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CONTRIBUTION OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL PROGRAM OF WORK OF WHO, 1990-1995

The Constitution of the World Health Organization (Article 28g) requires its Executive Board to submit to the World Health Assembly for consideration and approval a general program of work covering a specific six-year period.

The WHO is now operating under the Seventh General Program of Work which covers the years 1984-1989 inclusive. This is the first of three general programs to be implemented during the execution of the Global Strategy of Health for All by the Year 2000. The Seventh General Program of Work was approved in May, 1983, its preparation having begun in 1980.

The Eighth General Program of Work covers the years 1990-1995 inclusive. The PAHO/WHO contribution to the Eighth General Program of Work must be approved by the Pan American Sanitary Conference prior to its submission to the WHO Executive Board in January 1987 and the World Health Assembly in May 1987.

Following the approval of the General Program of Work, Medium-Term Programs, covering the same time period, must be prepared to guide its implementation. The Medium-Term Programs will be reviewed by the WHO Headquarters Program Committee in July 1987, which coincides with the beginning of preparation for the 1990-1991 program budget.

The Director General of WHO is responsible for the preparation of the draft Eighth General Program of Work. On the basis of the Classified List of Programs (see Annex), each Regional Office is to prepare a description of the activities planned for the 1990-1995 time frame. The contributions from the Regional Offices should specify their activities for each program in the classified list.

The format for each program is follows:

Situation Analysis. An analysis describes the current situation in relation to the strategies for health for all. The analysis shows: the present situation and the regional and global trends with respect to the problems addressed by the program; what has been done to solve the problems; and the availability of scientific/technological methodologies and resources in the program area, including what is known and immediately applicable, what has to be adapted, and research needs.

Objectives. There should be several general objectives associated with each program area. In the Medium-Term Program, specific objectives are elaborated within the framework of the general objectives from the General Program of Work.

Targets. The targets described in the General Program of Work are estimates, based on the best regional judgement of the targets that Member Countries could feasibly attain by the date indicated if adequate national and international actions were taken. For each specific objective mentioned in the Medium-Term Program, one or more targets are to be developed. The targets are to serve as reference points for program-budgeting and evaluation.

Approaches. The approaches described in the General Program of Work list the types of activities to be carried out at the country level, the regional or intercountry level, and the interregional or global level.

Activities. The activities appear only in the Medium-Term Program and specify how the targets are to be reached including a description of their location, time sequence and linkages with other WHO and U.N. programs.

The Seventh General Program of Work constituted the reference point for the PAHO/WHO Medium-Term Program for 1984-1989 and, in conjunction with the joint country/PAHO consultations on national needs and resources, for the PAHO/WHO biennial program budgets for 1984-1985 and 1986-1987. The preparation of the Biennial Program Budget for 1988-89 is underway; it is being prepared with direct reference to the Medium-Term Program and in accord with the new Regional Program Budget Policy.

The draft Eighth General Program of Work is based on the latest examination of results achieved during the Seventh General Program of Work and a joint analysis of the current priorities of Member Countries. It takes into account other national and subregional planning documents and current program budget efforts to extrapolate the needs and direction of PAHO/WHO efforts during the period 1990-1995. The final revision of the PAHO/WHO contribution to the Eighth General Program of Work will take place in light of the countries' needs as defined in their priorities for the 1988-1989 biennial program budget, their perspective of future needs,

and their assessment of the priority areas for the optimal utilization of PAHO/WHO's technical cooperation. Although the PAHO/WHO contribution to the Eighth General Program of Work is a forward looking document designed to anticipate future problems, it is based on current realities and the joint evaluation of the dominant obstacles to the achievement of national, regional and global health goals.

A draft of the PAHO/WHO contribution to the Eighth General Program of Work is being prepared for submission to the XXII Pan American Sanitary Conference in September. At the same time, the Medium-Term Program for 1990-1995 is being prepared to avoid duplication of time and effort.

Annex

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CLASSIFIED LIST OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE
EIGHTH GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

(Changes by comparison with the current list under the Seventh General Programme of Work
are shown by an asterisk)

A. DIRECTION, COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

1. Governing bodies

- 1.1 World Health Assembly
- 1.2 Executive Board
- 1.3 Regional committees

2. WHO's General Programme Development and Management

- 2.1 Executive management¹
- 2.2 Director-General's and Regional Directors' Development Programme
- 2.3 General programme development²
- 2.4 External coordination for health and social development³
- 2.5 Informatics*

B. HEALTH SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

3. Health system development

- 3.1 Health situation and trend assessment
- 3.2 Managerial process for national health development
- 3.3 Health systems research and development*
- 3.4 Health legislation

4. Organization of health systems based on primary health care

5. Health manpower

6. Public information and education for health

C. HEALTH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

7. Research promotion and development, including research on health-promoting behaviour

8. General health protection and promotion

- 8.1 Nutrition
- 8.2 Oral health
- 8.3 Accident prevention
- 8.4 Smoking and health*

¹ Includes Director-General's Office, Regional Directors' offices, offices of Assistant Directors-General with Headquarters Programme Committee Secretariat, offices of the Legal Counsel and Internal Audit and Managerial support to policies and strategies for Health for All by the Year 2000.*

² Includes Directors of Programme Management in regional offices, the Managerial Process for WHO's Programme Development, and Staff Development and Training.*

³ Includes collaboration within the United Nations system, with other organizations and with multilateral and bilateral programmes, and emergency relief operations.

9. Protection and promotion of the health of specific population groups

- 9.1 Maternal and child health, including family planning
- 9.2 Human reproduction research
- 9.3 Workers' health
- 9.4 Health of the elderly

10. Protection and promotion of mental health

- 10.1 Psychosocial factors in the promotion of health and human development
- 10.2 Prevention and control of alcohol and drug abuse
- 10.3 Prevention and treatment of mental and neurological disorders

11. Promotion of environmental health

- 11.1 Community water supply and sanitation
- 11.2 Environmental health in rural and urban development and housing
- 11.3 Control of environmental health hazards
- 11.4 Food safety

12. Diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative technology

- 12.1 Clinical, laboratory and radiological technology for health systems based on primary health care
- 12.2 Essential drugs and vaccines
- 12.3 Drug and vaccine quality, safety and efficacy
- 12.4 Traditional medicine
- 12.5 Rehabilitation

13. Disease prevention and control

- 13.1 Immunization
- 13.2 Disease vector control
- 13.3 Malaria
- 13.4 Parasitic diseases
- 13.5 Tropical disease research
- 13.6 Diarrhoeal diseases
- 13.7 Acute respiratory infections
- 13.8 Tuberculosis
- 13.9 Leprosy
- 13.10 Zoonoses
- 13.11 Sexually transmitted diseases
- 13.12 Vaccine research and development*
- 13.13 Other communicable disease prevention and control activities¹
- 13.14 Blindness and deafness*
- 13.15 Cancer
- 13.16 Cardiovascular diseases
- 13.17 Other noncommunicable disease prevention and control activities

¹ Including Smallpox Post-Eradication Surveillance.*

D. PROGRAMME SUPPORT

14. Health information support¹

15. Support services

- 15.1 Personnel
- 15.2 General administration and services
- 15.3 Budget and finance
- 15.4 Equipment and supplies for Member States

¹ Health information support includes WHO's publications and documents and health literature services.