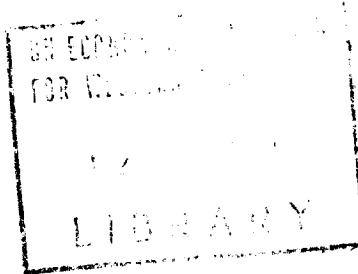




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INTRODUCTION

This document supplements the secretariat's financial report to the Commission (E/ECWA/117). It describes briefly the utilization of the extrabudgetary resources available to the Commission as at 31 December 1980. It includes activities funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women, the Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projections, the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities and trust funds established for special purposes.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 240 - Development Issues and Policies.

Subprogramme(s): 242 - Perspective planning.
243 - Plan Harmonization and Regional co-operation.

Project title: The Arab Planning Institute - Phase II - Kuwait (ongoing).

Project number: RAB/77/002/D/01/55.

Activity: Training courses, seminars, studies and lectures.

Source of funds: UNDP.

Description: The following activities were undertaken during 1980:

1. Research and studies: Eight papers, resulting from research on the pattern of economic development in Arab countries, were prepared during the period under review. Also, preparations are being made to publish the main work in two volumes. In addition, 18 papers have been published by researchers and staff members of the Institute.
2. Short-term Courses: Courses were on the following subjects:
 - (a) A course on planning for the United Arab Emirates;
 - (b) a course on financial planning and budget preparation in the Gulf countries;
 - (c) a course on the implementation and follow-up of development plans;
 - (d) a course on project identification and preparation;
 - (e) a course on plan preparation and planning techniques.
3. Seminars, conferences, expert meetings:

A conference was held on new development concepts and strategies and their relevance to the Arab world. In addition, an expert group meeting on the problem of housing and human settlements was also held, and a bi-weekly seminar was arranged by the Institute during the period 14 January - 5 May 1980. Nine papers were also presented for discussion by various lecturers from the Institute and other Arab organizations in Kuwait.

Publication(s): Proceedings to be published.

Resource utilization: \$ 298,380

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 540 - Statistics.

Subprogramme: 541 - Development of statistical services.

Project title: Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics - Phase II (ongoing).

Project number: RAB/79/028/C/01/55.

Source of funds: UNDP.

Description: During the year under review, and with the technical and administrative support of ECWA, the following activities were undertaken by the Institute:

- (a) An advanced course in applied statistics from October 1979 to July 1980;
- (b) middle-level course in applied statistics from October 1979 to June 1980;
- (c) a course on livestock statistics, 7-31 January 1980;
- (d) a middle-level country course in applied statistics, 12 January - 7 February 1980;
- (e) a course on the family budget, 17 May - 14 June 1980.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 293,694

Country: Yemen.

Programme: 540 - Statistics.

Subprogramme: 541 - Development of statistical services.

Project title: Development of Statistical Services (ongoing).

Project number: YEM/77/005/C/01/55.

Source of funds: UNDP.

Description: This project aims at:

- (a) Strengthening the capabilities of the Statistical Department of the Central Planning Organizations;
- (b) setting up and strengthening the statistical units in the various Ministries and government organization;
- (c) Designing and setting up a comprehensive statistical system which will provide economic and social statistics on a regular basis;
- (d) developing statistical methodologies and techniques in such fields as those of national income accounts, industrial statistics, household surveys, prices, foreign trade, financial and manpower statistics;
- (e) building up the necessary staff at different levels (this will be a step towards setting up a permanent training institution in the country);
- (f) providing the Department of Statistics with the equipment necessary to carry out its field activities and to prepare and analyse the results of surveys.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 17,694

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 460 - Natural Resources.

Subprogramme: 463 - Water resources development and management.

Project title: International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (ongoing).

Project number: RAB/79/026/A/01/55.

Source of funds: UNDP.

Description: The primary objectives of this project are to assist member States to accelerate their plans and programmes to achieve the goals adopted for the decade, namely access to safe water supply and adequate sanitation facilities by the year 1980.

The strategy is to provide active support to member countries in reviewing their plans initiating action to improve their programme capabilities during the preparatory phase and throughout the period of the Decade, 1981-1990.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource allocation: \$ 46,000

UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: 481 - Data collection and analysis.

Project title: Regional Adviser in Population Statistics (ongoing).

Project number: RMI/75/PO5.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: This project will aim through the regional adviser:
(a) To assist member States of ECWA in the collection and analysis of demographic and related socio-economic data through censuses, surveys, and vital registration and similar systems and to promote their self-reliance in this respect;
(b) to fill the gaps in population data through estimates and projections utilizing sound demographic techniques;
(c) to compile and analyse population and related information.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 73,892

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: 482 - Population, development and policy;
483 - Information, research and training.

Project title: Regional Adviser in Demography (ongoing).

Project number: RMI/75/P04.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: This project provides regional advisory services for the purpose of:

- (a) Ensuring adequate substantive support for projects;
- (b) producing reliable data on a large number of demographic and related socio-economic variables necessary for development planning and policy-making, and up-dating this information on a periodic basis;
- (c) undertaking in-depth demographic studies describing the population conditions in the region and, in particular, problems related to them.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 62,073

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: -

Project title: Arabic Manual of Population Terminology (ongoing).

Project number: RMI/78/PO7.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: An Advisory Committee consisting of a number of experts was established to discuss and advise on different population terminologies; it met three times during the period ~~under~~ review.

Publication(s): Upon completion of the work of the Advisory Committee.

Resource utilization: \$ 44,666

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: 481 - Data collection and analysis.

Project title: Census of the Palestinian Arab People.

Project number: RMI/78/PO4.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: The project aims at:

- (a) Providing the necessary data to undertake demographic and socio-economic studies on the Palestinian Arab people;
- (b) studying the evolution of the Palestinians in the countries in which they are mainly concentrated (Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic);
- (c) conducting a comparative study of the evolution of the Palestinians in different countries;
- (d) providing the most accurate figures on all Palestinian Arab people, wherever they are currently resident;
- (e) estimating the most probable demographic and socio-economic rates of development relating to the Palestinian Arab people;
- (f) providing basic data needed for projections.

During 1979 and 1980, field surveys were completed in Jordan, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Publication(s): To be considered upon completion of the census.

Resource utilization: \$ 109,118

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: 482 - Population, development and policy.

Project title: Translation into Arabic of Basic Data on Population and International Migration in Arab Countries.

Project number: RMI/76/P01.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: Translation into Arabic of Basic Data on Population and International Migration in Arab Countries.

Publication(s): Publication in Arabic of the above-mentioned book.

Resource utilization: \$ 5,373

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: 481 Data collection and analysis;
482 Population development and policy.

Project title: Infrastructure in the Population Division of ECWA.

Project number: RMI/75/PO3.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: The work undertaken by infrastructure staff contains three major components, namely:

- (a) Population data collection and analysis;
- (b) population and development;
- (c) population policies.

These three elements constitute chronological steps in population activities: population data are collected through censuses, surveys, vital registration and other current statistical activities, they are analysed in order to estimate levels of and trends in demographic variables; research on their relationships with development is undertaken to determine which population trends need to be affected and through which determinants; and population policies and programmes are formulated in order to effect the population changes required.

Publication(s): Presented under the separate projects.

Resource utilization: \$ 309,551

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: 483 - Population, education and information.

Project title: ECWA Population Bulletin (ongoing).

Project number: RMI/75/P07.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: This project consists of the publication of the scientific journal, the Population Bulletin of ECWA, which aims to:

- (a) Make available to researchers interested in population questions relevant to this region a forum in which the results of their research can be published;
- (b) disseminate the results of research relevant to population policy-making and training to Governments and training institutions in the region;
- (c) create interest in population questions concerning this region among scholars inside and outside the region.

The Population Bulletin of ECWA, is a bi-annual publication, and the only major population journal published in the ECWA region.

Publication(s): Bulletins Nos. 15, 16 and 17 were published in Arabic and English and distributed to institutions throughout the region.

Resource utilization: \$ 44,930

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: 483 - Information, research and training.

Project title: ECWA Publication and Clearing House (ongoing).

Project number: RMI/80/PO5.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: This project consists of three main elements:
(a) The expansion of the population reference centre and related activities;
(b) the establishment of an information base for undertaking population research in the region;
(c) the publication and dissemination of books and monographs of direct relevance for policy-making and training in the region.

Publication(s): "Source Book for Research on Population and Development **in the ECWA region**".
"Bibliography of Population Literature in the Arab World" (in English and Arabic) and "Basic Data on Population, Economy and International Migration in the Arab Countries".

Resource utilization: \$ 101,942

Country: Selected countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 480 - Population.

Subprogramme: 481 - Data collection and analysis.

Project title: Regional Census Training Workshop

Project number: GIO/78/PO7.

Source of funds: UNFPA.

Description: A census training workshop was organized by the ECWA secretariat at Damascus from 4 January to 6 March 1980. The workshop was designed to train and assist personnel in member States with their planned national censuses during the 1980s. Studies were also prepared on census questionnaires and the tabulation of censuses.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 132,534

VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

Country: Lebanon.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Training in Child-Care for Housemothers/Teachers/
Administrators (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.4/ECWA/Lebanon/Project 2.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: Workshop: Beirut, 14 May - 15 June 1979;
Technical assistance in group activities, equipment
for metal work, woodwork and electricity workshops:
1 September 1979 - 30 August 1981.

Collaborating agency: General Union of Palestinian Women.

Activity: Training, technical assistance, equipment.

Description: A four-week training course was organised for housemothers, teachers and administrators of Beit As-Smoud. The training dealt with integrated social services, health, nutrition, child psychology, and the programming of activities for children. The course also covered general administration, planning and programming and budgeting techniques, so that the housemothers, teachers and administrators could acquire knowledge of both aspects of their work, namely child care and administration. About 30 women were trained during the course.

Follow-up activities, approved by the Consultative Committee, include the provision of a trainer for group activities for the youth and children of Beit As-Smoud. The trainer began his assignment on 1 September 1979, and it will end on 30 August 1981.

In addition, funds were used to provide equipment for setting up three handicraft workshops, for metal work, woodwork, and basic electricity. The purpose of these workshops is to introduce the young men of Beit As-Smoud - and the girls, in part - to vocational education and to begin self-reliance maintenance activities for Beit As-Smoud. The assistance will end by 30 September 1981.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource-utilization: \$ 16,348.

Country: Selected ECWA countries.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Provision of appropriate social services for rural areas (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.4/ECWA/Regional/Project 5.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: Phase I: 10 months (survey and evaluation), June 1981;
Phase II: 7 months (curriculum development and training),
April 1982.

Activity: Operational research.

Description: The project will include a survey of formal social services in general, and their components concerning women in particular, in rural areas of selected ECWA countries. The results of the survey will be discussed with officials concerned, and programmes for adjusting the services and their delivery system will be proposed. The social workers in the social centres will also be retrained in accordance with the results of the survey.

Publication(s): "Survey of social services in rural areas".

Resource allocation: \$ 56,400

Country: Bahrain.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Supplementary technical assistance to Country Projects (ongoing)

Project number: VF/CC.4/ECWA/Bahrain/Proj. 8.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: March - May 1981.

Requesting agency: Ministry of Social Affairs, Bahrain.

Activity: Technical assistance to analyse data on Bahraini women.

Description: The services of consultant are to be provided for analysing data collected by the Ministry of Social Affairs on the condition of women in Bahrain.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 3,500

Country: Lebanon.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Establishment of a Training Centre for Women Working in Nurseries and Day-Care Centres (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.6/ECWA/Lebanon/Project 10.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: Phase I: 1 April - 31 May 1980;
Phase II: 1 June 1980 - 31 July 1981.

Requesting agency: Child and Mother Welfare Society (request endorsed by the Ministry of Social Affairs, Lebanon).

Description: The objectives of the project are:

- (a) to establish a training centre for preparing women at the intermediate level to become workers in nurseries and day-care centres for children under the age of 4 years;
- (b) to enable 200 female workers to qualify between 1980 and 1984;
- (c) to improve the organization and programme of the existing nursery of the Child and Mother Welfare Society with a view to its use for training and demonstration purposes;
- (d) to assist in the establishment of new day-care centres complying with the highest possible standards, for which the quality and competence of child-care staff constitute a priority requirement.

Publication: Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 53,691

Country: Bahrain.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Preparation of Prototype Educational Materials for Women's Extension Programmes (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.6/ECWA/Bahrain/Project 11.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: February 1981 - 30 July 1982.

Collaborating agency: Ministry of Social Affairs, Bahrain.

Activity: Technical assistance, educational and training materials.

Description: This project, which is a continuation of the UNDP project entitled "Integration of Women in Development", will:

- (a) seek various expertise and skills in preparing and producing educational materials for mass communication;
- (b) formulate a detailed study of the content of educational materials for women extension workers and identify the best measures to prepare and produce the material for television and radio;
- (c) produce educational materials that can be considered as "models" and "pioneers" in content, as well as in production, so that other programmes can benefit from them.

Publication: Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 56,670

Country: Oman (3 rural areas: Ibra, Rustag, Nizwa).

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resource development and social integration.

Project title: Women's Component in Community Development and Primary Health Services in the Rural Areas (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.6/ECWA/Oman/Project 12.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: 1 April 1980 - 31 January 1982.

Requesting agency: Ministry of Social Affairs, Oman.

Activity: Technical assistance.

Description: This project aims at:

- (a) establishing, through the local social and health workers, self-reliance within the villages aiming at improving the over all conditions of the rural population;
- (b) training local women as leaders in their villages;
- (c) providing health services for mothers and for child care.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 55,213

Country: Lebanon.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Skill Development in Integrated Social Work for Workers in Non-governmental Organizations (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.6/ECWA/Lebanon/Project 13.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: June 1980 - 30 September 1981.

Collaborating agency: General Union of Palestinian Women, Beirut.

Activity: Training.

Description: This project finances training in various areas. It provides funds for two trainers for one year for Beit As-Smoud, one for metal work and woodwork, the other for basic electricity. It also provides funds for organizing a training workshop, scheduled for May 1981, in skills for organizing and administering multi-purpose centres. A 3-week training workshop was held at Beirut from 3 to 30 June 1980 for female child-care workers employed by various nurseries and kindergartens sponsored by the General Union of Palestinian Women and other Palestinian women's associations.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 29,122

Country: Yemen.

Programme: 530.Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Improving Animal and Poultry Stock and processing Food Products (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.6/ECWA/Regional/Project 15.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: January - December 1981.

Collaborating agency: Central Planning Organization.

Activity: Technical assistance.

Description: This project is intended to assist in implementing the objectives of the Development Plan, among which are:

- (a) to improve the daily performance of rural women, so that they can become effective participants in rural development;
- (b) to increase the income generated from livestock through better methods in animal husbandry;
- (c) to improve the quality and quantity of food products and their correct nutritional utilization;
- (d) to provide women with agriculturally related knowledge and skills in order to render them more skilful producers; an expert, to be assisted by a Yemeni female extension worker, will be recruited for a period of one year.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource allocation: \$ 77,479

Country: Gulf countries.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Development of Skills for Organization and Participation in Training Workshops (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.6/ECWA/Sub-regional/Project 16.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: Abu Dhabi, October 1981.

Collaborating agency: Ministry of Planning.

Description: The training will concentrate on the skills necessary for organizing meetings and seminars and for participating in similar activities. It will include practical work, such as the preparation of agendas, the outlining of papers, the mapping of logistic activities etc.

Publication(s): Manual on skills for organizing and participating in meetings.

Resource utilization: \$ 8,618

Country: Egypt, Jordan, and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Programme: 530 - Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532 - Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Community Self-help Activities (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.4/ECWA/Regional/Project 17.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: March - June 1981.

Description: This project is based on operational research which would aim at clarifying the nature, forms, structures, and functions of women non-formal self-help networks existing in urban poor areas and at identifying means to strengthen and refine this network. The project further aims at enabling poor urban women to participate in community service delivery systems, not only as recipients but also as designers of and participants in such systems. The documentation of all activities and processes of the project will take place, in order to demonstrate the validity of its basic assumptions and to present its results as a case study serving as a model for future reference and application.

Publication(s): The three research activities to produce case studies on the non-formal delivery of services.

Resource utilization: \$ 1,972

Country: Experts from ECWA countries.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Policy Formulation for Developmental Images of Women in Mass Media and Literature (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.6/ECWA/Regional/Project 18.

Source of fund: VFUNDW.

Dates: May 1981.

Activity: Policy-oriented studies content analysis of mass media;
Expert group meeting.

Description: This project aims at:

- (a) Providing policy guidelines for the mass media for the introduction of the necessary changes and reorientation in their programmes to render them more compatible with the increasing role of women as partners of men in the development of society;
- (b) Identifying the prevailing stereotyped images of the role of women, as opposed to the emerging developmental images.

Publication(s): Papers presented to the expert group meeting;
Final guidelines proposed by the experts.

Resource allocation: \$ 68,708

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Logistic Support to the ECWA Women's Development Programme (ongoing).

Project number: VF/CC.6/ECWA/Regional/Project 20.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Dates: April 1980 - June 1981.

Activity: Varied (Equipment/fellowships/printing/operational research).

Description: This project constitutes a contingency fund, which could be used to support other projects or to finance new small projects which arise during the present biennium. Activities include the following:

- (a) A feasibility study, as a pre-project stage, for the project entitled "Maintenance of Household Electronic and Electric Appliances in Jordan", requested by the Ministry of Social Development, Jordan, and submitted to the ninth session of the Voluntary Fund Consultative Committee in April 1981, for funding;
- (b) Audio-visual equipment for two women's centres in South Lebanon;
- (c) The printing of the ECWA Regional Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1981-1985, in Arabic and English.

Publication(s): Proceedings to be published.

Resource utilization: \$ 34,380

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Senior Programme Officer for Women.

Project number: IWJ-99-935.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Description: Under the general supervision of the Executive Secretary of ECWA and the guidance of the Chief of the Social Development and Human Settlements Division, a Senior Programme Officer will be required to:

- (a) Plan regional and national programmes for increasing the integration and participation of women in the region in social and economic development;
- (b) Implement projects, in co-ordination with the Governments, United Nations agencies and various national organizations concerned.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 62,118

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 530.Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532.Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Research and Administrative Assistance in Project Development.

Project number IWJ-99-935.

Source of funds: VFUNDW.

Description: Under the general direction of the Chief of the Division a Research Assistant will (a) undertake research and data collection relevant to the implementation of the ECWA Voluntary Fund projects on women and development; (b) assist in preparing and organizing correspondence on matters related to women's programme, as well as undertaking other administrative responsibilities; (c) assist in organizing seminars and workshops pertaining to Voluntary Fund projects and (d) collect material regarding technical co-operation programmes in the field of women and development.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 9,800
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UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: Environment and Development.

Subprogramme: Environment and development.

Project title: Strengthening the Environmental Capabilities of the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ongoing).

Project number: FP/0302-78-01.

Source of funds: UNEP.

Description: The immediate objective of this project is to strengthen the environmental capabilities of the Economic Commission for Western Asia through the strengthening, within its secretariat, of the appropriate machinery to deal with environmental problems. Through the provision of this kind of assistance, UNEP seeks to promote institutional networks providing environmental capabilities at the regional level, which it may call upon for support in the accomplishment of its global tasks.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 78,658
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TRUST FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND PROJECTIONS

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 240 - Development Planning, Projections and Policies.

Subprogramme: 242 - Perspective planning.

Project title: Medium-term Forecasting of Income, Growth, Trade and Inflation (completed).

Project number: DV-J-12-245.

Source of funds: Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projections (FUNDPAP).

Description: This programme aims at developing macro-econometric models, and in addition simulated planning exercises will be conducted for all member countries. The models will then be linked together, forming a regional model. The scope of the models will be expanded to include social, demographic and environmental factors.

Publication(s): "The long-term macro-econometric model of the economy of the Syrian Arab Republic", to be published in the 1980 edition of "Studies on Development Problems in countries of Western Asia".

Resource utilization: \$ 33,077
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TRUST FUND FOR ECWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 110 - Executive Direction and Management.

Subprogramme: 113 - Programme planning and co-ordination.

Project title: Study on the Establishment of Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission (ongoing).

Project number: WBJ-14-110.

Source of funds: Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

Description: The study on the establishment of subsidiary bodies consists of the following elements:

- (a) A survey of intergovernmental bodies and their subsidiary organs in the ECWA region;
- (b) A survey of the intergovernmental structures of the regional commissions;
- (c) Consultations with Governments;
- (d) Conclusions drawn from the consultations with Governments;
- (e) Consultations with the Arab intergovernmental organizations, ECA and those international specialized agencies within whose sphere of competence the establishment of subsidiary bodies will be proposed to the Commission;
- (f) The formulation of draft proposals for the establishment of subsidiary bodies;
- (g) The formulation of rules of procedure for the proposed subsidiary bodies.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource allocation: \$ 7,500

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.
Programme: 210 - Food and Agriculture.
Subprogramme: 212 - Regional agricultural co-operation.
Project title: Expert Meeting on Management, Conservation and Development of Agricultural Resources (ongoing).
Project number WBJ-14-210.
Source of funds: Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

Description: The activities initiated in the field of the management, conservation and development of agricultural resources (a new programme element) constituted the vantage point from which intensified action is to be undertaken during subsequent years. All envisaged project activities will be co-ordinated and undertaken in co-operation with and/or in support of activities carried out by other regional and international organizations. To this end, contacts were initiated with regional and international organizations concerned with a view to enlisting their co-operation in the planned project activities and in the organization and follow-up to the Meeting. The objectives of the project are:

- (a) To exchange information, ideas and experience and to promote action regarding resource conservation, management and development;
- (b) To identify, formulate, co-ordinate and follow up intercountry and regional projects aimed at resource conservation, management and development, particularly in the socio-economic field;
- (c) To provide advisory and technical support for national action towards resource conservation, management and development.

(The Expert Meeting will be held at Damascus, 9-15 May 1981).

Publication(s): Proceedings of the Meeting to be published.

Resource utilization: \$ 13,161

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 240 - Development Issues and Policies.

Subprogramme: -

Project title: Study of the Brain Drain Problem in the ECWA region (ongoing).

Project number: WBJ-14-240.

Source of funds: Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

Description: These activities aim at studying the brain drain from the ECWA region, examining its underlying causes, formulating action-oriented policies and considering ways and means of making use of the services and talents of Arabs residing abroad. This study, which was submitted to ECWA at its fifth session, held at Amman from 2 to 6 October 1978, consists of five chapters, namely:

- (a) The magnitude of the brain drain;
- (b) Policies of the ECWA countries toward the brain-drain problem;
- (c) Causes of the brain drain;
- (d) Consequences of the brain drain;
- (e) Recommendations.

The activity includes further case studies on the brain drain in Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Publication(s): Upon completion of the project.

Resource utilization: \$ 9,336

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 340 - International Trade.

Subprogramme: 341 - Trade expansion and economic integration.

Project title: Study on Economic Co-operation and Integration in Western Asia (ongoing).

Project number: WBJ-14-340.

Source of funds: Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

Description: The study deals with obstacles affecting trade and benefits derived from trade agreements and closer economic co-operation. Among the subjects to be studied are:

- (a) The evaluation of economic co-operation in Western Asia;
- (b) Obstacles to and benefits from closer economic co-operation;
- (c) Forms and feasible measures of economic co-operation in Western Asia.

Publication(s): July 1979, "Obstacles and Benefits from closer Economic Co-operation" - December 1979, "Evolution of Economic Co-operation and Integration in Western Asia".

Resource utilization: \$ 13,292

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 520 - Science and Technology.

Subprogramme: -

Project title: Expert Meeting on the Arab Brain Drain.

Project number: WBJ-14-520.

Source of funds: Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

Description: The Expert Meeting was held at Beirut between 4 and 8 February 1980. The Meeting aimed at presenting information on and an analysis of aspects of the phenomenon. The areas of the brain drain of emphasis and the topics were:

- (a) The phenomenon of the brain drain;
- (b) Institutional aspects;
- (c) The social and psychological dimensions of the brain drain;
- (d) The development impact of the movement of Arab high-level manpower;
- (e) The experience of Arab and non-Arab States in combating the brain drain.

Publication(s): Proceedings to be published.

Resource utilization:\$ 45,556
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Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 540 - Statistics.

Subprogramme: 541 - Development of statistical services.

Project title: Annual Statistical Abstract of the Arab World (ongoing).

Project number: WBJ-14-540.

Source of funds: Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

Description: The Abstract provides statistical information in the fields of social sciences and economics and consists of Part one, which presents data arranged on a country basis and part two, which presents data on a subject basis. The Abstract covers the countries of Western Asia.

Publication(s): Statistical Abstract of 1980;
Statistical Indicator of the Arab World, 1980.

Resource utilization: \$ 56,119
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Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 800 - Administration.

Subprogramme: 806 - Library services.

Project title: Directory of Information and Documentation Facilities.

Project number: WBJ-14-800.

Source of funds: Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

Description: This activity consists of the compilation of a directory of information and documentation facilities in the Arab world as a follow-up to the surveys pertaining to the establishment of the Arab Regional Documentation Centre for Economic and Social Development (ARDCES).

Publication(s): Upon completion of the project.

Resource utilization: \$ 1,332

GOVERNMENT OF QATAR

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 530-Social Development.

Subprogramme: 532-Human resources development and social integration.

Project title: Study of the Palestinian Arab People (ongoing).

Project number: TAJ-73-480.

Source of funds: Government of Qatar.

Description: This activity consists of a study of the economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian Arab people. The study covers an analysis of its geographical distribution, age and sex structure and demographic growth, and the legal and administrative status of the Palestinian Arab people in Arab host countries, as well as international migration flows and future trends. It will further include surveys of the economic, social and cultural institutions and activities carried out under the aegis of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Publication(s): Upon completion of the study.

Resource utilization: \$ 4,881

GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC

Country: Yemen.

Programme: 210 - Food and Agriculture.

Subprogramme: 213 - Agriculture and rural institutions.

Project title: Study of Crop Sharing and Land Tenancy Practices (completed).

Project number: TAJ-73-210.

Source of funds: Government of the Yemen Arab Republic.

Description: The immediate objectives of the study, which was carried out through field surveys, were:

- (a) to recommend specific cost-sharing terms between landowners and tenants as alternatives to existing crop-sharing arrangements, so as to promote the use of yield-increasing inputs in agriculture in the Yemen Arab Republic;
- (b) to review available information and survey the system of land tenure and tenancy practices;
- (c) to analyse the information obtained from field surveys and identify the individual or combined effects of factors affecting incentives for tenants to adopt yield-increasing techniques;
- (d) to document and analyse various systems of tenancy which could be adopted in the country's agricultural areas;
- (e) to recommend the most appropriate arrangements for the implementation of new tenancy systems in the different agricultural regions of the country.

Publication(s): Upon clearance by the government.

Resource utilization: \$ 21,013

GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 800 - Administration and Common Services.

Subprogramme: 803 - Personnel services.

Project title: French Language Co-ordinator.

Project number: YF-J-22850-010.

Source of funds: Government of France.

Description: The French teacher Co-ordinator, whose services are financed from the Trust Fund established by the French Government, will organize, co-ordinate and provide tuition in French language courses. Additionally, the coordinator, in consultation with Headquarters, will advise on general training activities.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 26,789

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 540 - Statistics.

Subprogramme: 541 - Development of statistical services.

Project title: Associate Expert in Statistics (ongoing).

Project number: TAJ-73-540-010.

Source of funds: Government of France.

Description: The functions of this expert are:

- (a) to assist in the various development programmes and in the functioning of an information system concerning socio-economic statistics;
- (b) to participate when necessary in all the work of the Division concerned, including the preparation of studies and technical meetings;
- (c) to participate in projects concerned with technical assistance to countries of the region and with training programmes.

Publication(s): Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 43,231

GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS

Country : Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme : 210 - Food and Agriculture.

Subprogramme : 212 - Regional agricultural co-operation.

Project title : Country and Inter-country Food Security Arrangements (ongoing).

Project number : TAJ-73-210.

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands.

Description : A mission was undertaken in October 1980, to Yemen and Democratic Yemen, and a study was conducted on present production and consumption trends in the two countries. A review and, where necessary, recommendations were made on national and subregional food policies. The study also aimed at assessing the size and composition of a food reserve adequate to cover short-term consumption needs arising out of unforeseen emergencies, the optional location of such a reserve, the capacity of the existing storage system in relation to national or subregional food reserves, and the present grain marketing system and its effect on food security.

The project also aims at producing suggestions with regard to the organizational and administrative implications of the establishment of a subregional or national food reserve, and at identifying food security projects which might be sponsored by donors, including technical assistance to strengthen the food security of the two countries.

A project review meeting on food security in Yemen and Democratic Yemen is scheduled to be held in June 1981 at Sana'a, Yemen.

Publication(s) : To be considered upon completion of the project.

Resource utilization: \$ 10,395

Country : Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme : 330-Industrial Development.

Subprogramme : 331 - Regional co-ordination in the industrial field.

Project title : Regional Industrial Project (ongoing).

Project number : TAJ-73-330.

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands.

Description : This project concerns the regional development of the engineering, and capital goods industries and involves the preparation of a plan of action for promoting their development among member States.

The project activities will include:

- (a) The evaluation of identified specific regional projects in this field;
- (b) The analysis of common problems and solutions relating to the establishment of regional industries;
- (c) The identification of opportunities for establishing additional regional industries;
- (d) The co-ordination of studies in this field among regional organizations;
- (e) The examination of existing mechanisms for investment decisions and project implementation;
- (f) An expert group meeting, scheduled to be held from 15 to 19 June 1981 at Vienna, Austria.

Publication(s) : To be considered upon completion of the project.

Resource utilization: \$ 17,313

Country : Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme : 340 - International Trade.

Subprogramme : 341 - International trade and regional co-operation and integration.

Project title : Seminar on Feasible Forms of Economic Co-operation and Integration (ongoing).

Project number : TAJ-73-340.

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands.

Description : The aim of the meeting planned for November 1981 is to bring about a better understanding of the economic factors conducive to regional co-operation. It also aims at identifying those forms of such co-operation to which particular attention should be directed, and the feasibility of and the prerequisites for the realization of more advanced and workable co-operative arrangements; also, the formulation of action-oriented recommendations and policy guidelines for that purpose, for the consideration of Governments of member States and international and regional intergovernmental organizations concerned with the promotion of closer economic relations among the countries of Western Asia.

Publication(s) : To be considered upon completion of the project.

Resource allocation: \$ 60,000

Country : Democratic Yemen, Oman, Yemen.

Programme : 510 - Development Finance and Administration.

Subprogramme : 511 - Mobilization and management of financial resources and improvement of Administrative capabilities for development.

Project title : Subregional Training Programme in Public Finance and Administration (completed)

Project number : TAJ-73-500.

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands.

Description : Activity consisted of training programmes conducted at the country level in each of the three beneficiary countries (Democratic Yemen, Oman and Yemen). The Programmes - of one month's duration each - dealt with the following specific issues:

- (a) Problems of government budgeting and taxation in Yemen;
- (b) Problems of budgeting in the public sector and field training in Customs administrations in Democratic Yemen;
- (c) Fiscal problems in Oman;

Services offered under the project consisted of:

- (a) Advisory services to government agencies in Democratic Yemen on specific problems related to public budgeting, with emphasis on the budgets of public enterprises and utilities;
- (b) Advisory services to relevant government agencies in Oman on the present organization, duties and activities of the Directorate General of Finance, in the light of the new fiscal system;
- (c) Advisory services to both Democratic Yemen and Yemen on Customs administration.

Publication(s) : Not applicable.

Resource utilization: \$ 22,466

Country : Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme : 520 - Science and Technology.

Subprogramme : 521 - Regional co-operation in the transfer and development of science and technology.

Project title : Seminar on the Role of Consulting Engineering and Design Functions in the Development Process (ongoing).

Project number : TAJ-73-520.

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands.

Description : The seminar scheduled to be held from 15 to 29 May 1981 at Beirut aims at:

- (a) Reviewing experience, developing capabilities and rendering services in the area of consulting engineering and design;
- (b) Identifying obstacles to the development of these capabilities in the ECWA region;
- (c) Analysing and evaluating the role and performance of Arab consulting engineering firms in the design and execution of investment projects.

Publication(s) : To be considered upon completion of the project.

Resource utilization: \$ 18,387

Country: Selected countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 540-Statistics.

Subprogramme: 541-Development of statistical services.

Project title: Standardization of National Statistical Systems (ongoing).

Project number: TAJ-73-541.

Source of funds: Government of the Netherlands.

Description: This project consists of studies in foreign trade and industrial statistics and will include:

- (a) Studies on the prevailing methods of collection, compilation and dissemination of foreign trade and industrial statistics in selected countries of the ECWA region. On the basis of these studies, reports will be prepared concerning the non-availability and the lack of standardization and harmonization of statistics in these countries. Proposals for improvement at the national and international levels will be submitted.
- (b) The analysis, with the collaboration of the Statistics Unit of ECWA, of the national reports prepared by the countries concerned on the applicability of their statistics to the United Nations standards of classification; the reports resulting from this analysis will be used as basic documents to be submitted to an expert group meeting on the standardization of national statistical systems in the ECWA region, which will be held in mid-1981. The reports will further be utilized for the preparation of training material for the collection and classification of statistics.

Publication(s): Upon completion of the studies.

Resource utilization: \$ 7,980

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 540 - Statistics.

Subprogramme: 541 - Development of statistical services.

Project title: Working Group on Standardization and Harmonization of National Statistical Systems of the ECWA countries (ongoing).

Project number: TAJ-73-542.

Source of funds: Government of the Netherlands.

Description: This meeting, scheduled for the second quarter of 1981, aims at assisting ECWA countries in adopting practical measures leading to the harmonization, standardization and improvement of their statistics.

Publication(s): To be considered upon completion of the project.

Resource allocation: \$ 30,000

Country: Countries of the ECWA region.

Programme: 550 - Transport, Communications and Tourism.

Subprogramme: 551 - Development of integrated transport.

Project title: Identification of Regional Transport Project (completed).

Project number: TAJ-73-551.

Source of funds: Government of the Netherlands.

Description: This project is a follow-up to the recommendations adopted at the ECWA Intergovernmental Meeting on the Development of an Integrated Transport System for Western Asia, held from 3 to 7 March 1980. The recommendations adopted at this Meeting called for:

- (a) Co-ordination and planning in the transport sector of the ECWA countries through the establishment of a Transport Planning Unit;
- (b) a training programme to improve efficiency in the handling, storage and transportation of goods;
- (c) the provision of information and data covering areas of relevance, in unified form and standardized as much as possible, with the eventual creation of a uniform system of shipping statistics;
- (d) attention to the facilitation of interregional transport, i.e., with regard to documentation and insurance requirements, Customs, immigration, security procedures at ports, inland routes and border crossings;
- (e) the promotion of tourism and the preparation of tourist maps of the region;
- (f) the preparation of a glossary giving the correct spelling of names of cities, ports, districts, provinces, geographical and administrative units, to be used in every country of the region and in the whole Arab world.

During the period under review, survey missions were carried out in the region, with the objective of identifying regional transport projects.

Publication(s): Development of an Integrated Transport System for Western Asia, Volume II: Aspects of transport demand (E/ECWA/Trans 2/Rev.1), December 1979.

Resource utilization: \$ 7,665