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The XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (1981), in Resolution XI, requested the Director to inform the XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference on the measures adopted by him in the light of the Plan of Action. This document highlights some of the most significant activities undertaken to begin fulfilling PAHO's catalytic role in this continental effort.

The paper summarizes the main approaches and the organization of the series of high-level multidisciplinary seminar-workshops. It also briefly describes other important activities being carried out to define the implications of the Plan of Action and to steer the work of the Organization towards the goals and objectives of the Regional Strategies.

The Pan American Sanitary Conference may wish to review this summary as a basis for its discussions.

Structures and Operations in the Light of the Plan of Action

In a parallel process to the formulation, discussion and approval of the Regional Plan of Action by the Member Governments of PAHO, steps have already been taken to adapt the Organization to the challenges which lie ahead. Since the approval of the Regional Strategies by the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council (1980), emphasis has been given to the interdisciplinary, interdivisional, "horizontal" approach in the provision of PAHO's technical cooperation. Managerial and technical staff at all levels have been, and continue to be, intensely involved in joint activities related to the Regional Strategies and the Plan of Action. While part and parcel of the same process, the Director has thus far been required to report on the implementation of the "Study of WHO Structures in the Light of its Functions" separately. This matter will be examined under Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda of the Conference.

In order for PAHO to have the necessary flexibility in the re-allocation of its resources in line with the Plan of Action, the Director prepared and submitted to the Governing Bodies a transitional program and budget proposal for 1982-1983. This program and budget proposal was approved by the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (1981). One of its salient features was the inclusion of six special development projects to support key, innovative activities in support of implementation of the Regional Plan of Action during this transitional period.

Essentially, it can be said that the majority of the Organization's current activities are being geared to strengthen its catalytic role in each country and in the Region as a whole, as mandated by the Plan of Action. Some of these activities are highlighted in this summary as illustrations of the type of actions which have been initiated.

New Intercountry Projects

On the basis of the actions which the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council urged the Governments and requested the Director to undertake (Resolution XX), six specific areas of technical cooperation have been identified. Thus, the Director proposed and the Directing Council approved six special intercountry projects (AMROs) to promote and support the implementation of the Plan of Action. These projects are the following:

1. Promotion and Protection of the Health of Special Human Groups (AMRO 1800)

The activities to be undertaken under this program area are related to the priority human groups identified by the Regional Strategies for health for all (women and children, workers, the elderly, and the handicapped). Activities will be aimed at the identification of the particular needs of these groups. Further, this project will cooperate with Governments in research and development of economically feasible and socially acceptable solutions to those problems.

2. Organization and Participation of the Community (AMRO 4600)

The purpose of the activities to be carried out under this project is the development and application of specific methods and procedures for education of the community to make it a more active participant in health matters. Particular attention will be given to specific programs and methodologies for community education in order to increase participation of workers, young persons and women in community health activities.

3. Development of the Primary Health Care Strategy (AMRO 5600)

The purpose here is to cooperate with Governments in the implementation and evaluation of primary health care strategies within the framework of the Regional Strategies. It is also aimed at increasing the understanding of the implications, challenges, problems and opportunities inherent in the Strategies and the Plan of Action that the Governments of the Americas have approved and endorsed in different fora (PAHO, WHO, OAS, UN). The 10 Regional Seminar-Workshops on the Plan of Action--which are described further below--are being funded through this mechanism.

4. Increase of the Operational Capacity of the Health Systems (AMRO 7500)

These activities will support the countries in the work of reorganizing the health sector. Special emphasis will be given to reinforcing, planning, programming and evaluation in national health systems, as well as developing administrative processes, including epidemiological surveillance and information systems.

5. Development of Intersectoral Linkages (AMRO 7800)

PAHO will cooperate in devising approaches and methodologies to help strengthen intersectoral linkages, in the dissemination of information, and in manpower training related to this particular issue.

6. Development of Appropriate Technology (AMRO 8800)

PAHO will promote a systematic search for efficient and socially acceptable technological alternatives for extending the coverage of health services to the entire population in the framework of the primary health care strategies and in accordance with the Regional Plan of Action.

Seminar-Workshops

A vital first step for carrying out the Regional Plan of Action throughout the Americas is the planning and development of activities aimed at implementing national and regional strategies for health for all by the year 2000. Thus PAHO has designed a program to assist government decision-makers and operational level staff, as well as key PAHO field staff, to attain a broader, in-depth knowledge of the Plan of Action.

To this end, the Organization has initiated a series of seminar-workshops to promote a shared interpretation of the contents of the Regional Plan, of its implications, and of the necessary actions for its implementation. Specifically, the seminar-workshops have been designed to meet several objectives. First, to interpret the conceptual and operational approaches of the Regional Plan of Action and to assess its compatibility with national plans and actions in the health field; second, to analyze the necessary steps to launch the process toward health for all; and, last, to identify the main sectoral, intersectoral, politico-economic and operational implications of the Plan of Action at the national level. These seminars represent a unique effort on the part of PAHO in the global context of the World Health Organization.

More than 40 PASB professional staff have contributed to the drafting of background material. This material constitutes a preliminary analysis of the implications of the Plan of Action and the initial steps needed for implementing it. They represent working drafts which are being constantly revised based on the experience and insights gained in each seminar-workshop.

Ten seminars have been scheduled throughout the current year. Six have taken place as of this writing: 16-26 February, 16-26 March, 15-23 April, 10-18 May, 7-15 June, and 19-27 July, respectively. More than 100 representatives from 36 countries and territories have attended these meetings, including Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom (Cayman Islands and St. Kitts/Nevis), United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela. The seminar-workshops have also been attended by PAHO staff from the field and from Headquarters, as well as by WHO/Geneva staff.

The remaining seminars have been scheduled for the following dates:

- 16-24 August
- 18-26 October
- 8-16 November
- 6-14 December

The experience thus far has been a positive one. The recent seminars have resulted in very productive discussions, and the sharing of information and ideas among national authorities from countries facing a common challenge--health for all by the year 2000. It is hoped that by the end of the year about 250 individuals from the Region will have an

in-depth understanding of the Plan and the actions required. The process will be continued with the conduct of similar appropriate activities at subregional and country levels, hopefully drawing upon the skills of the participants in these seminars.

Financial Studies and Budgetary Guidelines

PAHO has been working on the financial and budgetary implications of the Regional Strategies and the Plan of Action. This study stems from a decision at the 86th Meeting of the Executive Committee (1981) asking the Director to analyze the matter and to report to the Executive Committee at its 88th Meeting. It was submitted to the Subcommittee on Long-Term Planning and Programming of the Executive Committee, which later reported on this matter to the full Committee. The study and the draft resolution which the Executive Committee recommends for the approval of the Conference will be taken up under Item 13.B.

Likewise, the Director prepared another study containing criteria and guidelines for the Proposed Program and Budget of PAHO for 1984-1985, and for the Provisional Draft of the Program Budget of WHO for the Region of the Americas for 1984-1985. This was also discussed by the Subcommittee on Long-Term Planning and Programming and reported to the Executive Committee. The Conference will examine a report on this matter under Provisional Agenda Item 29.

Actions at the Level of the International System

The Director and other PASB staff have been actively involved in promoting, explaining and seeking support for the Plan of Action with other agencies of the international system. Presentations, joint staff meetings and other communications have increasingly taken place between PAHO and other international organizations, including the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, the Economic Commission for Latin America, and other UN agencies. In this regard it is worth noting--as an indication of PAHO's efforts and of the increasing awareness of the Region's foreign affairs community regarding health matters--that this year's meeting of the General Assembly of the OAS in Castries, Saint Lucia, officially endorsed the Plan of Action.

Women and Health

The Director has taken a number of steps to ensure the integration of the Regional Plan of Action for Health for All and the Five-Year Regional Plan of Action on Women in Health and Development. A report on these steps has been submitted to the Special Subcommittee on Women in Health and Development and to the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee. The Director's report on this matter will be considered under Item 23 of the Provisional Agenda of the Conference.



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Attached are resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the
United Nations (A/RES/36/43) and by the General Assembly of the Organization
of American States (AG/RES. 559 (XI-0/81) on the subject matter.



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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Second Committee (A/36/691)]

36/43. Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/58 of 29 November 1979 concerning health as an integral part of development,

Noting with approval World Health Assembly resolution WHA 34.36 of 22 May 1981 by which the thirty-fourth Assembly unanimously adopted the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000,

Considering that the Global Strategy fully reflects the spirit of General Assembly resolution 34/58,

Considering that peace and security are important conditions for the preservation and improvement of the health of all people and that co-operation among nations on vital health issues can contribute substantially to peace,

Noting further that the Global Strategy is based upon the principles of the Declaration of Alma-Ata ^{1/} on primary health care, which implies an integrated approach to the solution of health care problems and requires the fullest support and involvement of all economic and social development sectors,

^{1/} See World Health Organization, Health Care: Report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 6-12 September 1978 (Geneva, 1978).

Recognizing that the implementation of the Global Strategy will constitute a valuable contribution to the improvement of over-all socio-economic conditions, and thus to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 2/

1. Endorses the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 as a major contribution of Member States to the attainment of the world-wide social goal of health for all by the year 2000 and to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

2. Urges all Member States to ensure the implementation of the Global Strategy as part of their multisectoral efforts to implement the provisions contained in the International Development Strategy;

3. Also urges all Member States to co-operate with one another and with the World Health Organization to ensure that the necessary international action is taken to implement the Global Strategy as part of the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy;

4. Requests all appropriate organizations and bodies of the United Nations system - including the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the World Bank - to collaborate fully with the World Health Organization in carrying out the Global Strategy;

5. Requests the Director-General of the World Health Organization to ensure that measures to implement the Global Strategy are taken into account in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy. 3/

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2/ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

3/ See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, para. 175.

AG/RES. 559 (XI-0/81)

HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on December 10, 1981)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Document AG/CP/doc.293/81 "Regional Plan of Action for Health for All by the Year 2000";

Resolution XX of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (X-0/80) approving the Regional Strategies of Health for All; and

Resolution XI of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (X-0/81) approving the Regional Plan of Action for Health for All by the Year 2000, which is a decisive step towards the development of the region; and

CONSIDERING:

That Resolution AG/RES. 232 (VI-0/76) and five subsequent resolutions endorse the intention and the need to convoke a special session of the General Assembly to consider inter-American cooperation for development;

That health is an essential part of the development process and that all individuals have the fundamental right to a minimum level of health enabling them to participate in the economic and social life of their countries;

That the global strategy of Health for All by the Year 2000 has been adopted by the World Health Assembly and incorporated in the New International Development Strategy by the General Assembly of the United Nations;

That the member states of the Pan American Health Organization, a specialized organization of the OAS, have approved the national and regional strategies for the attainment of the objectives of Health for All by the Year 2000, together with a Plan of Action for their implementation;

That the Plan of Action includes firm commitments for integral socio-economic development; and

That, notwithstanding the progress achieved in recent decades, preventable diseases and avoidable mortality rates are still unacceptably high in many countries of our region,

RESOLVES:

1. To support and endorse the Plan of Action of Health for All by the Year 2000 as a guideline to satisfy the health needs of the American peoples.

2. To urge the member states of the OAS to give the highest priority to attainment of the goals and objectives of the Plan of Action.

3. To urge the member states of the OAS to provide the necessary resources and direct their allocation toward supporting increased equity, efficiency, and efficacy in the strengthening and reorganization of the health systems of their countries.

4. To urge the member states of the OAS to further intersectoral development, in accordance with the Plan of Action, as a decisive element not only for achievement of the objectives of Health for All, but also for achievement of all socio-economic development objectives.

5. To request the assistance of the international financial institutions and the bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies to support the efforts of the member states to execute the Plan of Action and join them in the promotion of integral development.

6. To request the member states of the OAS, international financial institutions, and bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies to examine the implications and the scope of health within their own projects and program.

7. To instruct the General Secretariat of the OAS to examine the programs and activities of the Organization in order to determine the best way for their coordination with the programs of the Pan American Health Organization and thus obtain the maximum impact.