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## COUNTRY PROGRAMME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF

## NIUE

Note by the AdministratorProgramme periodIPF for 1980-1982

IPF for 1977-1981

\$1.0 million

IPF resources for 1982

\$0.2 million\*

I. Nature of the programming exercise

1. The Niue Country Programme was formulated by the Government in consultation with the UNDP Office in Apia, Samoa. In August 1979 the Government issued the first Niue National Development Plan (1980-1985). This served as the basis for the UNDP Representative's Note, which was designed to assist the Government in establishing the priorities and orientation of a UNDP country programme within the framework of the national plan. That Note for the Government was copied, in September 1979, to the regional representatives of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations system.

\*Estimated at one-fifth of 1977-1981 IPF. This is for planning purposes; it does not imply a firm commitment of resources by the Governing Council for the third cycle.

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2. The Government, utilizing the evaluation methodology presented in the UNDP Representative's Note, undertook a detailed review of all ongoing and proposed development programmes to identify those projects which merited highest priority for UNDP assistance. Through the Office of the Secretary to Government, a project identification exercise co-ordinated the views of all relevant Government agencies. The carefully considered results of this exercise were discussed with the Government during a visit to Niue by the UNDP Representative and the Assistant Representative. A rough outline of the Country Programme was agreed upon at these discussions in Niue, in line with the Government's priorities for UNDP assistance, and a first draft of the Country Programme was prepared in November 1979. Copies of this draft were then circulated to UNDP headquarters, the Specialized Agencies and to those regional representatives who had previously received copies of the UNDP Representative's Note.

3. Comments on the draft Country Programme from the Agencies and from UNDP headquarters were discussed with the Government and taken into account in the final version of the Niue Country Programme completed in February 1980.

## II. Relation of the country programme to national development objectives

4. The Niue National Development Plan (1980-1985) includes Capital Budget Plans for the years 1980/81 through 1982/83. Although sources of funding are shown only in the 1980/81 Capital Budget Plan, core projects are identified even where funding has not yet been confirmed. Projects selected for UNDP assistance are drawn from these Capital Budget Plans and thus the UNDP Country Programme is based on the first three years of the Niue National Development Plan.

5. Niue has suffered an average population loss of over 3 per cent annually since 1969. The primary national development objective is to prevent any further population decline by actively encouraging Niueans to stay in Niue, and to attract those who have already left to return. The measures that the Government intends to undertake in pursuance of this objective are described in the Country Programme document. The programme of technical co-operation which UNDP is being requested to support will directly assist the Government in carrying out these measures.

## III. Content and phasing of the country programme

6. The Country Programme concentrates on five sectors selected by the Government for UNDP assistance and complements assistance anticipated from other multilateral and bilateral sources, among them the Asian Development Bank (ADB); the South Pacific Commission (SPC); and the Governments of New Zealand, Australia and the Netherlands. The two main themes established by the Government for the UNDP Country Programme are: (a) support to the agriculture and fisheries sector leading to the development of commercially-oriented enterprises; and (b) independent advice in policy-making areas.

7. Agriculture and development planning account for 75 per cent of the total programme. The full sectoral breakdown is as follows:

Table 1

Sectoral breakdown of programmed resources

	<u>On-going projects</u>		<u>Identified 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>
Agriculture and fisheries	430	72	152	53	582	59
Planning and development administration	72	12	92	32	164	16
Health	7	1	42	15	49	5
Education	79	14	-	-	79	8
Natural resources Reserve	7	1	-	-	7	1
	-	-	-	-	110	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 2

Phasing of the Country Programme

A. Amounts programmed

<u>Year</u>	<u>(\$000)</u>
1980	383
1981	320
1982	178
Reserve	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>991</b>

B. <u>Resources taken into account for programming</u>	<u>\$000</u>
1. <u>Resources available</u>	
Balance of the second cycle IPF (1980-1981) <sup>a/</sup>	672
Resources assumed for 1982 <sup>b/</sup>	200
2. <u>Provision for adequate programming</u>	<u>119</u>
Total resources taken into account for programming	<u>991</u>

a/This figure represents the difference between the 1977-1981 IPF (\$1.0 million) and the estimated expenditure for the years 1977-1979 (\$328,000).

b/This figure, which represents one-fifth of the 1977-1981 IPF, is used for planning purposes and it does not imply any commitment of resources by the Governing Council for the third cycle.

#### IV. Recommendation of the Administrator

8. In the light of the views expressed above, the Administrator recommends that the Governing Council:

- (a) Approve the proposed UNDP Country Programme for Niue for the duration of its programme period within the limits of its approved Indicative Planning Figure; and
- (b) Authorize the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of the Country Programme while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session (E/5543/Rev.1, paragraph 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.

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