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INTER-COUNTRY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
IN THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMMES - INTRODUCTION

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The World Health Organization supports inter-country and inter-regional projects through its Regional Offices' programme and budget. For example, the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in 1968 in Manila adopted a resolution indicating its attitude toward inter-country and inter-regional projects as vital to the orderly growth and continued development of the health programmes of the Western Pacific. The Committee supported the budget estimates for such activities in 1970 and recommended to the Director-General a number of projects to be financed under the Technical Assistance Component of the United Nations Development Programme during the period 1969-1972.

They included:

1. Maternal and Child Health Advisory Seminar, South Pacific
2. Environmental Health Advisory Seminar, South Pacific

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3. Seventh Regional Seminar on Public Health Administration  
(Hospital Administration and Planning)
4. Control of Pharmaceutical Substances
5. First Regional Seminar on the Quality Control of Pharmaceutical  
Substances
6. Third Regional Seminar on Environmental Health Planning and  
Financing of Municipal Water and Sewerage Works
7. Joint FAO/WHO Regional Seminar on Applied Instruction

The Regional Committee also endorsed inter-regional activities proposed by the Director-General for financing under the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme for the period 1970-1973. They included:

1. Training in the Epidemiology and Control of Tuberculosis
2. Integrated Public Health
3. Course on Cholera Control
4. Cholera Control Teams
5. Community Water Supply -- Consultant Services
6. Travelling Seminar on the Disposal of Solid Wastes
7. Travelling Seminar on Medical Care
8. Travelling Seminar on the Organization of Mental Health Sciences
9. Travelling Seminar on Industrial and Agricultural Health
10. Course on Epidemiology

The Regional Director in his Eighteenth Annual Report, covering the period 1 July 1967 - 30 June 1968, described under Inter-country Activities, the Malaria Eradication Training Centre in Manila, a joint project of WHO,

U.S. Public Health Service, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the Government of the Philippines. Six courses were conducted in 1967, which were attended by 149 participants, 82 on WHO Fellowships.

Every Regional Office of WHO is involved with inter-country and inter-regional projects for the promotion of public health programmes. The Travelling Seminars for Deans and Faculties of Schools of Public Health of North America to Europe, the Middle East and to South America were examples of inter-regional and international cooperation in the promotion of training in public health.

There were other examples promoted by governments; i.e., the East-West Centre in Hawaii, the South Pacific Commission in the Pacific, by foundations or professional organizations as the Kellogg Foundation or the World Medical Association. The Communicable Disease Centre (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, has been an important training resource for the U.S. and other nations; overseas programmes such as Tulane's Division of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene with the Center for Medical Research and Training at Cali, Columbia; University of Maryland with Pakistan; University of California with Malaysia; and Johns Hopkins University in Calcutta. I spent two weeks in Korea on behalf of the American Public Health Association in August this year and saw how the Swedish International Development Authority has helped in Korea with hospitals, and now with the National Training Center for Family Planning. There is also the Agency for International Development of U.S.A., and the Government of the Netherlands, working with the Government of South Vietnam to establish the National Institute of Health. Each of you can mention many other examples. I have mentioned some to initiate discussion on this agenda item.