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**EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES SUPPORTING
THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMME**

Note by the Executive Secretary

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. During the biennium 1986-1987, 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/15/6/Add.2), these resources amounted to \$US 3,910,641. Estimated allocations for the first year of the current biennium (1988) are at \$US 1,277,156.

The major sources of extrabudgetary funds for the last two bienniums as well as the first year of the current biennium were: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), 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) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) supported ESCWA by financing posts to strengthen different programmes.

The resources utilized for the past two bienniums and for 1988 were as follows:

	1984-1985	1986-1987	1988
	(United States dollars)		
UNDP	1,392,762	1,549,809	336,916
UNFPA	957,799	1,186,341	687,810
UNIFEM	428,677	400,501	26,684
UNFSSTDA ^{a/}	24,011	1,993	Nil
Government of the Netherlands	175,788	254,858	42,253
Government of France	114,887	101,105	30,830

^{a/} United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development.

In addition, the following staffing resources were financed by FAO, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), UNEP and UNIDO in the 1986-1987 biennium:

	Professional posts	General Service posts	Regional advisors posts	Total
FAO	3			3
Habitat	2	1		3
UNEP	1			1
UNIDO	2		1	3

The Professional post contributed by UNEP and the two Professional posts contributed by UNIDO were withdrawn in the 1988-1989 biennium.

2. Consolidated expenditures for the years 1986-1987 and 1988 are shown in annex 1. The combined status of trust funds for the 1986-1987 biennium and for 1988 is shown in annexes II-A and II-B respectively.

3. It should be noted that, in spite of the Commission's efforts, there has been no improvement in the level of extrabudgetary resources available to ESCWA in 1986-1988. UNDP is withdrawing its support for the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP). Furthermore, the Government of the Netherlands has withheld its contribution since 1985, and the balance of this fund is expected to be utilized by the end of 1989. As for the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities, the last contribution was made in 1983. However, the Government of France has continued its support to ESCWA by providing an annual contribution of \$US 49,000, an increase of \$US 18,000 over the previous year's contribution. Support from UNDP, UNFPA and UNIFEM is continuing in the 1988-1989 biennium.

4. In reviewing its programme of work, and taking into consideration the implications of the United Nations financial crisis and the dwindling extrabudgetary resources, the Commission realized the need to tap new sources of funding and to make concerted efforts to increase its extrabudgetary resources in order to implement its programme of work and meet the major needs of the region. To this end, the Commission made special efforts to raise voluntary contributions to be used for extrabudgetary financing of the work programme, and for meeting requests by member States for studies and advisory services. Extensive contacts were made with Arab organizations and institutions at both the regional and national levels, and a number of co-operative and joint activities and projects have been identified and agreed upon, particularly with the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) and the Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organization (AGFUND). In order to solicit the support of donor countries, including new ones, visits were also undertaken to countries outside the region. Talks were held with representatives of the European Economic Community (EEC) and of the Governments of Sweden, Norway, France, the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany; in these talks, attention was drawn to some 25 project profiles prepared by ESCWA.

II. HISTORY OF ACTIVITIES

A. United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme contribution to ESCWA started in the year 1979. The contributions until 1987, which amounted to nearly \$US 7 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
- Transport and Communications Decade in Western Asia

In 1988, the amount of \$US 763,418 which was allotted from UNDP contributions, was utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Energy Surveys Consultant
- National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP)
- Preparatory Assistance Project for the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific in Western Asia
- Biogas Technology for Rural Areas in Western Asia
- Establishment of Engineering Infrastructure Industries in the ESCWA Region
- Strengthening National Statistical Activities

B. United Nations Population Fund

The UNFPA contribution to ESCWA started in the year 1975. The contributions until 1987 which amounted to over \$US 3 million, were utilized to finance the following projects in ESCWA region:

- Infrastructure for the ESCWA Population Programme
- 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

During 1988 the amount of \$US 768,800, which was allocated from UNFPA contributions, was utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Socio-Demographic Survey
- Demographic Data Collection and Analysis
- ESCWA Publications and Documentation

C. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The UNIFEM contribution to ESCWA started in 1978. The contributions until 1987, which amounted to over \$US 4.2 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 the ESCWA Women's 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 (Princess Sarvat Community College in Jordan)
- Spotlight T.V. Programme for Women (Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan)
- Women Workers in the National Handicrafts Programme
- Maintenance Skills for Electrical Appliances
- Production of Communication and Audio-visual Materials for 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.

In 1988 the amount of \$303,148, which was allocated from UNIFEM contributions, was utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA Region:

- Pre-Project Marketing Study for Income Generating Skills for Women Settlers in Newly Reclaimed Lands
- Activating the Popular Participation of Women at the Grass-Root Level in Iraq
- Role of Rural Women in Economic Development in the ESCWA Region
- Directory of Arab Professional Women
- Regional Training Module for Women in Integrated Rural Development
- Developing Regional Training Programme for Women Trainees Specialized in Socialization of Children
- Preparatory Assistance, Monitoring and Evaluation Missions
- Strengthening Statistical Capacity for Promoting the Participation of Women in Development
- Participation of Women in Food and Textile Industries: Case-Study

D. Government of the Netherlands

The contribution of the Government of the Netherlands to ESCWA started in 1977. The contributions until 1987, which amounted 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
- Standardization of National System
- 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
- 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*
- Critical Review of the Concepts and Methods of Measuring the Economically Active Population.*

Contributions from the Government of the Netherlands have been stopped since 1985. During 1988, projects which were under implementation had a total allotment of \$US 74,300. They were:

* Project was financed by the French Government until end-1986.

- Network on Scientific Research in the ESCWA Region
- Agricultural Planning and Training Assistance for the Yemen Arab Republic and Democratic Yemen
- Consultancy on General Trends in Social Policies Related to Disabled Persons
- Preparation and Participation in the Follow-up Meeting on the Interorganizational Task-Force on Disability

E. Government of France

The contributions of the Government of France to ESCWA started in 1980. The contributions, which have amounted to over \$US 4.3 million, 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
- Establishment of ESCWA Statistical Data Base

The French Government had contributed \$US 48,573 during 1988. Its contributions were utilized to finance the following projects:

- Training Activities to Enhance Informatics and Applications in the ESCWA Region
- Collection, Harmonization and Assessment of National Data
- Optimum Use of Water Resources in Two Shared Water Basins
- Micro-Electronics and Informatics in Western Asia
- Appropriate Approaches to City Management in the ESCWA Region
- Promotion of Pilot Project in the Field of Energy Conservation and Efficiency for Low-Cost Housing

Annex IEXPENDITURE FROM EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES OF THE 1986-1987
BIENNIUM AND 1988

(In United States dollars)

	<u>Expenditure for</u>	
	<u>1986-1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
<u>United Nations extrabudgetary resources earmarked for projects</u>		
ESCWA as executing agency for the United Nations Population Fund	1 186 341	687 860
United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development	1 993	Nil
ESCWA as executing agency for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	1 267 821	227 159
ESCWA as associated agency for UNDP	281 988	109 757
United Nations Development Fund for Women	400 501	26 684
Special Account for Programme Support Costs (locally administered)	65 317	-
<u>Government contributions in support of Technical Co-operation</u>		
Government of France	101 105	30 830
Government of the Netherlands	254 858	42 253

The status of trust funds of the 1986-1987 biennium and 1988 is shown in annexes II-A and II-B respectively.

The status of the utilization of the resources of the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities is submitted in document E/ESCWA/15/6/Add.2.

Annex II-A

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE 1986-1987 BIENNIUM

(In United States dollars)

	Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	" " Government of the Netherlands	" " Government of France	" " TOTAL
I. Statement of assets, liabilities and unencumbered fund balance				
<u>Assets</u>				
- Cash	322 815	152 855	110 672	586 342
- Accounts receivable	3 756	-	-	3 756
- Due from United Nations General Fund	-	-	16 969	16,969
Total assets	326 571	152 855	127 641	607 067
<u>Liabilities</u>				
- Accounts payable	-	20 762	5 941	26 703
- Unliquidated obligations	51 726	35 228	7 267	94 221
- Reserve for repatriation grant	-	-	-	-
- Due to United Nations General Fund	4 847	24 837	-	29 684
Total liabilities	56 573	80 827	13 208	150 608
<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)	(189 249)	(193 726)	7 157	(375 818)
Balance available	269 998	72 028	114 433	456 459
Total liabilities and un- encumbered fund balance as at 31 December 1987	326 571	152 855	127 641	607 067

Annex II-A (continued)

	Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	" " " " "	Government of the Netherlands	"Government of France	" " " "	TOTAL
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II. Statement of income and
 expenditure for the 12-
 month period of the biennium
 1986-1987 ended 31 December
 1987.

Income

- Public donations	-	-	-	-
- Contributions	-	-	68 248	68 248
- Interest income	61 613	31 014	13 922	106 549
- Miscellaneous income	3 076	30 118	26 092	59 286
- Income from pledged contributions	-	-	-	-
Total income	64 689	61 132	108 262	234 083

Expenditure

- Staff and other personnel costs	176 710	122 777	53 465	352 952
- Travel	34 552	29 813	24 809	89 174
- Contractual services	7 500	-	-	7 500
- Fellowships, grants, other expenditures	-	42 259	9 623	51 882
- Acquisitions	-	14 427	-	14 427
- Operating expenses	6 316	16 262	1 576	24 154
- Administrative overhead	28 860	29 320	11 632	69 812
Total expenditure	253 938	254 858	101 105	609 901

Excess of income over expenditure	(189 249)	(193 726)	7 157	(375 818)
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Annex II-B

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1988

(In United States dollars)

	Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	" Government of the Netherlands"	" Government of France	" " " " TOTAL
I. Statement of assets, liabilities and unencumbered fund balance				
<u>Assets</u>				
- Cash	264 781	68 758	157 479	491 018
- Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-
- Due from United Nations General Fund	1 704	-	-	1 704
Total assets	266 485	68 758	157 479	492 722
<u>Liabilities</u>				
- Accounts payable	-	-	-	-
- Unliquidated obligations	66 699	14 701	13 980	95 380
- Reserve for repatriation grant	-	-	-	-
- Due to United Nations General Fund	-	1 744	3 189	4 933
Total liabilities	66 699	16 445	17 169	100 313
<u>Unencumbered fund balance</u>				
- Balance available 1 January 1988	269 998	72 028	114 433	456 459
- Add: Net excess of income over expenditure (see below)	(70 212)	(19 715)	25 877	(64 050)
Balance available	199 786	52 313	140 310	392 409
Total liabilities and un- encumbered fund balance as at 31 December 1988	266 485	68 758	157 479	492 722

Annex II-B (continued)

	Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	" " Government of the Netherlands	" " Government of France	" " TOTAL
II. Statement of income and expenditure for the 12-month period of the biennium 1988-1989 ended 31 December 1988.				
<u>Income</u>				
- Public donations	-	-	-	-
- Contributions	-	5 631	48 573	54 204
- Interest income	-	-	7 618	7 618
- Miscellaneous income	8 802	16 907	516	26 225
- Income from pledged contributions	-	-	-	-
Total income	8 802	22 538	56 707	88 047
<u>Expenditure</u>				
- Staff and other personnel costs	24 929	15 157	10 606	50 692
- Travel	7 995	17 082	12 915	37 992
- Contractual services	-	-	-	-
- Fellowships, grants, other expenditures	35 000	-	-	35 000
- Acquisitions	-	3 790	-	3 790
- Operating expenses	2 000	1 363	3 762	7 125
- Administrative overhead	9 090	4 861	3 547	17 498
Total expenditure	79 014	42 253	30 830	152 097
Excess of income over expenditure	(70 212)	(19 715)	25 877	(64 050)