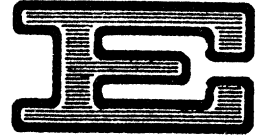




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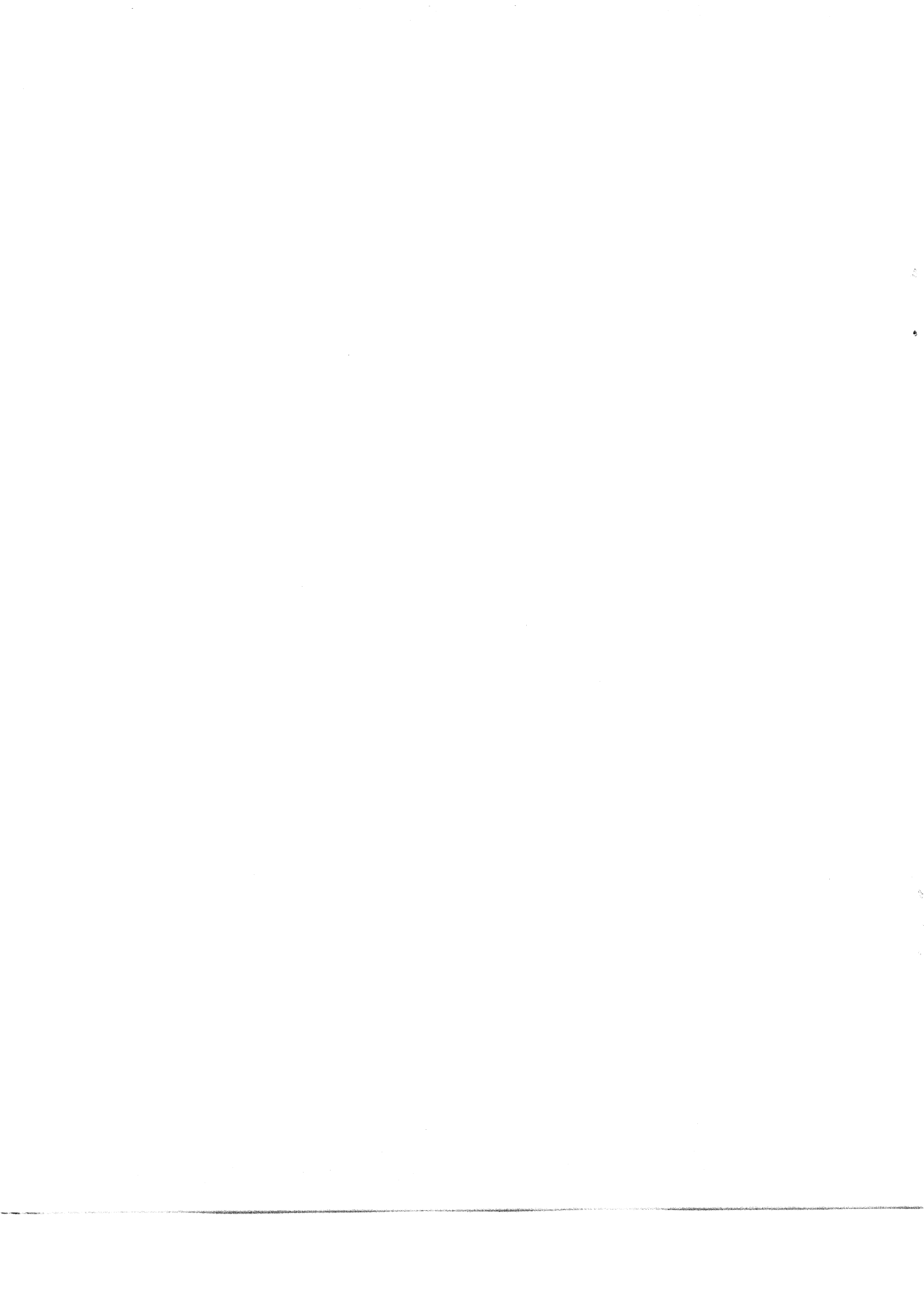
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FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMMES

EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES

Note by the Executive Secretary



I. INTRODUCTION

1. During the bienniums 1988-1989 and 1990-1991, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) made use of extrabudgetary resources from different contributors in support of activities financed from the regular budget. Excluding the Trust for ESCWA Regional Activities, which is the subject of a separate submission (see document E/ESCWA/16/7/Add.2), these resources amounted to \$US 7,053,657.

The major sources of extrabudgetary funds for the last two bienniums, as well as the first year of the current biennium were the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the Government of the Netherlands and the Government of France. Furthermore, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) supported ESCWA by financing posts to strengthen different programmes.

The resources utilized for the past two bienniums and for 1990-1991 were as follows:

	1986-1987	1988-1989	1990-1991
	(United States dollars)		
UNDP	1 549 809	439 481	215 935
UNFPA	1 186 341	1 731 224	1 753 019
UNIFEM	400 501	649 166	184 483
UNFSSTD ^{1/}	1 993	--	--
Government of the Netherlands	254 858	94 347	73
Government of France	101 105	135 915	39 384

2. Consolidated expenditures for the bienniums 1988-1989 and 1990-1991 are shown in annex I. The combined status of trust funds for the bienniums are shown in annexes II-A and II-B, respectively.

3. It should be noted that, in spite of the Commission's efforts, there has been no improvement in the level of extrabudgetary resources available to ESCWA in 1988-1989 and 1990-1991. UNDP is withdrawing its support for the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP). Furthermore, the Government of the Netherlands has withheld its contribution since 1985, and the balance of this fund is expected to be utilized by the end of 1992. As for the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities, the last contribution was made in 1983. However, the Government of France has continued its support to ESCWA by providing an annual contribution. Support from UNDP, UNFPA and UNIFEM is continuing.

^{1/} United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development.

4. In reviewing its programme of work, and taking into consideration the implications of the United Nations financial crisis and the dwindling extrabudgetary resources, the Commission realized the need to tap new sources of funding and to make concerted efforts to increase its extrabudgetary resources in order to implement its programme of work and meet the major needs of the region. To this end, the Commission made special efforts to raise voluntary contributions to be used for extrabudgetary financing of the programme of work, and for meeting requests by member States for studies and advisory services. Extensive contacts were made with Arab organizations and institutions at both the regional and national levels, and a number of cooperative and joint activities and projects have been identified and agreed upon, particularly with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) and the Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND). In order to solicit the support of donor countries, including new ones, visits were also made to countries outside the region.

II. HISTORY OF ACTIVITIES

A. United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme contribution to ESCWA started in the year 1979. The contributions up to 1987, which amounted to nearly \$US 7 million, were utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- The Arab Planning Institute;
- The Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics;
- International Drinking Water and Sanitation Decade;
- Preparatory assistance project for the establishment of the Arab Institute for Banking and Financial studies;
- ESCWA Regional Industrial Census Training Workshop un connection with the 1983 World Programme of Industrial Statistics;
- Preparatory assistance project for an intraregional maritime information system in the ESCWA region;
- Development of statistical services in the Yemen Arab Republic;
- National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP) (regional project);
- Seminar on Solar and Wind Technology in Western Asia;
- Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific in Western Asia.

In 1988-1989 and 1990-1991, \$US 1,355,773 and \$US 563,350 respectively, were allotted from UNDP contributions and utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Energy surveys;
- National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP);
- Preparatory assistance project for the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific in Western Asia;
- Biogas technology for rural areas in Western Asia;
- Establishment of engineering infrastructure industries in the ESCWA region;
- Strengthening national statistical activities;
- Fellowship in planning;

- Industrial entrepreneurship;
- Interregional Symposium on Gas Development and Market Prospects by the Year 2000 and Beyond;
- Support to the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development.

B. United Nations Population Fund

The UNFPA contribution to ESCWA started in the year 1975. The contributions up to 1987, which amounted to over \$US 3 million, were utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Infrastructure for the ESCWA population programme;
- Regional adviser in demography/consultant in civil registration;
- Regional adviser in population statistics;
- Support for the ESCWA Population Bulletin;
- Arabic Manual of Terminology in the field of population studies;
- Conference on International Migration;
- Regional Conference on Population;
- Seminar on Utilization of Research Findings;
- ESCWA publication and clearing-house;
- Demographic data collection and analysis;
- ESCWA publication and documentation.

During 1988-1989 and 1990-1991, \$US 1,728,460 and \$US 1,640,738 respectively, allocated from UNFPA contributions, were utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Socio-demographic survey;
- Demographic data collection and analysis;
- ESCWA publications and documentation.

C. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The UNIFEM contribution to ESCWA started in 1978. The contributions up to 1987, which amounted to over \$US 4.2 million, were utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Training of child-care house-mothers/teachers/administrators;

- Integrated development and extension services in rural areas;
- Eight country training workshops in project formulation;
- Promoting appropriate social services for rural areas;
- Workshop on National Development Planning for Integration of Women in Development;
- Regional plan of action for integration of women in development;
- Flexible funding for supplementary technical assistance of country projects;
- Integrated rural development and cooperatives;
- Establishment of a training centre for women working in nurseries and day-care centres;
- Preparation of prototype educational materials for women's extension programmes;
- Women's component in community development and primary health services in rural areas;
- Participation of women in national development (phase II);
- Skill development in integrated social work for NGO (non-governmental organization) workers;
- Radio programmes for women's informal education in health;
- Improving animal and poultry stock and processing food products;
- Improving rural women's skills;
- Development of skills for organization and participation in training workshops;
- Community self-help activities (Egypt, Jordan, Iraq);
- Policy formulation and development images of women in mass media and literature;
- Workshop on experimental training methodologies for trainers of rural development workers;
- Logistical support for the ESCWA women's development programme;
- Role of rural women in economic development in the ESCWA region;
- Technical assistance in national planning for women;
- Women's component in pastoral community assistance and development;

- Alternative skills and services for women's NGOs in southern Lebanon;
- Assistance to a community college (Princess Sarvath Community College in Jordan);
- Spotlight television programme for women (Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan);
- Women workers in the national handicrafts programme;
- Maintenance skills for repairing electrical appliances;
- Production of communications and audio-visual materials for extension workers;
- Women workers in national handicrafts;
- Institutional development for rural women in southern Lebanon;
- Education and training for income generation;
- Identification of priority service for development planning for Bahrain;
- NGO institution building;
- Women's Workshop for toy production;
- Skills for national planning for women;
- Community action for disadvantaged rural women;
- Women's rehabilitation programme;
- Identification of priority needs and services for development planning for women in Democratic Yemen;
- Directory of Arab Women Professionals in the Region;
- Assistance to the activities of women's organizations in promoting functional literacy and income-generation skills;
- Impact of women representatives in national legislative bodies and trade unions;
- Feasibility study on pre-prepared meals for working women;
- Women workers in national handicrafts programmes;
- Establishment of two pilot centres for teaching illiterate rural women;
- Production of educational television programmes for literacy follow-up for women;

- Regional training module for women in integrated rural development;
- Developing a regional training programme for women trainers specialized in the socialization of children;
- Guide for Arab women on legislation related to personal status, family and employment laws and procedures;
- Preparatory assistance, monitoring and evaluation mission;
- Pre-project marketing study for income generating skills for women settlers in newly reclaimed lands;
- Organizing self-help groups to promote income generation among poor women;
- Introduction of biogas technology in Democratic Yemen;

In 1988-1989 and 1990-1991 the amount of \$US 778,936 and \$US 337,712 respectively, allocated from UNIFEM contributions, were utilized to finance the following projects in the ESCWA region:

- Pre-project marketing study for income-generating skills for women settlers in newly reclaimed lands;
- Activating the popular participation of women at the grass-roots level in Iraq;
- The role of rural women in economic development in the ESCWA region;
- Directory of Arab Professional Women for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries;
- Regional training module for women in integrated rural development;
- Developing a regional training programme for women trainees specialized in socialization of children;
- Preparatory assistance, monitoring and evaluation missions;
- Strengthening the statistical capacity for promoting the participation of women in development;
- Participation of women in food and textile industries: a case-study;
- Income-generating food-processing enterprise: case studies;
- Diffusion of biogas technology in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen: development of women in Al-Habeel village;
- Women trainers for maintenance skills of electrical appliances;
- Guide for Arab women on legislation related to personal status laws, family and employment laws and procedures;

- Support to the Arab Association for Women and Development;
- ESCWA development initiatives.

D. Government of the Netherlands

The Government of the Netherlands, contribution to ESCWA started in 1977. The contributions up to 1987, which amounted to over \$US 1 million, were utilized by ESCWA in support of the programme of work. The contributions were received in two forms, one providing experts in certain fields, and the other providing funds for ESCWA to undertake certain activities. The Government of the Netherlands assisted with the following projects:

- Expert in social affairs;
- Associate expert in social development;
- Expert in port and harbour development;
- Subregional training programme in public finance and administration;
- Harmonization of the national statistical system;
- Assistance in integrated transport planning;
- Country and inter-country food security arrangements;
- Identification of regional industrial projects;
- Economic cooperation and integration;
- Standardization of national statistical systems;
- Seminar on the Role of Consulting Engineering and Design Functions in the Development Process;
- Identification of regional transport projects;
- Information support for providing technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC);
- Assistance in perspective planning: country and regional models;
- Seminar on Statistics of Wealth, Poverty and the Distribution of Income;
- Manual on Project Evaluation;
- TCDC directory (in Arabic);
- Capital goods industries;
- Micro-electronics in Western Asia;

- Operations of investment opportunities and joint ventures in production;
- Scientific and technological cooperation among countries of Western Asia;
- Review of national experiences with rural development projects;
- Regional financial institutions and development finance needs of selected ESCWA countries in the 1980s;
- Development of capital goods and heavy engineering industries;
- Scientific and technological cooperation among Western Asia countries;
- A programme for training activities to enhance informatics and applications in the ESCWA region;
- Network on scientific research in the ESCWA region;
- Introduction of biogas technology to rural and remote areas of the least developed countries;
- Assessment of the role of local development associations (LDAs) in enhancing local initiatives in the Yemen Arab Republic;
- Training in food preservation and diet improvement at the family level;
- Impact of changing conditions in the oil market on energy policy and planning in the ESCWA region;
- Training Workshop on the Use of Micro-computers for Agricultural Project Preparation and Analysis;
- Macro-econometric planning model for two selected countries: Egypt and Jordan;
- Planning of development and conservation of water resources in the ESCWA region for urban and rural water supply and assessment of national and subregional projects;*
- Critical review of the concepts and methods of measuring the economically active population;*
- Agricultural planning and training assistance for the Yemen Arab Republic and Democratic Yemen;
- Consultancy in general trends in social policies related to disabled persons;

* Project was financed by the French Government until the end of 1986.

- Preparation and participation in the Follow-up Meeting on the Inter-organizational Task-Force on Disability;
- Diesel engine study.

E. Government of France

The contributions of the Government of France to ESCWA started in 1980. The contributions, which have amounted to over \$US 4.3 million, were utilized by ESCWA in support of the regular budget. The contributions were received in two forms, one providing experts and the other providing funds for ESCWA to undertake certain activities. The Government of France assisted with the following projects:

- Consultancy in preparation for the Meeting on Wheat Production and Distribution: two papers on early warning systems by an agricultural expert and a remote-sensing expert;
- Development of energy-efficient building materials (unbaked-brick technology);
- Alternative architectural design for schools;
- Demonstration and training centre on simple solar applications;
- Urban environmental management in selected countries of the ESCWA region;
- Identification of regional projects in capital goods and heavy engineering industries (micro-electronics);
- Workshop on Computer Processing of the Arabic Language, Kuwait, April 1985;
- Workshop on the Regional Silicon Foundry and Design Centres, Algiers, 27 to 29 January 1986;
- Energy audit for two selected cement factories in Iraq;
- Study on the potential market for solar water heaters in Jordan;
- Services of two associate experts in statistics;
- Promotion of a pilot project in the field of energy conservation and efficiency for low-cost housing;
- Establishment of ESCWA statistical database.

The French Government had contributed \$US 80,831 during 1988-1989, and \$US 82,261 during 1990-1991. Its contributions were utilized to finance the following projects:

- Training activities to enhance informatics and applications in the ESCWA region;

- Collection, harmonization and assessment of national data;
- Optimum use of water in two shared Basins within the ESCWA region;
- Micro-electronics and informatics in Western Asia;
- Appropriate approaches to city management in the ESCWA region;
- Promotion of a pilot project in the field of energy conservation and efficiency for low-cost housing;
- Expert Group Meeting on Manpower Training Needs in the Water Sector in the ESCWA Region;
- Expert Group Meeting on Water Security in the ESCWA Region;
- Appropriate approaches to human settlements planning in the ESCWA region;
- First Arab Conference on Perspectives of Modern Biotechnologies in the Arab Countries.

Annex I

EXPENDITURE FROM EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES OF THE BIENNIUMS
1988-1989 AND 1990-1991

(United States dollars)

	<u>Expenditure for</u>	
	1988-1989	1990-1991
<u>United Nations extrabudgetary resources</u> <u>earmarked for projects</u>		
ESCWA as executing agency for the United Nations Population Fund	1 731 224	1 753 019
ESCWA as executing agency for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	439 481	215 935
ESCWA as associated agency for UNDP	280 980	155 083
United Nations Development Fund for Women	649 166	184 483
Special account for programme support costs (locally administered)	362 162	689 734
Arab Institute for Training	10 270	--
United Nations Department of Technical Cooperation for Development	29 459	5 791
United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs	35 025	4 000
Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations	67 903	797
League of Arab States	15 445	36 836
Federation of the Blind	16 223	4 270
Islamic Development Bank	1 713	--
Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund	24 222	--
Special Account for Programme Support Costs (HQs administered)	--	9 356
Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development	--	13 889
Iraqi Fund for External Development	--	6 817

Annex I. (continued)

	<u>Expenditure for</u>	
	<u>1988-1989</u>	<u>1990-1991</u>
United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control	--	6 826
United Nations Environment Programme	--	25 221
Miscellaneous	8 109	499
<u>Government contributions in support of technical cooperation</u>		
Government of France	135 915	39 384
Government of the Netherlands	94 342	73

Annex II-A

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
 COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989

(United States dollars)

	Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	Government of the Netherlands	Government of France	Total
I. Statement of assets, liabilities and unencumbered fund balance				
<u>Assets</u>				
- Cash	220 065	16 164	95 008	331 237
- Accounts receivable	2 577	--	916	3 493
- Due from United Nations General Fund	--	--	--	--
- Deferred charges/other assets	166	--	--	166
Total assets	222 808	16 164	95 924	334 896
<u>Liabilities</u>				
- Accounts payable	--	--	--	--
- Unliquidated obligations	9 227	12 164	12 055	33 446
- Reserve for repatriation grant	--	--	--	--
- Due to United Nations General Fund	--	189	4 902	5 091
Total liabilities	9 227	12 353	16 957	38 537
<u>Unencumbered fund balance</u>				
- Balance available 1 January 1988	269 998	72 028	114 433	456 459
- Add: net excess of income over expenditure (see below)	(56 417)	(68 217)	(35 466)	(160 100)
Balance available	213 581	3 811	78 967	296 359
Total liabilities and unencumbered fund balance as of 31 December 1989	222 808	16 164	95 924	334 896

Annex II-A. (continued)

	Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	Government of the Netherlands	Government of France	Total
II. Statement of income and expenditure for the 12-month period of the biennium 1988-1989 ending 31 December 1989				
<u>Income</u>				
- Contributions	--	--	80 831	80 831
- Interest income	46 695	9 223	19 056	74 974
- Miscellaneous income	6 808	16 907	562	24 277
- Income from pledged contributions	--	--	--	--
Total income	53 503	26 130	100 449	180 082
<u>Expenditure</u>				
- Staff and other personnel costs	47 541	47 197	54 580	149 318
- Travel	10 828	29 683	51 409	91 920
- Contractual services	--	--	--	--
- Fellowships, scholarships, other expenditures	35 000	--	2 147	37 147
- Acquisitions	--	4 936	--	4 936
- Operating expenses	3 433	1 677	12 143	17 253
- Administrative overhead	13 118	10 854	15 636	39 608
Total expenditure	109 920	94 347	135 915	340 182
Excess of income over expenditure	(56 417)	(68 217)	(35 466)	(160 100)

Annex II-B

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
 COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991 ENDING
 31 DECEMBER 1991

(United States dollars)

	Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	Government of the Netherlands	Government of France	Total
I. Statement of assets, liabilities and unencumbered fund balance				
<u>Assets</u>				
- Cash	232 631	13 028	151 167	396 826
- Accounts receivable	3 069	--	916	3 985
- Due from United Nations General Fund	--	--	--	--
Total assets	235 700	13 028	152 083	400 811
<u>Liabilities</u>				
- Accounts payable	--	7 540	--	7 540
- Unliquidated obligations	17 077	--	8 668	25 745
- Reserve for repatriation grant	--	--	--	--
- Due to United Nations General Fund	--	--	5 812	5 812
Total liabilities	17 077	7 540	14 480	39 097
<u>Unencumbered fund balance</u>				
- Balance available 1 January 1990	213 581	3 811	78 967	296 359
- Add: net excess of income over expenditure (see below)	5 042	1 677	58 636	65 355
Balance available	218 623	5 488	137 603	361 714
Total liabilities and unencumbered fund balance as of 31 December 1989	235 700	13 028	152 083	400 811

Annex II-B. (continued)

	Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	Government of the Netherlands	Government of France	Total
II. Statement of income and expenditure for the 24-month period of the biennium 1990- 1991 ending 31 December 1991				
<u>Income</u>				
- Public donations	--	--	--	--
- Contributions	--	--	82 261	82 261
- Interest income	33 978	1 750	14 167	49 895
- Miscellaneous income	129	--	1 592	1 721
- Income from pledged contributions	--	--	--	--
Total income	34 107	1 750	98 020	133 877
<u>Expenditure</u>				
- Staff and other personnel costs	21 790	--	948	22 738
- Travel	5 000	65	32 008	37 073
- Contractual services	--	--	--	--
- Fellowships, scholarships, other expenditures	--	--	1 050	1 050
- Acquisitions	--	--	--	--
- Operating expenses	--	--	1 031	1 031
- Administrative overhead	2 275	8	4 347	6 630
Total expenditure	29 065	73	39 384	68 522
Excess of income over expenditure	5 042	1 677	58 636	65 355

