the project are to promote co-operation among ESCWA member States in the development and utilization of appropriate small-scale solar wind technologies for rural and remote areas and to contribute to a clearer perception of technical, economic, social and environmental implications of the application of appropriate small-scale solar and wind technologies.

In this context a one-week seminar was organized by ESCWA which was attended by representatives of the following countries: Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and the Yemen Arab Republic.

To this effect, the following papers were prepared:

- Working paper prepared by the ESCWA secretariat on energy potential and prospects for utilization in the ESCWA Region.
- Working paper prepared by ESCWA secretariat on small-scale solar energy systems for rural and remote areas in the ESCWA Region.
- Working paper prepared by the ESCWA secretariat on the experiences of North African Arab countries in the field of solar and wind energy utilization in rural and remote areas.
- Information papers on experiences of selected ESCWA countries on the present situation and prospects of utilization of small-scale solar and wind technologies for rural and remote communities.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 51,402

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Development of Statistical Services

Project title : Household Survey Services in Western Asia

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

Source of funds : UNDP

Description : Two workshops were organized by the Project in 1986, one in Cairo on data processing and the other in Amman on sampling techniques: One seminar on labour force surveys was also held in Damascus in co-ordination with the Central Bureau of Statistics of Syria. A number of technical papers on household surveys were prepared and three manuals on various subjects of household surveys were translated into Arabic.

Expenditure for 1986: \$US 563,502

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Population

Subprogramme : Population Education and Information

Project title : ESCWA Publications and Documentation

Project number : RMI-85-PO2

Source of funds : United Nations Fund for Population Activities

Description : This project has the following goals:

(a) The expansion of an 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. To this end, issue No. 5 of the Demographic and Related Socio-Economic Data Sheets was published and distributed during 1986.

Expenditure for 1986: \$US 174,092

Country : ESCWA region

Programme : Population

Subprogramme : Technical Assistance

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

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. The services included in this project are rendered through two regional advisors, one in population statistics and the other in demography.

(ii) A Training Workshop on Demographic Software was held from 8 to 20 November 1986 in Kuwait. The software packages included mortality analysis, fertility estimation and population projection. Preliminary refresher instruction in demographic theory and methodology preceded the actual presentation. Two participants were invited from each of the member States.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 316,404.

- 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
- Project number : FP/8201-78-01 (1317)
- Source of funds : United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Description : The objective of this project is to strengthen the secretariat's 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 environmental projects and reports on the state of the environment in Western Asia. To this end, the following publications and studies were prepared during 1986:
- (i) Workshop on Industrial Pollution Control in Western Asia, Baghdad, April 1986 (E/ESCWA/ECU/86/WG.1/2);
 - (ii) "Environment Management in the Arab Cities: Experience and Prospects" (in Arabic) (E/ESCWA/ECU/86/1);
 - (iii) Strengthening Capabilities of Environmental Laboratories in the ESCWA Region (E/ESCWA/ECU/86/1);
 - (iv) Plan of Action - Alexandria Central Environmental Laboratory;
 - (v) "Land-base of Sources of Marine Pollution in Somalian Democratic Republic" (UNEP, June 1986).

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 95,079

Country : Bahrain

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

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

Project number : BAH/85/W01

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

Executing agency : ESCWA

Implementing Agency : Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Description : After the study on the Social and Economic Situation of Women in Bahrain was completed in 1985, an inter-ministerial meeting to discuss its results and necessary programming activities took place in Bahrain in January 1986. One thousand copies of the study were printed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in co-operation with ESCWA.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US NIL

Country : Egypt

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Organize Self-Help Groups to Promote Income Generation Among Poor Women

Project number : EGY/86/W01

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the Friends of the People's Society

Requesting Agency : ESCWA

Executing agency : ESCWA

Implementing Agency : The Friends of the People's Society (NGO)

Collaborating Agencies: Faculty of Social Work, Helwan University, District Local of Sayeda Zeinab

Description : The long-term development objective of the project is to demonstrate a methodology by which centrally planned services for women can be matched and complemented by NGO women's programmes and by self-help groups at the grass-roots level. The latter should be able to stretch out to include in their membership those women who are still unaffiliated with any group.

The immediate objectives of the project are as follows:

- (a) To enhance the capacity of women's organizations and informal self-help groups to diversify their activities with a view to increasing the income of women with a low standard of living;
- (b) To widen the membership of self-help groups of women to include those who are not benefiting from any kind of formal or informal community organization;
- (c) To enable self-help groups to meet not only their own needs but the needs of their fellow women and the needs of the community at large;
- (d) To establish linkages and working relationships between self-help groups, NGOs and government delivery systems;

- (e) To encourage and prepare indigenous women leaders to assume new roles in relation to existing services delivery systems;
- (f) To improve the performance of social workers and health staff in dealing with women's organizations and their programmes.

Expenditure for 1986: NIL

Country : Egypt

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Pre-project Marketing Study for Income-Generating Skills for Women Settlers

Project number : EGY/86/WO2

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

Requesting Agency : ESCWA

Executing agency : ESCWA

Collaborating Agency(ies): General Authority for Rehabilitation Projects and Agricultural Development through WFP (World Food Programme-assisted Project ARE 2499 Exp.

Description : The study assesses existing methods of production of handicrafts in Egypt, taking into consideration quality control, size of production, cost benefit analysis, income of participants from markets, economic impact of production activity on the family, social impact of activity on women and family with indication of obstacles, scope of expected marketing possibilities and marketing modalities. The result of this study is an essential input into the consideration of a major project on "Income Generating Skills for Women Settlers in Newly Reclaimed Lands" submitted by the Government of Egypt for financing by UNIFEM.

Expenditure for 1986: \$US 11,300

Country : Jordan

Programme : Social Development

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)

Requesting agency : General Federation of Jordanian Women

Executing agency : ESCWA

Collaborating agency : General Federation of Jordanian Women

Description : The study aims at assessing the socio-economic factors involved in the expansion of the existing project on pre-prepared cooking ingredients and pre-prepared and ready-made meals sponsored by the General Federation of Jordanian Women. It also includes analysis of factors affecting the improvement of food distribution and enhancement of nutrition for middle- and low-income families.

Expenditure for 1986: NIL

Country : Lebanon

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

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

Project number : LEB/82/W01

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

Executing agency : ESCWA

Implementing Agency : Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW)

Description : This programme is supposed to provide illiterate women in remote areas with basic and relevant information on situation matters and hygiene. It includes:

- (a) Preparation of scripts of 26 radio programmes on health and nutritional needs;
- (b) Recording of the programmes for transmission;
- (c) Testing and revision of programmes;
- (d) Broadcasting of programmes.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Participation of Women in Development

Project number : PDY/84/W01

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

Executing agency : ESCWA

Implementing agency : Central Statistics Office (CSO)

Collaborating agency : General Federation of Yemeni Women

Description : The project deals with the identification of priority needs in both general and sectoral planning for the integration of women in development. The main objectives are:

- (a) Assessment of social and economic conditions of women in Democratic Yemen and identification of main obstacles encountered;
- (b) Identification and formulation of priority needs for development planning for women interns of an interministerial programming at the grass-roots level.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Introduction of Biogas Technology in Democratic Yemen

Project number : PDY/86/W01

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

Requesting Agency : Ministry of Energy and Minerals

Implementing agency : Ministry of Energy and Minerals

Executing agency : ESCWA

Collaborating agencies: Ministry of Agriculture (General Union of Yemeni Women) - Lahaj and Abyan Governorates

Description : The pre-project case-study on the introduction of biogas technology (BGT) in Democratic Yemen is aimed at the following:

- (a) Evaluating the experience of countries utilizing BGT for energy production;
- (b) Assessing the economic social viability of introducing BGT in Democratic Yemen, with special emphasis on the most directly affected population, women;
- (c) Identifying the impact of this technology in Democratic Yemen;
- (d) Recommending policy and action to be adopted by the Government regarding biogas technology as a renewable source of energy.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 22,268

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Role of Rural Women in Economic Development in the ESCWA Region

Project number : RAB/80/W01

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

Executing agency : ESCWA

Description : Objectives are:

- (a) to review existing data on rural women and to identify problem areas;
- (b) To review and assess self-reliance activities available and evaluate their validity in terms of needs of rural women;
- (c) To organize a seminar of government officials and NGOs to review results of the action-oriented analysis and select model projects.

The case-study on Self-Help Activities of Rural Women in Egypt has been completed, as a prototype. Preparations for undertaking similar studies in other ESCWA countries are in progress.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 27,493

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : NGO Institute Building (Oman, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, United Arab Emirates, Yemen Arab Republic)

Project number : RAB/83/W01

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

Executing agency : ESCWA

Description : This project is aimed at (a) evaluation of NGO role and impact on women and on policies at the national and local levels; (b) training of women NGO leaders in leadership and institutional administrative skills; (c) development of programme and activities relevant to women's needs and skills; (d) development and implementation of a system for monitoring and evaluating NGO outputs.

A survey of NGOs of countries in the United Arab Emirates and the Yemen Arab Republic was completed. Assessment of the General Federation of Yemeni Women (Democratic Yemen) and the Omani Women's Association will be undertaken in 1987.

A workshop in management skills of NGO women leaders was held in Sana'a during the last quarter of 1986 for the Yemeni Women's Association in the Yemen Arab Republic. It trained participants in administrative organization, leadership skills, decision-making, human relations, delegations of authority, simplification of procedures and skills of conducting meetings.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 37,805

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Directory of Arab Professional Women for Technical
Co-operation Among Developing Countries

Project number : RAB/84/W01

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

Executing agency : ESCWA

Collaborating agencies : Governments, Universities, Institutes, NGOs

Description : The project aims at identifying Arab professional women in the ESCWA region. Questionnaires have been collected by national researchers in Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Democratic Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Syria. Universities, research and training institutions and women NGOs have been contacted for data collection. Women with a minimum educational level of M.A. degree and five years of relevant professional experience are being identified for this Directory, which covers 18 areas of specialization that are relevant to technical assistance activities. It is expected that the Directory will be in print by the last quarter of 1987.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 48,991

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Production of T.V. Educational programmes for Literacy Follow-up for Women

Project number : RAB/86/W01

Source of funds : United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) NGO/ in kind

Requesting Agency : ESCWA

Executing Agency : ESCWA

Collaborating Agency : Arab Literacy Organization

Description : The main objectives of the project are:

(a) to find and collect necessary data for the content of the T.V. programmes;

(b) to produce the prototype series of 45 T.V. programmes which will be produced by the Arab Fund for the Eradication of Illiteracy;

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Regional Training Module for Women in Integrated Rural Development

Project number : RAB/86/W04

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

Executing Agency : ESCWA

Description : Terms of reference for the case-studies are as follows:

(a) to undertake a case-study on evaluation of educational and training programmes for women working in extension services on integrated rural development, taking Egypt as a prototype;

(b) To collect and analyse curricula adopted by universities, institutes of social work and international development funds;

(c) To participate in the formulation of alternative policies for educational training programmes for extension services for rural women working in integrated rural development.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 16,950

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Guide for Arab Women on Legislation related to
Personal Status, Family and Employment Laws and
Procedures

Project number : RAB/86/W06

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

Executing Agency : ESCWA

Description : To formulate two manuals addressed to laymen and
women to serve as guides on labour laws in selected
Arab countries such as Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq
and Tunisia. The second manual will cover existing
personal status laws and the Shariah.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 5,650

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Developing Regional Training Programme for Women Trainers Specialized in Socialization of Children

Project number : RAB/86/W05

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

Executing Agency : ESCWA

Requesting Agency : ESCWA

Description : Pre-project case-study to assess the present training programmes for women trainees specializing in the socialization of children in two countries of the region.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Transport, Communications and Tourism in Western Asia

Subprogramme : Development of Integrated Transport

Project title : Development of ports in Western Asia

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The basic objective of the project is the preparation of a study on development of port infrastructure and operations in Western Asia.

The project will develop an ESCWA regional policy for the development of port facilities and port management techniques by analysing the present situation of ports in the ESCWA region and by identifying current problems faced by transport planners and port authorities. Furthermore, the study will highlight and discuss future trends regarding new technologies and management techniques in port operations and port planning. It will also formulate recommendations for port development in the ESCWA region.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Transport, Communications and Tourism in Western Asia

Subprogramme : Development of Integrated Transport

Project title : Development of air transport in Western Asia

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The principle objective of the project is the preparation of a survey-report on development problems and development prospects of the air transport sector in Western Asia.

The survey will analyse the current situation of the air transport sector in the ESCWA region including routings, networks, fleet development, airport and terminal facilities. It will identify and analyse problems encountered in air transport planning, policy formulation and policy implementation, with special emphasis on air transport infrastructure and operations. Moreover, the project report will cover the qualitative and quantitative analysis of the future trends and development prospects, outlook and development possibilities in the air transport field at the regional level. The report will also formulate appropriate recommendations, policy measures and actions for the development of air transport in the region.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Industrial Development

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

Project title : The Second Baghdad Conference on Computer Technology and Applications

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The Conference, organized by the Iraqi National Computer Centre, and co-sponsored by ESCWA, the Iraqi Electronic and Computer Research Centre, the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics, UNESCO and UNIDO, was held in Baghdad in March 1986.

The Conference aimed at introducing the state of the art of computer technology and applications, and analysing the problems impeding effective utilization of the technology in the region, as well as developing specific applications to serve national needs.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 8,130

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Population

Subprogramme : Employment Promotion and Manpower Development

Project title : Vocational and Technical Training in the Arab World:
Present Situation and Priority Needs

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The project aims at the assessment of the present situation of the vocational and technical training centres in the Arab countries, with a view to indicating their priority needs. Thus a vocational and technical training plan at the Arab level will be formulated.

This project is implemented in close co-operation with the Arab Labour Organization, which has already surveyed vocational training centres in 13 Arab countries. ESCWA has to implement the survey in five member countries, namely: Egypt, Yemen, Syria, Lebanon and the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The report on the West Bank and Gaza Strip is being finalized. Two teams in Lebanon and Syria were formed. It is expected that, by mid-1987, the final report on these two countries will be completed. Preparatory work is being undertaken to launch the survey in Egypt and the Yemen Arab Republic.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 10,997

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Environment

Subprogramme : Environment and Development

Project title : Environmental Management in the Petroleum Refining Industry

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The objective of this project is to promote initiatives for appropriate environmental management approaches in the petroleum refining industry. Activities include development of methodological guidance for environmental impact assessment in the refining industry, assessment of regional practices for pollution control, development of human resources and promotion of information exchange on monitoring and effluent guidelines.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Social, Demographic and Environmental Statistics

Project title : Assessment of Existing Environmental Statistics in Selected Countries of the ESCWA Region

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The project included one mission undertaken by a consultant to Kuwait, Jordan and Egypt to assess the existing environmental statistics in these countries. It also included the preparation of a study on the situation of environmental statistics in Western Asia and formulation of recommendations for their development. The findings of the study and the recommendations will be presented at the Second Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region for discussion and adoption.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 8,327

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Statistical Development

Project title : Arab Unified Abstract

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : Within the framework of the agreement for co-operation in the field of statistics with the secretariat of the League of Arab States, ESCWA will contribute to the preparation, printing and distribution of the Arab Unified Abstract. Practical arrangements are being made for collecting, updating and printing the first issue of the joint publication in 1987.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 3,892

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Statistical Development

Project title : ESCWA Statistical Abstract and National Accounts

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : This project was implemented in 1986 in support of establishing an ESCWA statistical data base and producing two yearly publications: (1) the Statistical Abstract of the ESCWA region; and (2) the Bulletin of National Accounts Studies,

Data collection missions were undertaken to Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Democratic Yemen and the Yemen Arab Republic.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 5,837

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : Social Institutions for Rural Development in the ESCWA Region, with Special Emphasis on Popular Participation

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The objectives of the project are:

(a) Review of the salient features and characteristics of the rural population in the ESCWA region with special emphasis on the extent of rural poverty, rural-urban migration and the dynamics of rural poverty as well as causes and effects of rural poverty;

(b) Review of national plans, policies and programmes relating to the planning and implementation of rural development projects in the ESCWA region with a view to evaluating institutional strength and weaknesses;

(c) Review of social institutions for rural development with special emphasis on the extent and impact of people's participation in rural development, including development of local leadership;

(d) Review of the major problems facing social institutions for rural development. A study on the above has been prepared and is being finalized.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 9,417

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Social Integration and Change

Project title : Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the ESCWA Region with Special Emphasis on the Implementation of the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The objectives of the project are:

(a) Review and appraisal of social welfare policies and programmes in the ESCWA region, in the context of the International Development Strategy and the 1969 Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

(b) Review of current problems and needs for social welfare administration, training, manpower and effectiveness questions, efficiency and adequacy of social welfare programmes;

(c) Preparation of a regional agenda for social welfare until the year 2000, and what can and should be done at the national, regional and interregional levels to strengthen, streamline and improve the role of social welfare policies and programmes;

(d) Review of progress made and obstacles encountered at the national level from 1982-1987;

(e) Review of progress made and obstacles encountered at the regional level in implementing the recommendations set forth by the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

(f) Review of major trends in social planning and social change;

(g) Review of techniques for improving social integration and participation of marginal groups in national development;

(h) Review of the situation of drug use and control in the ESCWA region. A study on the above has been prepared and is being finalized.

Expenditure for 1986 ; \$US 15,697

Country : Occupied Palestinian Territories

Programme : ESCWA resolution 139(XII)

Subprogramme : -

Project title : Study on "The Development of Financial Structures and Activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories".

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The study aims at assessing the financial and monetary system and structure in the occupied territories, including the Israeli and Jordanian financial policy towards these territories. It also analyses the role of Arab and international aid in the development of the occupied territories. The study aims also at assessing the trade performance of the occupied territories, in addition to Israeli and Jordanian policies and practices regarding trade.

A field report has been prepared and the study will be ready during the second quarter of 1987.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 19,002

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Science and Technology

Subprogramme : Strengthening National Scientific and Technological Capabilities

Project title : Education and Training of High-Level Scientific and Technological Manpower

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The specific objective of the project is to identify measures and mechanisms to update the education and training of the high-level scientific and technological manpower in selected countries in the ESCWA region;

The general objectives of the project are the following:

(a) To examine the existing patterns of higher level education and training of personnel in science and technology in selected ESCWA countries;

(b) To study the possibility of tailoring the high-level education and training offered in developed countries to the specific needs of the region;

(c) To investigate the possibility of linking the requirements of the region for high-level education and training with the activities of the production sector in developed countries;

(d) To assess the region's capacity to meet the local demand for high-level education and training.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 9,571

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Science and Technology

Subprogramme : Strengthening National Scientific and Technological Capabilities

Project title : Patterns of technology transfer in the ESCWA region

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The objectives of the project are the following:

(a) To examine policies and patterns of transfer of technology in selected ESCWA countries;

(b) To identify critical problems facing institutions responsible for technology transfer including selection, requisition, adaptation, assessment and development of technologies;

(c) To explore the possibility of co-ordinating the technology transfer policies in selected ESCWA countries;

(d) To formulate recommendations for improving the technology transfer policies and processes;

(e) To study, on a case-study basis, the capacity of an existing transfer pattern in developing design, engineering and consultancy capacities.

Expenditure for 1986 ; \$US 15,289

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Energy

Subprogramme : Regional Co-operation on Research, Development and Demonstration of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

Project title : Technical Meeting on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (NRSE) Information Network and the Establishment of a Host Centre

Project number : -

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities

Description : The objectives of the project are as follows:

- To facilitate inter-country co-operation for the development and utilization of NRSE;
- To establish a regional institutional framework for exchange of information and experiences in the field of NRSE and disseminate up-to-date data on various NRSE technologies;
- To provide opportunities to implement regional/subregional projects for promoting the development of NRSE;
- To enlarge the scope of the present nucleus of the regional network to include more member countries.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Science and Technology

Subprogramme : Strengthening National Scientific and Technological Capabilities

Project title : Scientific and Technological Co-operation Among Western Asia Countries

Project number : RAB/86/002

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : Work on this project continued during 1986. Having, with the co-operation of national and regional scientific research institutions in the region, determined the priority areas for co-operation in scientific research, progress in implementation was made in the following three ways:

(1) For one group of scientific research subjects mentioned below, expert group meetings were held and concrete project proposals were formulated. These project proposals were circulated to all governments in the region for comments and participation in implementation. The comments of the governments have now been incorporated and the project proposals have been finalized and circulated to concerned Arab and international financing institution for funding. These projects include:

- (a) Crop drying utilizing solar energy;
- (b) Plant production utilizing solar energy;
- (c) Water pumping from deep wells utilizing solar and wind energy;
- (d) Desalination of underground water utilizing solar energy;
- (e) Climatic design of buildings in the Arab region.

(2) For a second group of subjects, expert group meetings were held and the first drafts of the project proposals for co-operation in scientific research were prepared.

The project proposals included:

- (a) Research programme of integrated desertification control;

(b) Improving wheat productivity under stress environment.

These projects are currently being circulated to member countries for comments and participation prior to finalization of the project proposals.

(3) For a third group of research subjects, contacts are being made with national and regional research institutions to organize expert group meetings and formulate project proposals for implementing scientific research under regional co-operation.

These subjects include :

(a) Fish Farming;

(b) Environment.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 2,360

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Energy Issues

Subprogramme : -

Project title : Impact of Changing Conditions in the Oil Market on Energy Policy and Planning in the ESCWA Region

Project number : RAB/86/008

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : This project is intended as a response to ESCWA resolution 142(XIII), whereby the Executive Secretary was requested to submit to the Technical Committee a report dealing with the impact of changing conditions in the oil market and in currency exchange markets on economic policies and development prospects, on expatriate labour and on international financial and banking systems in the region.

A study is being undertaken in co-ordination with UNIDO, and a comprehensive data base has been prepared for this purpose.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 2,850

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

Project number : RAB/86/001

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : With respect to the preparation of a feasibility study on the high speed diesel engine, the work of the joint task force of ESCWA, the Arab Industrial Development Organization, the Arab Fund, and the Arab Industrial Investment Company has continued, the field work of the consultant has been completed and the study is being prepared.

With regard to promotional activities, a special meeting on the promotion of capital goods was held in April 1986, during the Third Arab Entrepreneurs Conference. Several project profiles related to the automotive industry were prepared and presented to this special meeting.

An intergovernmental meeting on the capital goods industry, which was rescheduled for September 1986, has been postponed to 1987. An aide-memoire and background documents were prepared to be presented to this meeting.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 6,780

Country : Egypt and Jordan

Programme : Development Issues and Policies

Subprogramme : Perspective Planning

Project title : Macro-econometric Planning Model for Two Selected Countries: Egypt and Jordan

Project number : RAB/86/010

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The main objectives of the project are:

- Designing macro-econometric planning models for two member States;
- Producing short- as well as medium-term forecasts;
- Assisting policy-makers and planners in analysing the impact of different development strategies;
- Strengthening local expertise in model-building and in applied econometric problems and the methods of their solutions;

The expected output for each country comprises: recent economic development, specification of the model, estimation and simulation, scenarios and major findings, conclusions and policy implications and, lists of statistical tables and charts.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 27,120

Country : Yemen Arab Republic
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

Programme : Food and Agriculture

Subprogramme : Food Planning and Policy

Project title : Training Workshops on Use of Micro-Computer for
Agricultural Project Preparation and Analysis

Project number : RAB/86/009

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The main development objectives of the training
programme are:

- (a) To expand the cadres of trained and experienced
manpower in agricultural project analysis in the
region;
- (b) To increase the efficiency in activities and the
rate of utilization of planned investment;
- (c) To enhance the ability to prepare projects which
meet national objectives as well as satisfy
international investment standards;
- (d) To reduce the dependence on expatriates in
project formulation and analysis;
- (e) To complement and strengthen training activities
in agricultural project analysis in specialized
institutions in the region.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : Yemen Arab Republic
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

Programme : Food and Agriculture

Subprogramme : Food Planning and Policy

Project title : Training in Food Preservation and Diet Improvement at
the Family Level

Project number : RAB/86/007

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The project aims at decreasing losses of food
products by extending improved methods of food
preservation at the family level and improving
nutritional levels by making available to the people
a greater variety of food with better nutritional
value. It also aims at encouraging the production of
high-yielding food products that fit the climatic
conditions of the Yemen Arab Republic and Democratic
Yemen. The project also helps in strengthening the
food security position by creating a food stock
reserve at the farmers level.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Industrial Development

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

Project title : Training Activities to Enhance Informatics and Applications in the ESCWA Region

Project number : -

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The project aims at promoting the efficient application of informatics as advanced technology more relevant to the development efforts in the ESCWA region, and at assisting in building up regional capability in this advanced technology for the benefit of various sectors of the economy and at the service of the economic and social development of the region.

The project consists of five regional activities in informatics:

- (a) Training programme on Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) as applied to the engineering industries;
- (b) Assessment of research and development needs in Informatics;
- (c) Introduction of computers to schools;
- (d) Computer awareness for Least Developed Countries;
- (e) Computer and the handicapped.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 10,343

Country : People's Democratic Republic of Yemen
Yemen Arab Republic

Programme : Energy

Subprogramme : Regional co-operation on research, development and demonstration of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

Project title : Introduction of Biogas Technology to Rural and Remote Areas of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Project number : RAB/86/005

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : This project devotes special attention to the needs of the LDCs and to the improvement of social and environmental conditions of women in rural areas. The project also provides for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries in the field of utilization of renewable energy resources.

The project has the following goals:

- (a) To assess the feasibility of building biogas plants in the rural areas of the LDCs;
- (b) To evolve a set of alternative designs for family-size and semi-industrial-size biogas digestors appropriate to the local conditions;
- (c) To construct and test one or more family-size biogas plants;
- (d) To train a local team of workers in building, operating and maintaining biogas plants through on-the-job training;
- (e) To report on the financial implications of constructing biogas plants utilizing local facilities;

In addition, a one-week seminar on the different aspects of biogas technology is to be held to familiarize the local people with biogas technology.

Expenditure for 1986: NIL

Country : Yemen Arab Republic

Programme : Social Development

Subprogramme : Human Resources Development

Project title : An Assessment of the Role of Local Development Associations in Enhancing Local Initiative in the Yemen Arab Republic

Project number : -

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The objectives of the Project are to find out:

- To what extent Local Development Associations have been successful in motivating the people to self-help and local initiative and in developing local leaders;
- To what extent Local Development Associations have been successful in assisting the Government in the provision of basic social services;
- How people feel about the Local Development Associations in their respective areas and how they can be strengthened;
- The problems confronting the Local Development Associations and their relationship with their area constituency, the villages and villagers and with the Central Government and other entities outside their areas.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : Syria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the Yemen Arab Republic

Programme : Natural Resources

Subprogramme : Water Resources

Project title : - Planning of development and conservation of water resources in the ESCWA region for urban and rural water supply and assessment of national and subregional projects

- Regional co-operation in the use of water resources - stage 1: preparatory activities

Project number : RAB/86/004

Source of funds : Government of France

Description : The objectives of the Project are:

- To assess and review national water policies and water master plans in selected member countries;
- To formulate guidelines to improve the planning capacities of member States;
- To assess and provide technical assistance on completed and ongoing water projects of national and subregional significance.

Experience gained from studies undertaken in the region has indicated that in most countries of the region, there are no established short and long-term plans for development and conservation of water resources due to lack of planning institutions in the field of water resources planning, as well as co-ordination between various water agencies and the central planning authority. Missions to Bahrain, Syria, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Kuwait have been undertaken to collect unpublished data, for the preparation of the study.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 13,560

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Industrial Development

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

Project title : Micro-electronics in Western Asia. Workshop on "The Regional Silicon Foundry and Design Centres"

Project number : RAB/86/001

Source of funds : Government of France

Description :

ESCWA and UNIDO, in co-operation with the French Direction de l'Industrie Electronique et de l'Informatique" (DIELI), prepared a study entitled "Regional Silicon Foundry and Design Centres", on the status and prospects of electronics and micro-electronics industries in the region. The report was discussed in a technical workshop organized jointly by ESCWA, UNIDO, the Algerian Entreprise Nationale des Industries Electroniques, and the Algerian Commission des Energies Nouvelles.

The workshop was held from 26 to 29 January 1986 at Sidi Bel Abbes, Algeria. It was attended by about 60 participants from the region and many experts from developed countries.

The major recommendations of the workshop called for a follow-up programme to include:

(a) Training programme on the design and fabrication of integrated circuits using CMOs techniques;

(b) Preparation of a feasibility study for a regional pilot line to produce integrated circuits;

(c) Organization of an exhibition for electronic products produced in the region along with a co-ordination meeting for various electronics industries operating in the region;

ESCWA and UNIDO, in co-operation with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and the Arab Industrial Development Organization, are preparing to implement these recommendations during 1987.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 4,511

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Human Settlements

Subprogramme : Building Materials

Project title : Promotion of Pilot Projects in the Field of Energy Conservation and Efficiency for Low-cost Housing

Project number : RAB/86/003

Source of funds : Government of France

Description : The development objective of this project is to assist governments of the region in developing a long-term energy conservation policy in the housing sector, whereas the specific immediate objective is to promote energy-saving low-cost housing and community facilities, by testing the feasibility of alternative building materials and architectural designs through pilot projects, in order to select those that could be utilized widely in the region.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Population

Subprogramme : Employment Promotion and Manpower Development

Project title : Critical Review of the Concepts and Methods of Measuring the Economically Active Population

Project number : RAB/86/005

Source of funds : Government of France

Description : The project aims at proposing specific recommendations related to the Arab region concerning the concepts and the measuring methods of the economically active population (EAI), through the presentation and critical review of the international recommendations in this field. This will improve the methodology of measuring the EAI and the assessment of the employment situation and labour market development in the ESCWA region.

A study has been prepared and is being finalized.

Expenditure for 1986 : NIL

Country : ESCWA Region

Programme : Statistics

Subprogramme : Statistical Development

Project title : ESCWA Statistical Data Base: Preparatory Phase

Project number : RAB/86/002

Source of funds : Government of France

Description : During the period under review, a French expert prepared a proposal for a standard coding system to be used in the ESCWA statistical data base. This coding was derived from the existing United Nations coding system and covers, agriculture, demography, energy, foreign trade, industry, national accounts, transport, communications and tourism.

The expert also worked on alphabetical and numeric codes as well as a unit code to be used in the preparation of statistical publications.

Expenditure for 1986 : \$US 19,354

Annex I

EXPENDITURE FROM EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES DURING THE YEAR 1986

	<u>Expenditure for 1986</u> <u>(in US dollars)</u>
<u>United Nations extrabudgetary resources earmarked for projects</u>	
ESCWA as executing agency for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities	554,261
United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development	1,993
ESCWA as executing agency for the United Nations Development Programme	614,904
ESCWA as associated agency for UNDP	134,577
United Nations Development Fund for Women	177,299
Special Account for Programme Support Costs (locally administered)	65,317
<u>Government contributions in support of technical co-operation</u>	
Government of France	37,426
Government of the Netherlands	49,452

The status of trust funds as at 31 December 1986 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/14/9/Add.2.

Annex II

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
 COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1986

(in United States dollars)

	TRUST FUND FOR ESCWA REGIONAL <u>ACTIVITIES</u>	GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE	<u>TOTAL</u>
I. STATEMENT OF ASSETS				
LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE				
<u>ASSETS</u>				
- Cash	450,982	288,767	128,975	868,724
- Accounts receivable	4,138	-	-	4,138
- Due from United Nations General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	455,120	288,767	128,975	872,862
LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE				
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
- Accounts payable	-	26,562-	5,648-	32,210-
- Unliquidated obligations	68,505	17,701	12,000	98,206
- Reserve for repatriation grant	-	-	-	-
- Due to United Nations General Fund	26,187	3,246	1,654	31,087
Total Liabilities	94,692	47,509	19,302	161,503
<u>UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE</u>				
- Balance available 1 January 1986	459,247	265,754	107,276	832,277
- ADD: Net excess of income over expenditure (see below)	<u>(98,819)</u>	<u>(24,496)</u>	<u>2,397</u>	<u>(120,918)</u>
- Balance available	360,428	241,258	109,673	711,359

	TRUST FUND FOR ESCWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES	GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS	GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE	TOTAL
- Total liabilities and unencumbered fund balance as at 31 December 1986	455,120	288,767	128,975	872,862

II. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD OF THE BIENNIUM 1986-1987 ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1986

INCOME

- Public donations	-	-	-	-
- Contributions	-	-	31,884	31,884
- Interest income	18,175	18,741	7,939	44,857
- Miscellaneous income	-	6,215	-	6,215
- Income from pledged contributions	-	-	-	-
Total income	18,175	24,956	39,823	82,956

EXPENDITURE

- Staff and other personnel costs	84,172	34,937	29,128	148,237
- Travel	15,464	8,826	3,992	28,282
- Contractual services	1,500	-	-	1,500
- Fellowships, grants, other	-	-	-	-
- Acquisitions	-	-	-	-
- Operating expenses	2,400	-	-	2,400
- Administrative overhead	13,460	5,689	4,306	23,455
Total expenditure	116,996	49,452	37,426	203,874
Excess of income over expenditure	(98,819)	(24,496)	2,397	(120,918)