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persons in ChadReport of the Secretary-General

1. It will be recalled that following the general amnesty proclaimed by the Government of Chad in November 1985 and the improved climatic conditions in the country after many years of drought, tens of thousands of Chadians displaced in neighbouring countries started to return to their country in 1986. Spontaneous and organized return continued in 1987 and 1988.
2. By the end of 1987, UNHCR had assisted the reintegration of approximately 97,000 Chadian returnees who had repatriated mainly from the Central African Republic, Nigeria and the Sudan. Contributions from the donor community amounting to \$2,950,960 were sufficient to cover total needs up to the end of 1987. In 1987, \$1,796,200 was spent to provide domestic articles such as blankets, cooking utensils.
3. Tools and seeds were also supplied to the returnees to start them off on agricultural activities. In collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), relief consisting of rice, vegetable oil, sugar and dried skimmed milk was distributed. Water supplies were and still are being installed in identified strategic locations for the returnees. New programmes for returnees in Chad continue in 1988 as new returnees from Cameroon and Nigeria continue to arrive, and the programme duration will be extended until the end of 1988.

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4. UNHCR has delegated the main programme implementation to the German AGRO action (GAA) for agricultural activities in the east, the League of the Red Cross Societies (LRCS) and the Chadian Red Cross for Assistance in the south. The water is being installed by the commercial firm "SOTRAHY" under the aegis of "Office national de l'hydraulique pastorale et villageoise" (ONHPV) since December 1987. There is no representative of UNHCR in Chad. UNDP N'Djamena, however, works closely with the UNHCR representative in Yaoundé.

5. Projected requirements are in the region of \$4.3 million, of which \$2.9 million have already been donated. Depending on the evolution of the regional situation, total requirements may be revised.
