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REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM
AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
FOR THE YEAR 1955

The Working Party appointed by the Executive Committee to study the Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955, and composed of Dr. Carlos Grunauer Toledo (Ecuador), Dr. Lucien Pierre-Noël (Haiti), and Dr. Frederick J. Brady (United States), met at 10:00 a.m., 24 April 1954. Dr. Brady was elected Chairman and the Working Party proceeded to examine Document CE22/2 in detail with the Officers of the Bureau. The Report and recommendations are presented as follows:

1. General considerations

- 1.1 The Working Party recognized that under its terms of reference its purpose was to study and make recommendations concerning the portion of the Program and Budget relating to PASB for 1955. Nevertheless, it was agreed to look also at the other programs for information and background with respect to the framework within which the Bureau operates.
- 1.2 It was noted that the total PASB budget proposed for 1955 was the same as for 1954, namely \$2,100,000, with a total for assessment of \$2,000,000.
- 1.3 It was realized that the programs shown under "WHO Regular" are subject to amendment or approval by the Seventh World Health Assembly. Amendment of the WHO Budget either with respect to programs or monies available will cause repercussions on the PASB program which would have to be faced. The question was raised as to whether a new document would be issued for the PASB Program and Budget for 1955, in case changes should be recommended. The Working Party, in view of the expense of reissuing documents, as pointed out by the Director, decided to recommend that any changes which might become necessary should be issued as an addendum rather than issuing a new document.

- 1.4 With respect to UN/TA funds, it was noted that the total figure was based on the present 1954 allocation, but that additional funds might become available depending upon receipt of contributions pledged.
- 1.5 The column "Other Extra Budgetary Funds" primarily represent prospective UNICEF financial support of joint UNICEF/WHO health projects. The figure for 1955 shows a decrease of approximately \$1,000,000 from 1954. It was explained that the document includes only the prospective UNICEF assistance known when it was prepared. This figure is constantly growing as joint planning takes place, and it is expected that the total figure under this heading may be approximately \$1,900,000 for 1955. It was recognized that the amount of UNICEF funds has budgetary implications for PASB/WHO contributions to joint projects.
2. Informational Summaries
 - 2.1 The summary information, pages 7 - 23, was considered. The Director mentioned that Part IV is unnecessary in 1955 as the loan made by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Kellogg Foundation for purchase of the buildings had been repaid.
 - 2.2 An increase in the amount of money for field activities both by total and by percentage was noted.
 - 2.3 The appointment of a Medical Adviser to the UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America to carry out liaison activities and promote better joint planning and consultation with governments on health projects proposed for UNICEF assistance was noted and endorsed as a constructive step. It was stated that this Medical Adviser supports and facilitates, but does not change the responsibilities of the Zone Offices.
 - 2.4 In considering summaries under the respective subject headings the trend toward an increase in integrated public health projects was noted. These projects often include activities which, if carried out separately, would be shown under other headings, such as environmental sanitation, maternal and child health, health education, etc. The Director reported that developments in malaria control indicate the possibility of eradication, the implication being that the problem must be considered on a regional basis to eliminate sources of infection from across a frontier, rather than as a problem of local control. The Director also reported that latest surveys show significant results in the mass yaws campaign.

- 2.5 Under Other Extra Budgetary Funds the Director explained the origin of the Zoonosis project. This project was first considered and approved by the Economic and Social Council of the Organization of American States, and not by the Executive Committee of PASO. Its operation is subject to availability of funds under the OAS Program of Technical Cooperation. There is no prospect of such funds in 1954 and no assurance for 1955. The Working Party decided to call the attention of the Executive Committee to this project in order to assure that its status is understood.
- 2.6 In the summary of personnel, decreases were noted in headquarters, primarily in local personnel.
3. Consideration of the Budget by Parts
 - 3.1 Part I represents estimated costs of Organizational Meetings and related Conference costs. Major changes are only those related to the places of forthcoming meetings.
 - 3.2 Under Part II the Working Party noted the following:
 - a) Office of the Director: All members of the Working Party expressed the need of an increase in the public information material for distribution to countries.
 - b) Education and Training: Noted the addition of a nurse to the Fellowships Branch.
 - c) Administration: Noted decreases in number of personnel.
 - d) Public Health: Noted no change in personnel.
 - e) Common Staff Costs: Noted that no figure is shown under Terminal Payments. It has been found that lapses offset this cost.
 - f) Common Services: no comment.
 - 3.3 Under Part III the Working Party considered each Zone Office, field office and project. The work of each office was explained with respect to direct advisory services to governments and administration of projects. Explanation was given on each project. The Working Party was satisfied that the projects are valuable and that they are being planned and carried out with the full cooperation of the respective governments. The large estimated contribution of governments on many projects was noted. Also it was noted that several projects

started under TA have had to be financed under WHO Regular or PASB. Although it is impracticable to comment on the program in detail, the following points were noted:

- a) Zone I Field Office: No change in personnel; increase in field projects under PASB.
- b) Zone II: No change in Zone Office personnel; increase in PASB field projects, but overall decrease, especially in extra budgetary funds, but these may be increased later.
- c) Zone III: No change in Zone Office personnel; field projects remain at about the same level.
- d) Zone IV: No change in Zone Office personnel; some decrease in field projects, especially in extra budgetary funds, but these may be increased later.
- e) Zone V: No change in Zone Office personnel; decrease in field projects. It was reported that discussions are under way with the new Ministry of Health for the development of integrated public health projects for future proposals.
- f) Zone VI: No change in Zone Office personnel; decrease in field projects, especially under Technical Assistance and Extra Budgetary funds, but the latter may be increased.
- g) Inter-zone Projects: An overall increase was noted with satisfaction as most of these projects benefit all countries in the region. AARO-18, Assistance to Schools of Medicine and Public Health (WHO Regular) was especially noted, and the Working Party decided to endorse this project for expansion if additional funds become available. It was noted that such funds when available also are used to increase AARO-35, Fellowships (PASB).
- h) Vaccine Production: It was also decided to request the Director to study the means of centralizing the production of vaccine and of organizing its distribution according to the needs of the Member Countries that are not producers of vaccine.
- i) Publications: The Director and his staff explained the usefulness of the item called "Special Publications" which permits the translation and reproduction of many valuable articles.

3.4 The Working Party inquired about all completed projects expected to be terminated in 1954 and 1955 and was reassured that those projects either were a complete piece of work or that other agencies particularly Governments were in a position to carry them forward.

4. Total Budget

- 4.1 The Working Party approved all Parts of the Program and Budget and decided to recommend that the Executive Committee give its approval at the level proposed, for presentation to the Conference.
- 4.2 The Working Party recommends that the Executive Committee adopt a resolution attached as Annex I to this Report.

The meeting rose at 4:30 p.m.

Working Party Members:

Dr. Frederick J. Brady
Chairman

Dr. Carlos Grunauer Toledo

Dr. Lucien Pierre-Noël

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR THE YEAR 1955

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

HAVING EXAMINED the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955 submitted by the Director; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the Report of the Working Party on this Proposed Program and Budget, and in accordance with the procedure set forth in Resolution I of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955 (Document CE22/2) and the Report of the Working Party thereon (Document CE22/47).

2. To transmit to the Pan American Sanitary Conference, as the proposed budget of the Executive Committee, pursuant to Chapter IV, Article 12-C, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955 submitted by the Director, together with the Report thereon of the Working Party.