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TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC)

ACTIVITIES AND STAFFING OF THE SPECIAL UNIT FOR TCDC

Additional allocation from Special Programme Resources

for the promotion of action-oriented TCDC activities

Report of the Administrator

Summary

This report presents an accounting of the use of the allocation of \$600,000 from Special Programme Resources for special action-oriented promotional activities for TCDC during 1984-1985, approved by the Governing Council in its decision 83/15. The report also contains a request for a further allocation from Special Programme Resources of \$800,000 to cover 1986 as well.

1. The High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (HLC) in its decision 3/5, paragraph 2, recommended to the UNDP Governing Council, bearing in mind the proposal made by the Administrator in 1981, to consider the possibility of allocating a sum of \$1 million from the Special Programme Resources for the period 1984-1985 for promotional technical co-operation among developing countries activities .
 2. The Governing Council at its thirtieth session in June 1983 approved in its decision 83/15, paragraph 2, "... an allocation of \$600,000 from the Special Programme Resources for the third cycle for specific action-oriented promotional activities for technical co-operation among developing countries during the period 1984-1985, subject to consideration of a possible increase as recommended by the High-level Committee in paragraph 2 of its decision 3/5, following the mid-term review of the third programming cycle to take place at the thirty-first session of the Governing Council".
 3. Following this decision, the Administrator, on 21 October 1983, approved project INT/83/904, Promotion of action-oriented TCDC activities, with an initial budgetary allocation of \$400,000. The project has the following objectives:
 - (a) To provide direct support at the intercountry level by means of training and exchange of expertise and to encourage and promote the voluntary sharing and exchange of technical resources, skills and capacities through action-oriented TCDC activities;
 - (b) To provide direct support to all developing countries and territories with a view to strengthening their TCDC capacities and potentials.
- UNDP's Office for Projects Execution (OPE) was designated executing agency for this project.
4. As at 15 March 1984, 66 requests had been received from 59 countries at an estimated cost \$778,400. To facilitate these requests, the project budget was increased by an additional \$400,000. This involved adding the balance of \$200,000 from the \$600,000 approved at the thirtieth session of the Governing Council plus another \$200,000 from savings from previous allocations. Thus, the total budget of the project was increased to \$800,000.
 5. Since 15 March 1984, numerous other requests have been received, but because of the paucity of funds at this stage, further action has been postponed.
 6. Based on the approved requests, it is estimated that 94 experts would be exchanged between the developing countries concerned at an estimated cost of \$362,100. In addition, 114 nationals will benefit from various training programmes hosted by developing countries at an estimated cost of \$404,300. An estimated \$12,000 was approved for equipment.
 7. The number of countries requesting assistance by region are as follows:

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<u>Region</u>	<u>Number of countries requesting assistance</u>
Africa	24
Asia/Pacific	9
Arab States	7
Latin America	17
Europe	2
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Total	59
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8. In terms of donor versus recipient countries, the number of developing countries providing assistance to other developing countries by regions are as follows:

<u>Region of donor country</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Region of recipient country</u>	<u>Total</u>
Africa	4	Africa	21
Asia/Pacific	6	Asia/Pacific	4
Arab States	3	Arab States	6
Latin America	12	Latin America	12
Europe	1	Europe	1
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Total	26	Total	44
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It should be noted that in the statistical breakdown presented above, 11 countries (Botswana in Africa; Indonesia in Asia and the Pacific; Egypt and Sudan among the Arab States; and Brazil, Chile, Honduras, Jamaica, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela in the Latin America region) are both donors and recipients of aid under the project. (A graphic presentation of this co-operation is shown in the annex to this report.)

9. The following is a distribution of the funds by regions and components:

<u>Regions receiving assistance</u>	<u>COMPONENTS</u>			
	<u>Experts</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
			(US dollars)	
Africa	120 000	233 000	5 000	358 000
Asia/Pacific	69 700	29 500	-	99 200
Arab States	39 800	-	-	39 800
Latin America	126 600	123 000	7 000	256 600
Europe	6 000	18 800	-	24 800
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TOTAL	362 100	404 300	12 000	778 400
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10. Similarly, in terms of the movement of nationals from one region to another either as experts or for training purposes, the following picture emerges:

Regions	As recipients		As donors	
	No. of experts received	No. of nationals sent for training	No. of experts sent	No. of Nationals received for training
Africa	28	59	4	4
Asia/Pacific	23	8	22	30
Arab States	10	-	9	-
Latin America	32	46	46	80
Europe	1	1	13	-
TOTAL	94	114	94	114
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11. From a sectoral point of view, the resources programmed under the project are being channelled as follows:

Sectors	US dollars
General development issues, policy and planning	175 300
Natural resources	132 100
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	253 300
Industry	67 200
Transport and communication	74 000
International trade and development finance	25 000
Health	31 500
Education	9 000
Social conditions and equity	5 000
Science and technology	6 000
TOTAL	778 400

12. The costs in the various tables above reflect only UNDP inputs and comprise mainly the cost of airfare and/or partial or full daily subsistence allowance. Since the UNDP input in each case is merely catalytic, each request would also involve major costsharing between the donor and the recipient countries. A preliminary assessment of the catalytic role being played by the project INT/83/904 in mobilizing additional resources for technical co-operation revealed that for 61 requests approved at an estimated cost of \$674 400 to UNDP, the co-operating Governments are contributing \$2,238,192: i.e., for every \$1.00 spent by UNDP, the co-operating Governments are contributing \$3.32.

13. The experience gained so far suggests, therefore, that in the implementation of this project, UNDP is successfully strengthening TCDC at the regional, inter-regional and global levels.

14. The status of Special Programme Resources for the third programming cycle is presented to the Council in the Administrator's report entitled "Mid-term review of the third programming cycle, 1982-1986" (DP/1984/20). It shows that, as of end March 1984, of the \$20.4 million for the cycle earmarked for such contingencies as dealt with above, the Council had approved allocations of \$9.2 million, leaving a balance available of \$11.2 million.

15. Based on this, the Administrator recommends that the Governing Council approve an additional \$800,000 to be allocated from Special Programme Resources for 1984-1986 to ensure continuation of action-oriented promotional activities for TCDC.

