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Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

Financing of emergency relief assistance and
technical co-operation activities

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in resolution 3532 (XXX) requested the Secretary-General to report annually on the status of the trust fund established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXX) of 29 November 1974 on strengthening the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator.

2. It will be recalled that resolution 3243 (XXIX) called upon the Secretary-General to provide sufficient staff, equipment and facilities to strengthen the capacity of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to provide an efficient and effective world-wide service of mobilizing and co-ordinating disaster relief, including particularly the collection and dissemination of information on disaster assessment, priority needs and donor assistance. It decided that the additional costs of providing this strengthened capability should be met by voluntary contributions during the period 1975-1977, with the understanding that the additional resources made available under the terms of resolution 3243 (XXIX) should be concentrated on strengthening the co-ordinating capability of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, but without prejudice to any improvements that could be made in the roles of that Office in disaster prevention and pre-disaster planning within the resources otherwise available to it.

3. By resolution 3532 (XXX) the General Assembly decided to establish two new subaccounts within the trust fund established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX).

(a) to augment the funds available under the regular budget for emergency assistance;

(b) to provide programme costs of technical assistance in disaster prevention and pre-disaster planning assistance to Governments.

4. The resolution provided the subaccount for emergency assistance with a target figure of \$400,000 for the biennium 1976/77 to supplement the amount of \$400,000, provided under the regular budget, while, for the subaccount for technical assistance a target figure of \$600,000 for the biennium was given.

5. For the nine-month period ended 30 September 1976, the activity in the three subaccounts comprising the trust fund may be summarized as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strengthened capability of UNDRO</u>	<u>Emergency assistance</u>	<u>Technical assistance</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Unincumbered balance of fund - 1 January 1976	1,074,150	1,074,150	-	-
Income	517,058	436,129	-	80,929
	<u>1,591,208</u>	<u>1,510,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,929</u>
Less expenditures	742,221	672,681	-	69,540
Unincumbered balance of fund - 30 September 1976	848,987	837,598	-	11,389

6. The figures shown above for income and expenditures are elaborated in the attached annex.

7. It will be noted from the above that no income is shown under the subaccount for emergency assistance. Although no contributions were received for this particular subaccount, the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator received and expended in excess of \$1 million in voluntary funds earmarked for particular disaster situations. These activities have been reported separately to the General Assembly in document A/31/88 and Add.1.

8. It may be of interest to add that as of 30 September 1976 \$150,000 had been committed from the regular budget provision of \$400,000 for the biennium for emergency assistance, in the following amounts:

	\$
Afghanistan - earthquake and floods	20,000
Ethiopia - floods	10,000
Guatemala - earthquake	20,000
Indonesia - earthquake	20,000
Italy - earthquake	20,000
Pakistan - floods	20,000
Philippines - typhoon	20,000
Philippines - earthquake and tsunami	20,000
	<u>150,000</u>

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Annex I

Details of income and expenditures for the nine months
ended 30 September 1976

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strengthened capability of UNDRO</u>	<u>Emergency assistance</u>	<u>Technical assistance</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Income</u>				
Contributions from Governments:				
Denmark	35 000	35 000	-	-
France	50 000	25 000		25 000
Netherlands	223 048	223 048	-	-
New Zealand	9 879	9 879	-	-
Norway	53 357	-	-	53 357
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	101 626	101 626	-	-
	<u>472 910</u>	<u>394 553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78 357</u>
Transfer of balance of the Trust Fund for Disaster Assistance Planning	358	-	-	358
Interest income	<u>43 790</u>	<u>41 576</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2 214</u>
Total income	517 058	436 129	-	80 929
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Salaries and common staff costs	582 489	529 396	-	53 093
Consultants	10 667	10 667	-	-
Travel	35 837	35 837	-	-
Training	13 500	-	-	13 500
Subcontracts	8 447	5 500	-	2 947
General operating expenses	20 627	20 627	-	-
Supplies, furniture and equipment	3 832	3 832	-	-
Communications centre	66 822	66 822	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>742 221</u>	<u>672 681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69 540</u>

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strengthened capability of UNDRO</u>	<u>Emergency assistance</u>	<u>Technical assistance</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recapitulation by programme:				
Disaster relief	295 382	295 382	-	-
Disaster prevention and preparedness	275 087	205 547	-	69 540 ^{a/}
Administration	171 752	171 752	-	-
Total	<u>742 221</u>	<u>672 681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69 540</u>

a/ Recapitulation of technical assistance by recipient country:

	\$
Afghanistan	22 408
Bangladesh	4 000
Dominican Republic	10 700
Egypt	1 904
El Salvador	2 328
Fiji	7 000
Guatemala	195
Honduras	373
Morocco	447
Turkey	6 500
Yemen	13 685
Total	<u>69 540</u>
