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## Country and intercountry programming and projects

COMOROS

### Note by the Administrator

Programme period

1977-1981

IPF for 1977-1981

\$ 7,200,000

### I. Nature of the programming exercise

1. The country programme of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros was prepared by the Government in close collaboration with the UNDP office, without calling on external assistance. In formulating the new activities planned for the current cycle, considerable use was made of the technical observations of the Resident Representative in his note on the country programme and in his evaluation report on the assistance provided by UNDP in the period 1973-1978. In establishing the general outline of UNDP action in the period 1979-1981, the national authorities were also able to draw upon sectoral studies prepared by United Nations specialized agencies, recommendations of expert missions and, more recently, a mission to the Comoros by the Assistant Administrator of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa.

2. The draft programme, which is the outcome of the programming exercise proper begun in June 1979, has been distributed to all the organizations of the United Nations system, and to other bodies directly concerned with the process of socio-economic development in the Comoros. Their comments and observations were considered by the Government and the UNDP office in Moroni before the final version of the document was drafted.

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capable of managing the country's resources to optimum effect. The programme therefore includes a major project concerning management and development planning, a project concerning assistance to the central statistical office, and a project concerning management and administrative methods.

. Human resources occupy third place, absorbing 15 per cent of the programmed funds; in this sector there is a project for the development of vocational training and a project to strengthen the educational sector.

0. Natural resources account for only 5 per cent of the funds. These funds are to be used for the first phase of a large-scale project for the development of water resources. There will be a considerable extension of activities in this sector in the next cycle.

1. The "miscellaneous" category includes a major project carried out by Habitat and other activities on a smaller scale, such as a United Nations Volunteers programme and a scholarship programme. These activities account for 22 per cent of the programmed funds.

Table I

Sectoral breakdown of programmed resources

| <u>Sector</u>                       | <u>Completed projects</u> |                 | <u>On-going projects</u> |                 | <u>New projects</u>  |                 | <u>Total</u>         |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                                     | <u>Value (\$000)</u>      | <u>Per cent</u> | <u>Value (\$000)</u>     | <u>Per cent</u> | <u>Value (\$000)</u> | <u>Per cent</u> | <u>Value (\$000)</u> | <u>Per cent</u> |
| Economy, social policy and planning | 73                        | 1               | 813                      | 11              | 436                  | 6               | 1,322                | 18              |
| Agriculture and rural development   | 172                       | 2               | 2,435                    | 34              | 275                  | 4               | 2,882                | 40              |
| Development of human resources      | 581                       | 8               | 516                      | 7               | -                    | -               | 1,097                | 15              |
| Development of natural resources    | -                         | -               | 322                      | 5               | -                    | -               | 322                  | 5               |
| Miscellaneous                       | 240                       | 3               | 1,229                    | 17              | 108                  | 2               | 1,577                | 22              |
| <b>Total programmed</b>             | <b>1,066</b>              | <b>14</b>       | <b>5,315</b>             | <b>74</b>       | <b>819</b>           | <b>12</b>       | <b>7,200</b>         | <b>100</b>      |

14. The attention of the Governing Council is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 34/127, adopted on 14 December 1979. In that resolution, the General Assembly, after recalling its resolution 31/42 of 1 December 1976, in which it had invited the international community to assist the Comoros in an effective and continuous manner so as to enable it to face successfully the critical situation resulting from the economic difficulties experienced since its accession to independence, noted with concern that the assistance so far provided fell short of the country's urgent requirements, and that a substantial amount of assistance was still urgently required in order to carry out the projects identified in the report of the mission sent by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Comoros to prepare a special economic assistance programme for the country. The General Assembly therefore requested the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their future programmes of assistance to the Comoros and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance. In the same resolution, the General Assembly also asked UNDP and other organizations of the system to bring the special needs of the Comoros to their governing bodies for consideration.

#### V. Recommendations of the Administrator

15. Consequently, the Administrator recommends that the Governing Council:

(a) Approve the proposed UNDP country programme for the Comoros for the duration of its programme period within the limits of its Indicative Planning Figure for 1977-1981;

(b) Authorize the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of this programme while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session (E/5543/Rev.1, para. 31), that expenditures are kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant Indicative Planning Figures and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time.