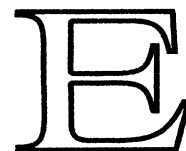




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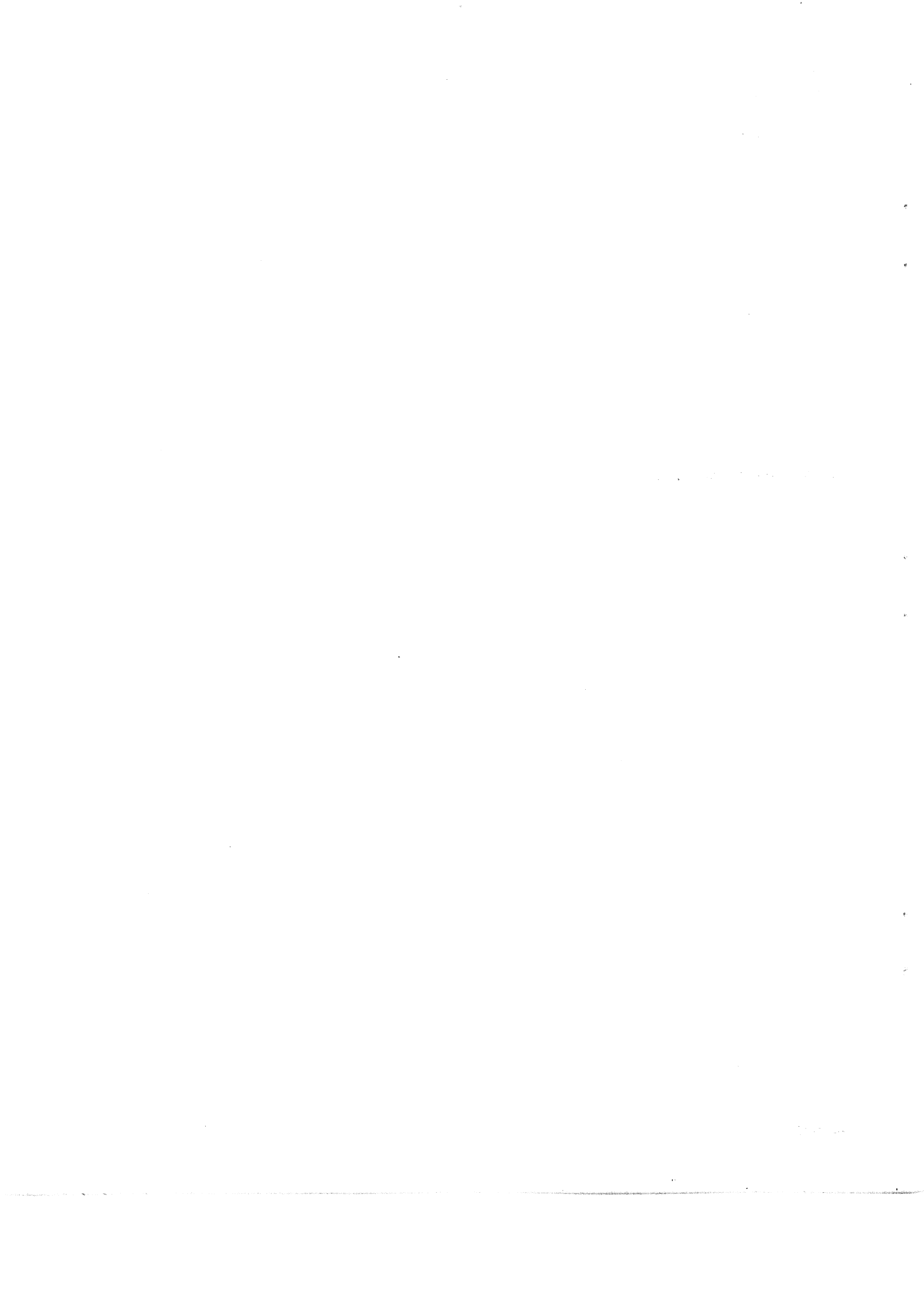
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PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993



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INTRODUCTION

1. The present document, entitled "Progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993", consists of two parts. Part I, which covers activities undertaken under the regular work programme by staff members of the secretariat, comprises three sections:

(a) An overview of the performance of ESCWA as a whole and that of each substantive subprogramme, whereby the main issues addressed by each subprogramme and activities undertaken in connection with these issues are summarized, by topic. Performance rates, problems faced and salient features are highlighted;

(b) Annex I lists activities sequentially, as they appear under the approved programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium, using the same classifications adopted throughout the United Nations system. It also lists activities carried over from the previous biennium and those added to the current work programme during the course of the 1992-1993 biennium. It also delineates the status of their implementation and provides justifications for departures from the approved work programme;

(c) Annex II lists all activities completed during the course of the biennium under three headings: (a) publications; (b) expert group meetings, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars; and (c) other activities. The annex also provides an abstract on each activity.

2. Part II of the document covers technical cooperation activities provided to member States, upon request, by regional advisors at the secretariat. These activities are listed by country and by area.

I. OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE DURING THE 1992-1993 BIENNIUM

A. Overall assessment

1. Implementation rates

3. During the 1992-1993 biennium, the implementation rate for planned quantifiable activities^{1/} (a total of 147 activities) was 80 per cent, while that registered for planned operational activities^{2/} (a total of 34 activities) was 56 per cent. However, percentages cited for operational activities are indicative, not conclusive, since an activity could comprise a number of sub-activities which would nevertheless be considered as a unit for accounting purposes. Implementation rates for quantifiable activities ranged from 25 per cent to 100 per cent for the 15 subprogrammes carried out by ESCWA

^{1/} Quantifiable activities include reports to the Commission, recurrent publications, non-recurrent publications, technical material, information material and ad hoc expert group meetings.

^{2/} Operational activities include advisory services rendered by regular staff, training groups (training workshops, seminars, conferences and symposia) and field projects.

(27.6 per cent of all subprogrammes having quantifiable activities reached the 100 per cent target), while implementation rates registered for operational activities ranged between 38 per cent and 100 per cent (13 per cent of all subprogrammes having operational activities reached the 100 per cent target). (See table 1 for details.)

2. Utilization of resources (work-months of Professional staff)

4. Staff resources released from the regular budget for the implementation of activities undertaken amounted to 70 per cent of total authorized resources. Vacancies and special leave accounted for 30 per cent of total work-months allotted from the regular budget. Extrabudgetary resources were utilized under two subprogrammes only: Food and Agriculture and Social Development. For Food and Agriculture, the posts are established and financed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Approximately 69 per cent of these resources were utilized while the rest were unutilized owing to vacancies. For Social Development, there are no established extrabudgetary posts. However, the Swedish Government provided a P-2 post for a period of nine months during the biennium (see table 2 for details by subprogramme).

5. Work-months utilized for the implementation of additional activities amounted to 5.6 per cent of total authorized resources, and those engaged in the implementation of terminated and postponed activities amounted to 3 per cent of total resources. Resources utilized for the implementation of carried-over activities amounted to 1 per cent of total work-months.

B. Departures from programmed activities

6. During the course of the 1992-1993 biennium, ESCWA reformulated 4 per cent of its quantifiable activities (some of which were expanded in scope) and 6 per cent of its operational activities, while 10 per cent of its quantifiable activities and 23 per cent of its operational activities were terminated. The proportion of activities postponed to the 1994-1995 biennium reached 6 per cent for quantifiable activities and 15 per cent for operational activities. Eight quantifiable activities carried over from the previous biennium were completed. Twenty quantifiable activities were added, 18 of which were completed. Additional operational activities amounted to 11, of which 9 were completed. It is worth noting in this respect that operational activities are more likely to be affected, in terms of reformulation, termination or postponement, than quantifiable activities since they are financed from anticipated extrabudgetary resources which may not materialize. Furthermore, they are often conducted jointly with other organizations. Hence, the course of action as regards implementation is not solely controlled by the secretariat.

7. Departures from programmed activities were attributable, inter alia, to (a) high vacancy rates; (b) non-materialization of anticipated extrabudgetary resources; (c) external factors such as requests from co-sponsors, be they institutions or Governments; (d) substantive reasons such as the desire to follow up on activities previously undertaken or to pave the way for future programmed activities, or linking with activities undertaken by other subprogrammes or by the United Nations at large.

Table 1. Status of programme performance for the 1992-1993 biennium at the activity level
(Number of activities and implementation rates)

SUBPROGRAMME	IMPLEMENTED																		
	AS PLANNED				REFORMULATED				TERMINATED				POSTPONED						
	PLANNED*		Q		Q		OP		Q		OP		Q		OP				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			
1	Food and Agriculture	20 (+2)	90	18	4	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	-	-	
2	Development Issues and Policies	8 (+3)	63	5	-	-	1	13	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3	Environment	4 (+1)	100	4	1	50	-	-	-	-	1	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4	Human Settlements	12 (+2)	84	10	-	-	-	-	-	2	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5	Industrial Development	17 (+3)	71	12	2	25	1	6	2	25	1	6	2	25	3	18	2	25	
6	International Trade and Development Finance	6	67	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	17	1	100	1	17	1	100	-	-
7	Natural Resources	9 (+1)	78	7	-	-	1	12	-	-	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8	Energy	9 (+1)	67	6	-	-	1	12	-	-	2	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	Population	8 (+1)	100	8	1	50	-	-	-	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	
10	Public Administration and Finance	5 (+2)	100	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	
11	Science and Technology	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	50	
12	Social Development and Welfare	8 (+4)	88	7	2	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	-	-		
13	Women and Development	5	40	2	4	80	1	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	40	1	20		
14	Statistics	15 (+1)	67	10	2	67	1	7	-	-	4	27	1	34	-	-	-	-	
15	Transport and Communications	16	100	16	2	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	25	-	-	1	25	
	TOTAL	147 (+20)	80	118	19	56	6	4	2	6	14	10	8	23	9	6	5	15	

Table 1. (continued)

SUBPROGRAMME	OTHER ACTIVITIES												GRAND TOTAL																	
	CARRIED OVER						ADDED						1+2+3						1+2+3+4						1+2+3+4+5					
	Q		OP		%		Q		OP		%		Q		OP		%		Q		OP		%		Q		OP		%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	-	-	-	-	2	9	4**	50	18	90	4	100	18	90	4	100	18	90	18	90	4	100	18	90	19**	86	7**	88	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	3	28	-	-	6	75	-	-	6	75	-	-	6	75	6	75	-	-	6	75	9	81	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	1	20	-	-	4	100	1	50	4	100	1	50	4	100	4	100	1	50	5	100	5	100	1	50	1	50
4	1	8	-	-	-	-	2	100	10	83	-	-	10	83	-	-	10	83	11	85	-	-	11	85	11	85	2	100	-	-
5	1	6	-	-	3	15	2**	20	13	76	4	30	14	78	5	30	14	78	14	78	5	30	17	81	17	81	5	50	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	67	-	-	4	67	-	-	4	67	4	67	-	-	4	67	4	67	-	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	-	1	10	1	100	8	89	0	-	8	89	-	-	8	89	8	89	-	-	8	89	10	100	1	100	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	1	10	-	-	7	78	-	-	7	78	-	-	7	78	7	78	-	-	7	78	8	80	-	-	-	-
9	6	43	-	-	1	12	-	-	8	100	1	50	14	100	1	50	14	100	14	100	1	50	15	100	15	100	1	50	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	2	29	-	-	5	100	-	-	5	100	-	-	5	100	5	100	-	-	5	100	7	100	-	-	-	-
11	-	-	-	-	1	17	-	-	4	80	1	50	4	80	1	50	4	80	4	80	1	50	5	83	5	83	1	50	-	-
12	-	-	-	-	4	34	1	34	7	80	2	100	7	80	2	100	7	80	7	80	2	100	11	92	11	92	3	100	-	-
13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	60	4	80	3	60	4	80	3	60	3	60	4	60	4	60	3	60	4	80	-	-
14	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	11	73	3	100	11	73	3	100	11	73	11	73	3	100	12	75	12	75	2	67	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	20	2	50	16	100	2	50	16	100	16	100	2	50	16	100	16	100	3	60	-	-
TOTAL	8	5	-	-	20	12	11	24	124	84	22	63	132	76	23	52	152	86	30	67	-	-	30	67	30	67	-	-	-	-

Notes: Q = Quantifiable activities; OP = Operational activities.
* = Figures in parentheses refer to additional activities.
** = One additional output under Food and Agriculture (a non-recurrent publication) and one under Industrial Development (an operational activity) were postponed. Hence, they were not accounted for in total outputs implemented.
A hyphen (-) indicates that the item is not applicable.

Table 2. Resource utilization in the 1992-1993 biennium: professional work-months
(Number and percentage)

	SUBPROGRAMMES	TOTAL AUTHORIZED W/M 1992-1993	TOTAL UTILIZED										TOTAL UNUTILIZED				
			UTILIZED FOR PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES			UTILIZED FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES			TOTAL UTILIZED				UNUTILIZED RESOURCES			TOTAL	
			FOR QUANTIFIABLE ACTIVITIES	FOR NON-QUANTIFIABLE ACTIVITIES	OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES	ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES	CARRIED OVER ACTIVITIES	TOTAL UTILIZED	VACANCIES	LEAVE	OTHER (+ or -)						
			W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	W/M	%		
1	Food and Agriculture RB XB	144 72	89 35	5 9	17 14	8 1	- -	- -	120 59	84 82	24 7	- 6	24 13	17 18			
2	Development Issues and Policies	144	75	-	-	5	-	-	80	56	54	-	54	38			
3	Environment	48	16	17	14	1	-	-	48	100	-	-	-	-			
4	Human Settlements	96	54	-	-	3	1	-	58	61	36	7	43	4			
5	Industrial Development	192	72.5	4	13	20	1	-	110.5	58	81.5	5	86.5	45			
6	International Trade and Development Finance	48	27.5	-	-	-	-	-	28.5	20	6	18	24	50			
7	Natural Resources	72	46	4.5	-	4.5	-	-	55	77	24	-	24	34			
8	Energy	96	48	2	-	5	-	-	55	58	30	-	30	32			
9	Population	168	73	3	12	1	15	-	104	62	51	4	55	33			
10	Public Administration and Finance	48	38.5	-	-	7.5	-	-	46	96	6	-	6	13			
11	Science and Technology	48	23	2.5	11	2.5	-	-	39	82	13	-	13	27			
12	Social Development and Welfare RB XB	96 9	48 5.5	-	5.5	20	-	-	73.5 9	78 100	31	-	31	33			
13	Women and Development	48	15.5	-	25.5	-	-	-	41	86	15	-	15	32			
14	Statistics	120	80	10	4	1	-	-	95	80	15	10	25	21			
15	Transport and Communications	120	72.5	4	13	4.5	-	-	94	79	21	6	27	23			
	GRAND TOTAL	1 488	779.5	53	115	84	17	-	1 047	70	407.5	50	458	30.5			

Notes: * Indicates balance of work-months contributed to one subprogramme by other subprogrammes (supervisory, multidisciplinary activities and others). Work-months are already included under utilized work-months but appear in this column to indicate discrepancies between total work-months allotted and total utilized plus vacancies and leave.

A hyphen (-) indicates that the item is not applicable.

C. Overview by subprogramme

Subprogramme 1: Food and Agriculture

8. During the period under review, the main thrust of activities in the Food and Agriculture subprogramme was directed towards resource conservation; rural development policies; rehabilitation of the agricultural sector; project planning and policy analysis; food consumption and distribution; and the dissemination of information on food and agriculture.

9. In the area of resource conservation, two national plans of action to combat desertification were completed (for Oman and the United Arab Emirates) and two desertification control projects, one of which was entitled Integrated Natural Resource Management for Sustainable Agricultural Development in Bahrain. The other addressed the issue in Yemen. The rehabilitation of the agricultural sector was the subject of six activities covering three member countries: two studies on Lebanon addressing the issues of combating the planting of hashish and opium and of eradicating illicit crops, respectively; a study on qat in Yemen; and a study on the rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in the occupied Palestinian territories as well as two project documents on the rehabilitation of deep wells and the rehabilitation of springs and related irrigation canals.

10. Rural development was addressed through two country studies on the assessment and evaluation of rural development policies and programmes in Lebanon and Oman as well as a regional study and an ad hoc expert group meeting on the issue.

11. Project planning and policy analysis commanded a great deal of attention during the 1992-1993 biennium and was the subject of eight training workshops: (a) two national training workshops on project planning and analysis (one for Lebanon and one for Oman); (b) a regional training workshop on agricultural policy analysis; (c) the Fifth Regional Training Workshop on Food and Agricultural Policy Analysis; a national training workshop on the use of computers in farm management survey data processing and project analysis (Jordan); (d) two training workshops on planning and appraisal of agricultural and rural development projects (one for Jordan and one for the occupied Palestinian territories); and the Third Arab Symposium on Planning and Development of Fisheries and Crustacea in the Arab World (in cooperation with FAO).

12. In order to assist member States in developing their institutional capacity-building, activities were undertaken in three main areas: agricultural marketing (food consumption and distribution), agricultural extension services and rural finance. The first area, agricultural marketing, was the subject of four studies and two seminars. The studies addressed rationalization of food consumption and distribution (present status of agricultural marketing) in the Syrian Arab Republic; marketing of agricultural products in Lebanon; trade in agricultural commodities among ESCWA countries; and the impact of population growth and urbanization on food consumption patterns in Egypt and Jordan (under way). The seminars consisted of the following: a national seminar on required marketing-improvement measures for higher marketing efficiency and promotion of fruit and vegetable exports in

the Syrian Arab Republic, and a regional seminar on international wheat procurement, trading and finance. The second area, agricultural extension services, was the subject of two studies on the current status of agricultural extension and methods of improvement, one for Jordan and another for the Syrian Arab Republic. The third area, rural finance, was addressed through the preparation of a textbook on rural finance and agricultural credit as a joint undertaking between ESCWA, RNEA (FAO Regional Office for the Near East) and NENARACA (Near East and North Africa Regional Agricultural Credit Association). The preparation of the textbook is still under way. Lastly, agricultural data were disseminated through two issues of the annual publication Agriculture and Development in Western Asia and two national farm data handbooks, one for Jordan and one for Lebanon.

13. The vacancy rate under this subprogramme was 17 per cent for posts financed from the regular budget and 18 per cent for posts financed from extrabudgetary resources (FAO). The subprogramme implemented 90 per cent of its quantifiable activities and all of its operational activities. It also undertook a host of additional activities (two studies and five training workshops and seminars) in support of programmed activities, mainly in cooperation with FAO.

Subprogramme 2: Development Issues and Policies

14. The subprogramme focused on the analysis of economic and social developments and trends, taking into consideration the following: national, regional and international factors influencing performance; issues confronting the least developed member country; and the reduction of income disparities and the alleviation of poverty.

15. With this aim, a number of studies were prepared. Through the annual Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region, overall sectoral economic and social developments were presented and analysed at the country and regional levels. The Survey also provided an in-depth analysis of the economic and social implications of economic reform and structural adjustment policies in the region by assessing the experience of three member countries: Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon. A similar study on the Syrian Arab Republic is under way. The impact of the Gulf crisis on the economies of Western Asia was the subject of a regional study that analysed the overall impact and the major impact areas as well as the countries affected. The issues confronting the least developed member country were the subject of two studies: the first dealt with the economic policy issues arising from the unification of Yemen; the second with the state of economic cooperation between Yemen and other countries in the region. In connection with poverty, a study was prepared outlining a conceptual and methodological framework for activities relating to poverty alleviation in the region. Lastly, eight quarterly notes on major developments at the regional and international levels were completed and distributed to embassies as well as offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Amman to brief them on such developments.

16. During the biennium, the subprogramme sustained a high vacancy rate (38 per cent). The implementation rate for quantifiable activities stood at 63 per cent, while no operational activities were programmed. Departures from programmed activities were mainly attributable to external factors beyond the control of the secretariat.

Subprogramme 3: Environment

17. The thrust of work under the environment subprogramme was directed towards follow-up action on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED); the implementation of Agenda 21; the formation of the Joint Committee on Environment and Development in the Arab Region; incorporation of the environmental dimension into the development process; and the establishment of a database on environment. Coordination of environmental activities within ESCWA and between ESCWA activities and those of national, regional and international organizations and environmental conventions assumes special significance under this subprogramme.

18. To that end, the subprogramme prepared two reports to the Commission on the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development^{3/} and on follow-up action in connection with UNCED,^{4/} which were presented to the Commission at its sixteenth session. Another report on progress made in the implementation of the Arab Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Prospects in the region is being presented to the Commission at its seventeenth session.^{5/} A computerized database on environment was compiled as an initial phase in a continuous process; a national workshop in environmental planning and management capabilities in Jordan was conducted with the aim of extending this experience to other ESCWA countries; and a multidisciplinary study on urban planning and environment in the ESCWA region (Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon) was also undertaken to underline environmental considerations in urban planning. Activities undertaken under international cooperation (external relations), especially those undertaken with the League of Arab States, as well as those relating to coordination, harmonization and liaison with other United Nations entities, especially UNCED and UNEP, assumed special significance under this subprogramme as regards follow-up action on environmental matters at the ESCWA level, the regional level, the level of Arab countries at large and the international level.

19. The subprogramme, which had no vacancies during the biennium, implemented 100 per cent of its programmed quantifiable activities and one of its two operational activities. Several activities were also undertaken in conjunction with other organizations in the context of coordination of activities on environment, as detailed in annex I.

Subprogramme 4: Human Settlements

20. The three main issues which the human settlements subprogramme dealt with were the following: urban development; affordable housing from the financial, managerial, technological and environmental points of view; and relevance of approaches to planning and design standards and techniques, taking into consideration the special circumstances of the ESCWA region.

21. In the context of urban development, a series of regional activities were undertaken. Two studies were completed: one on the provision of shelter and public amenities in rapidly changing conditions and another on assessing

^{3/} See E/ESCWA/16/5/Suppl.1.

^{4/} See E/ESCWA/16/5/Suppl.2.

^{5/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.1.

neighbourhood and community cohesiveness in urban life. Under the theme "affordable housing" two publications were prepared: the proceedings of the Symposium on Low-cost Housing in the Arab Region were published; and a study on housing finance in the ESCWA region dealing with institutions and procedures. Also within this context, a symposium on low-cost housing in the Arab region was held; an exhibit which included visual materials on appropriate technology for low-cost housing took place in conjunction with the expert group meeting. Furthermore, a multi-stage project on environmentally sustainable energy-efficient housing was initiated. The first stage, completed during the 1992-1993 biennium, consisted of devising a manual for the development of human settlements: environmentally sustainable shelter techniques in southern Arabia. Technical assistance was also provided to the Government of Yemen to design a framework for a project to upgrade secondary settlements in the city of Thula, Yemen.

22. Lastly, in the area of planning and design standards and techniques, two studies were undertaken: one on appropriate human settlements planning, and another on guidelines for appropriate planning and design standards. Also within the context of planning, an expert group meeting on the social and cultural context of the physical planning of the Arab city was held, and a competition on the theme of "the autonomous village: alternative human settlements planning and design methods", took place. The results of the competition will be determined during 1994.

23. Despite a high vacancy rate (44 per cent), the subprogramme completed 84 per cent of its planned quantifiable activities and undertook two non-programmed operational activities to complement programmed activities. The termination of two publications was attributable to the high vacancy rate, a shift in priorities and a desire to avoid duplication.

Subprogramme 5: Industrial Development

24. The Industrial Development subprogramme placed emphasis on activities that would be beneficial to the region as a whole. In the context of monitoring and assessing progress achieved in the industrial sector of the ESCWA region, two publications were completed: an issue of the recurrent publication entitled "Progress and Prospects of Industrial Developments in the ESCWA Countries" was published under the title "Review of Recent Developments in Manufacturing Activities and Prospects in the ESCWA region, 1993"; and a study on the present status and investment prospects of the industrial sector in Yemen was completed. Additionally, a report to the Commission was completed on assistance to existing industries,^{6/} and three studies were undertaken to address special industrial sectors: (a) a study on adaptation of reverse engineering techniques to manufacture machinery for agro-food industries; (b) a prefeasibility study on the development of food-processing equipment; and (c) a study on the development of the pulp paper industry in a number of Arab countries.

25. Special attention was accorded to the promotion of entrepreneurship and operation of enterprises under severe and fast-changing conditions, resulting in the publication of a manual for a training workshop on how to start one's

^{6/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.2.

own business and a study on the promotion of industrial entrepreneurship in selected countries of the ESCWA region, as well as two ad hoc expert group meetings, one on the operation of industrial enterprises under severe and fast-changing conditions and the other on the creation of indigenous entrepreneurship and opportunities for small- and medium-scale industrial investment. In addition, a regional seminar was held on motivation and training techniques for enhancing industrial entrepreneurship in the ESCWA region, as was a regional workshop for training the trainers on starting one's own business.

26. Lastly, in the context of efforts exerted to develop national and regional technological capabilities and modernize the industrial sector, attempts were made to promote the diffusion of selected advanced industrial technologies in the areas of micro-electronics, industrial automation and biotechnology-related industries, while activities related to the promotion of software industries were postponed to the 1994-1995 biennium at the behest of the co-sponsors. Thus, in the area of electronics industries, two studies were prepared: one on interconnection technologies for electronics industries in the Arab countries and the other on managing technological changes within the context of Arab firms. In the field of industrial automation, an expert group meeting in industrial automation and microprocessor control took place. With regard to biotechnology-related industries, a training course on tissue culture techniques and applications in industry and agriculture was conducted, and the Second Arab Conference on Perspectives of Modern Biotechnology was convened. Finally, to address industrial hazards on the environment, a regional survey of production and consumption of substances harmful to the ozone layer in countries of the ESCWA region was undertaken jointly with the Science and Technology subprogramme.

27. The main problems faced by the subprogramme during the biennium were a high vacancy rate (45 per cent) and the need to postpone or reformulate a multitude of activities, in particular those related to software industries, at the request of the co-sponsors since the subprogramme coordinates and jointly implements the majority of its activities with other institutions, particularly the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO). Despite the high rate of vacancies, the subprogramme implemented 71 per cent of its quantifiable activities but only 25 per cent of its operational activities. The subprogramme also undertook five additional activities, mainly in conjunction with programmed activities.

Subprogramme 6: International Trade and Development Finance

28. The subprogramme focused on the analysis of the external trade and payments situation of ESCWA member countries, taking into consideration national, regional and international developments. To that end, a number of studies were prepared. Through two issues of the annual Analytical Review of Developments and Issues in the External Trade and Payments Situation of Countries of Western Asia, such developments were analysed at the national, regional and subregional levels. The Analytical Review also covered the main regional and international events in the area of international trade such as the programme for financing Arab trade, the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the Maastricht Treaty for European economic and monetary union, the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and

Development (UNCTAD) and the unification of the former Federal Republic of Germany and the former German Democratic Republic. Furthermore, a study on export financing mechanisms in the region and another on the link between production policies and export activity in the region were completed. Work on the implications of the Uruguay Round for trade and development was started but was interrupted owing to the postponement of the Round. The special theme for the seventeenth session of the Commission is addressed in a study entitled "Methods of strengthening mechanisms and techniques of activating intraregional trade among the States members of the Commission", the report of which appears separately.^{7/}

29. The subprogramme sustained the highest vacancy rate at ESCWA (50 per cent) since one of its two authorized Professional posts was vacant throughout the biennium. The implementation rate for quantifiable activities was 67 per cent, while the only operational activity (advisory services) was terminated owing to the high vacancy rate.

Subprogramme 7: Natural Resources

30. The main activities for the Natural Resources subprogramme addressed the following issues: (a) water resources management and conservation; (b) promoting regional cooperation in water resources development; and (c) the establishment of an ESCWA water resources database. Thus, in the context of water resources management and conservation, three publications were prepared: (a) a survey of water resources activities in the ESCWA region; (b) a study on water resources planning, management, use and conservation in the ESCWA region; and (c) a study on the operation and maintenance of dams in selected member countries (Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen). Also to that end, an expert group meeting was held to formulate plans and policies, including the development of national master plans for water resources development, conservation and management aimed at the optimal use of available water resources. Lastly, a three-year regional project was initiated on assessment of water resources using remote sensing techniques in the ESCWA region.

31. Promoting regional cooperation in water resources development assumed special significance under this subprogramme in terms of consultations and joint activities with a host of Arab, regional and United Nations organizations. Efforts in this direction resulted in three reports to the Commission: one on modalities of cooperation in development of shared water resources;^{8/} another on the establishment of a regional committee on natural resources;^{9/} and another on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan.^{10/} Also in this context, the possibility of establishing a regional training network on water issues and of the establishment of a regional water resources council were studied. ESCWA also

^{7/} See E/ESCWA/17/15.
^{8/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.3.
^{9/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.4.
^{10/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.5.

participated in the task force established for the inter-agency meeting on cooperation and coordination in the field of water resources, convened at Alexandria, Egypt, in 1993 to assess the performance of the national institutions concerned and to formulate training programmes.

32. Activities planned in the field of mineral resources were curtailed owing to the vacant post in this area. Thus, only one study, "Down-stream Phosphate Industries and their Prospects in the ESCWA Region", was undertaken, and the establishment of a computerized database on natural resources was confined to water resources.

33. The implementation rate under this subprogramme was 78 per cent for quantifiable activities. The only operational activity undertaken was an additional one. The 34 per cent vacancy rate hampered mainly the implementation of activities programmed in the area of mineral resources.

Subprogramme 8: Energy

34. The main activities carried out by the energy subprogramme during the biennium centred around the following: (a) promoting regional energy strategies and policies; (b) promoting the use of renewable and non-conventional energy technologies; and (c) conservation of energy through good management. To promote regional energy strategies and policies, an ad hoc Interregional Symposium on Gas Development and Market Prospects by the Year 2000 and Beyond was held to formulate policies for its production and transportation, and its proceedings were published. The promotion of non-conventional energy resources received attention through the following activities: a report to the Commission at its seventeenth session on progress made in the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy^{11/} during the last decade, and another on the promotion of selected renewable energy projects.^{12/}

35. In the area of renewable energy resources, activities related to the introduction of biogas technology in the region were continued in the wake of the success achieved in this area, with emphasis on training nationals in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of family-size plants. Furthermore, three country-specific projects were formulated on the use of solar and wind energy for various purposes. Finally, in the area of energy conservation and management, four publications were completed: two issues of the annual "Survey and Assessment of Energy-related Activities in the ESCWA Region", one issue of the "Bulletin of Energy Data for the ESCWA Region"; and a study on the optimization of energy use in oil refining which featured case-studies of the Al-Zarqa oil refinery in Jordan and the Aden oil refinery in Yemen.

36. Despite a relatively high vacancy rate (32 per cent), the subprogramme implemented 67 per cent of its quantifiable activities as planned. The implementation rate rises to 78 per cent if a reformulated activity (i.e., one which was expanded in scope) is taken into consideration. No operational activities were planned under this subprogramme.

^{11/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.6.

^{12/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.7.

Subprogramme 9: Population

37. The Population subprogramme continued to collect and disseminate demographic and population information and data. To that end, three issues of the Population Bulletin of ESCWA, a recurrent publication, were completed, one of which was carried over from the previous biennium. Also published were the following: an issue of the biennial publication entitled Demographic and Related Socio-economic Data Sheets for Countries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (1992); a bibliography of population literature in the Arab world; and a database on labour which was jointly undertaken with the Statistics subprogramme.

38. Special population issues were covered in a number of studies. Two publications on migration were published: (a) a study on return migration giving profiles and dealing with the impact of the phenomenon and the absorption of migrants in home countries; and (b) the proceedings of a seminar on demographic and socio-economic implications of international migration in the Arab world, with special reference to return migration. The issue of unemployment was addressed through an ad hoc expert group meeting on unemployment in the ESCWA countries; another ad hoc expert group meeting dealt with the subject of human development in the Arab world. A study on the population situation in the ESCWA region and another on population spatial distribution were published, as were a study on instructors and trainers in technical education in the Arab world and a feasibility study for establishing training and extension services in Lebanon.

39. A third major activity was the Arab Population Conference, which was jointly organized by ESCWA, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the League of Arab States in preparation for the International Conference on Population and Development planned for September 1994. The Arab Population Conference resulted in the adoption of the Second Amman Declaration on Population and Development, which summarizes population issues of utmost priority that should be addressed throughout the Arab world and which will be submitted to the International Conference on Population and Development. The proceedings of the Arab Population Conference were also published.

40. Despite a high vacancy rate (33 per cent), the subprogramme implemented 100 per cent of its quantifiable activities but was obliged to terminate one of its two planned operational activities owing to the non-availability of extrabudgetary resources. It also completed six activities carried over from the 1990-1991 biennium and one additional activity.

Subprogramme 10: Public Administration and Finance

41. Work under this subprogramme revolved mainly around promoting national and regional efforts to improve the mobilization, management and allocation of financial resources and assisting concerned authorities in improving the functioning of public administration services.

42. These concerns were addressed through two issues of the annual publication Review of Developments and Trends in the Monetary and Financial Sectors in the ESCWA Region and three studies on various aspects of public finance and administration: one on finance and development in the ESCWA

region; another on management and organization of government in the ESCWA region; and another on availability and management of financial resources in the ESCWA region. A fourth publication addressed the problem of the external debt of ESCWA member countries in the context of the world debt crisis. The subprogramme also prepared a report to the Commission on the possibility of establishing a fund for reconstruction and development in the ESCWA region.^{13/}

43. Although the subprogramme had a 13 per cent vacancy rate, it completed 100 per cent of its quantifiable activities and undertook an additional study on external debt.

Subprogramme 11: Science and Technology

44. This subprogramme focused on the following issues: (a) implications of new and advanced materials technologies for the development of ESCWA countries; (b) the integration of science and technology in the development planning and management process; (c) outer space science and technology education; and (d) introduction of environmentally sound technologies.

45. In the area of new and advanced materials, an ad hoc expert group meeting was held on new and advanced materials technology and development for ESCWA countries, and a study on the implications of new and advanced materials technologies for the development of ESCWA countries was completed. Concerning integration of science and technology into the planning process, an expert group meeting was held, as was a workshop on the integration of science and technology in the development planning and management process in the ESCWA region. Outer space science and technology education is addressed in a report to the Commission on promotion of cooperation among ESCWA countries for the setting up of a centre for space science and technology education.^{14/} However, two other activities foreseen under this heading did not materialize: a meeting on the subject was terminated owing to reasons beyond the control of ESCWA, and in missions to member countries to evaluate available facilities relating to the establishment of an ESCWA centre for science and technology education were postponed owing to the relocation of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs from New York to Vienna, which coincided with the missions. The introduction of environmentally sound technologies was addressed through an additional activity: an expert group meeting on prospects for the substitution of ozone-depleting substances in the ESCWA region.

46. Although the vacancy rate under this subprogramme was 27 per cent, 80 per cent of quantifiable activities were implemented as planned, and one of two operational activities was terminated.

Subprogramme 12: Social Development and Welfare

47. The main theme of this subprogramme during the biennium was the integration of special groups into society: the disabled, the elderly, youth, the poor, and rural communities. Furthermore, the subprogramme continued to

^{13/} See E/ESCWA/17/5/Add 4.

^{14/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.8.

monitor social developments and trends in the region through the analysis of social statistics, with special emphasis on social integration and vulnerable groups. Special topics such as the impact of the Gulf crisis, crime prevention and drug abuse were also addressed under this subprogramme.

48. With respect to the integration of target groups, several regional activities were undertaken concerning disability: (a) a study was completed assessing the implementation of the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons in the ESCWA region at the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and Agenda for Future Action; (b) a study on the introduction, adaptation and transfer of new, appropriate technologies for disabled persons; (c) a cultural event for the disabled; and (d) a workshop for key medical and technical personnel in prosthetics and orthotics. With respect to the elderly, a study on the development of policies and programmes for the elderly in the ESCWA region was undertaken. Young people were the focus of attention in two studies: one on marginalized youth groups and measures to promote their participation in development, and another on the impact of drug abuse among youth in the ESCWA region.

49. The problem of drug abuse was addressed in a publication entitled "Review of national policies and programmes for drug abuse". Other specialized topics included crime, which was covered in a review of national policies and programmes for crime prevention and control. The impact of the Gulf crisis was studied in a publication entitled "The impact of the recent crisis on the social situation in the ESCWA region", which was substantively completed, but not processed by the end of 1993. Rural communities in Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic were the beneficiaries of two rural community development projects funded by the Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND) and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV). The first stage, which involves project formulation, was completed.

50. Social developments and trends were monitored in a biennial publication entitled Survey of Social Trends and Indicators in Countries of the ESCWA Region.

51. Other major activities included preparatory work for the World Summit for Social Development in 1995 and a substantial contribution to the draft agenda for development, many parts of which were included therein.

52. The vacancy rate for this subprogramme was 33 per cent. The subprogramme completed 88 per cent of its planned quantifiable activities and all its operational activities.

53. Departures from programmed activities involved a substantial number of additional activities (five activities) for which 21 per cent of resources authorized from the regular budget were utilized. Three of those activities were undertaken in response to mandates from a legislative authority, one in response to reporting requirements of the United Nations system, and two at the initiative of the secretariat to complement programmed activities.

Subprogramme 13: Women and Development

54. The subprogramme was directed mainly towards operational and supporting activities aimed at integrating women into the development process and

preparations for international events such as the International Year of the Family and the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995). As to providing technical assistance, a number of technical cooperation projects for the development of women in the region were executed: one project on income-generation enterprises for the General Federation of Jordanian Women and another on strengthening statistical capacity in order to promote the participation of women in development. Furthermore, a number of studies emanating from field projects undertaken during the 1992-1993 biennium or during the previous biennium were completed. These include six studies under the umbrella of the project entitled "Diffusion of biogas technology in Yemen"; case-studies on participation of women in the food, textile (five projects), pharmaceutical (three projects) and electronics industries (three projects) under the umbrella of the project on participation of women in industry. These studies culminated in a regional perspective on women in the above-mentioned industries. In addition to the foregoing, a number of studies have been substantively completed: a regional guide for Arab women on employment laws and legislation; a survey of the situation and needs of women in southern Yemen; and a study on the socialization of children in the Gulf region. A report to the Commission was also prepared on the above-mentioned technical assistance projects and the studies related thereto.^{15/}

55. The subprogramme also conducted or substantively participated in three seminars/workshops aimed at improving the conditions of women in the region. Two were related to the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women and are detailed thereunder (see paragraph); the third was a national and regional seminar for business and professional women on the subject of Arab women and sustainable development.

56. Other activities aimed at integrating women into the development process included (a) advisory services to Oman in assessing technical cooperation needs and priorities to improve national capabilities for a social perspective on development; (b) a study on the reintegration of women returnees and their families in their societies of origin, which will be linked with the International Year of the Family, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the World Summit for Social Development; and (c) an updated English version of the Directory of Professional Arab Women in the field of technical cooperation among developing countries.

57. Preparations for the International Year of the Family involved a project proposal for convening an expert group meeting on the subject. Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women included the completion of the first phase of a project, which involves providing technical assistance to member States in preparing for the Conference and in setting up joint national committees to prepare the relevant national reports. The preparations also involved substantive participation in two seminars/workshops in which the subprogramme presented papers on the subject, namely, FAO regional consultations with country coordinators on the preparation of a Policy Framework and Regional Programme of Action for Arab Women in Agriculture. A workshop was jointly organized with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and UNDP to brief Egyptian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on regional preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women. Also in this

^{15/} See E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.9.

context, a study assessing the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women in the region is under way. The study will include a regional perspective of the situation of women and will serve as an input to the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Arab Women and to the Fourth World Conference on Women.

58. The implementation rate for quantifiable activities under this subprogramme was 40 per cent. If reformulated activities are taken into consideration, the implementation rate rises to 60 per cent. The majority of activities had been substantively completed by the end of the 1992-1993 biennium, but their processing had not been completed. The implementation rate for operational activities, which constitute the thrust of the subprogramme, was 80 per cent; the vacancy rate was 32 per cent.

Subprogramme 14: Statistics

59. The main activities carried out by this subprogramme centred around (a) the standardization and dissemination of reliable statistical data, mainly through eight publications covering diverse areas; (b) the development of statistical databases; (c) conducting a workshop on household surveys; and (d) holding the Fourth Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA region.

60. In the context of disseminating statistical data, seven recurrent publications were completed: (a) an issue of the biennial publication Statistical Abstract of the ESCWA Region; (b) two issues of the annual publication National Accounts Studies of the ESCWA Region; (c) an issue of the biennial publication External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region; (d) an issue of the Bulletin of Industrial Statistics for the Arab Countries; (e) a bulletin on prices and financial statistics in the ESCWA region; and (f) a compendium of social statistics and indicators. Social statistics were also the subject of a study. The issue of national accounts was covered in a study on national accounts at constant prices, while civil registration was the theme of the Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems. The question of conducting household surveys was the subject of a workshop on selected topics related to household surveys.

61. The development of statistical databases included a database on labour statistics and the development of a database software called "Live" for registering live births and generating statistical reports.

62. The Fourth Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region served as a forum for discussing a host of statistical topics, such as (a) the implementation of the recommendations of the Third Meeting; (b) technical cooperation in statistics; (c) the establishment of a statistics committee at ESCWA; (d) the United Nations System of National Accounts; (e) strategies for accelerating the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems; (f) the development of indicators and improvement of statistics on the status of Arab women; and (g) the National Household Survey Capability Programme.

63. With a vacancy rate of 21 per cent, the subprogramme completed 67 per cent of its quantifiable activities and 67 per cent of its operational activities as planned. The implementation rate for quantifiable activities

risers to 73 per cent if a reformulated activity is taken into consideration. Three statistical manuals which the subprogramme had planned to have translated into Arabic had to be terminated to avoid duplicating work which the Statistical Office at Headquarters had already undertaken. It is this consideration that reduced the implementation rate.

Subprogramme 15: Transport and Communications

64. During the 1992-1993 biennium, the Transport and Communications subprogramme concentrated on the following areas: (a) specific transport policy issues such as privatization, deregulation and subsidies; (b) manpower development and training; (c) transport management; (d) multimodal transport; (e) maritime transport; (f) dissemination of information and data in the transport sector; and (g) coordination in the field of transport and communications.

65. Specific transport issues were addressed in a number of regional studies dealing with privatization and deregulation of selected transport modes, subsidy in the transport sector, and coordination of investments in the transport sector. The issue of manpower development and training in transport management was addressed in two studies: one on training needs for transport authorities in Western Asia and another on assessment of manpower development in selected ESCWA countries. An ad hoc expert group meeting on training requirements in the transport sector also took place, in conjunction with which a workshop on multimodal transport was conducted.

66. Maritime transport was addressed in the following: (a) a report presented to the Commission at its sixteenth session on the application of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences in countries of Western Asia;^{16/} (b) a study and a seminar on pricing policies for port services and facilities in the ESCWA region; and (c) a study on maritime hydrographic surveys and maintenance of hydrographic surveying equipment in ESCWA countries.

67. Transport management was the subject of numerous activities: (a) a study on the utilization of computer technology in transport management in the ESCWA region, with special reference to railways; (b) an ad hoc expert group meeting on the development of a management information system in transport; and (c) advisory services on various aspects of transport requirements and management (creation of free zones in Jordan, port tariffs in Aqaba, Jordan, and an evaluation of a study on a new seaport in northern Oman). The dissemination of data and information on transport was covered in two issues of the annual Transport Bulletin and a study on maritime transport statistics. Finally, a report presented to the Commission at its sixteenth session apprised member States of the activities of the Transport and Communications Decade in Western Asia (1985-1994).^{17/}

68. Although the subprogramme had a 23 per cent vacancy rate, 100 per cent of its quantifiable activities were implemented; owing to the lack of expected extrabudgetary resources, only two out of its four operational activities were implemented.

^{16/} See E/ESCWA/16/3(Part I)/Add.7.

^{17/} See E/ESCWA/16/3(Part I)/Add.8.

Annex I*

LIST OF ACTIVITIES
PLANNED FOR THE 1992-1993 BIENNIUM
AND STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

* Within this annex, an asterisk (*) denotes a high-priority item, and two asterisks (**) denote a low-priority item.



SUBPROGRAMME 1. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE*

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
<u>Published material</u>			
1. a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>			
i Agriculture and Development in Western Asia, No. 14.	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGREB/XIV Sales No. E.93.II.L.4
ii Agriculture and Development in Western Asia, No. 15	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGREB/XV Sales No. E.94.II.L.7
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i National farm data handbook (Jordan)	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/2
ii National farm data handbook (Lebanon)	-	3	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium upon the request of the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture.
iii National plan of action to combat desertification (Oman)	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/13
iv National plans of action to combat desertification (United Arab Emirates)	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/16
v Desertification control project (Bahrain)	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/8 published with the subtitle: Integrated natural resource management for sustainable agricultural development in Bahrain.
vi Desertification control project (Yemen)	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/15
vii Replacement of undesirable crops (in Lebanon and Yemen Republic)	-	3	<u>Completed</u> For Lebanon E/ESCWA/AGR/1992/12 (Arabic only) Retitled: Combating the planting of hashish and opium in Lebanon

SUBPROGRAMME 1. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			(E/ESCWA/AGR/1992/13) Retitled: Eradication of Illicit Crops: Rehabilitation of the Agricultural Sector in Lebanon.
			<u>Completed</u> For Yemen E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/10 (Arabic only); Retitled: Qat in Yemen
viii Rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in Lebanon: Agricultural credit	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/4 (Arabic only)
ix Rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in the occupied Palestinian territories	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/9 Two project documents were also completed under this activity i. Rehabilitation of deep wells in the occupied Palestinian territories (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/9/Add.1). ii. Rehabilitation of springs and related irrigation canals in the occupied Palestinian territories (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/9/Add.2).
x Rationalizing food consumption and food distribution: Present status of agricultural marketing in the Syrian Arab Republic	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1992/10 (Arabic only)

SUBPROGRAMME 1. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
xii Rationalizing food consumption and food distribution (Lebanon)	-	3	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium and reformulated into a study on marketing of agricultural products in Lebanon, and reduced in scope owing to the broadness of the original subject. Reformulation is also attributable to the delayed response from the country originally selected for the study and the need to select another country (Lebanon) and reschedule the work accordingly.
xiii Assessment and evaluation of agricultural extension institutions (Jordan)	4	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1992/11 (Arabic only); Retitled: Present status of agricultural extension in Jordan and ways and means of developing it.
xiv Assessment and evaluation of agricultural extension institutions (Syrian Arab Republic)	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/11 (Arabic only); Retitled: Present status of agricultural extension in the Syrian Arab Republic and ways and means of developing it.
xv Assessment and evaluation of rural development policies and programmes at the national level (Oman)	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/3
xvi Assessment and evaluation of rural development policies and programmes at the national level (Lebanon)	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/7 (Arabic only)
xvii Assessment and evaluation of rural development policies and programmes at the regional level*	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/12 E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/14

SUBPROGRAMME 1. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
2. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
a. An expert group meeting to assess policies and programmes of rural development in countries of the region.	-	4	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 10-14 October 1993 Proceedings: E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/14 (Arabic only)
3. <u>Operational activities</u>			
<u>Group training</u>			
a. Workshop on agricultural planning and project analysis (Oman)	2	-	<u>Completed</u> Muscat, 9-28 May 1992; Retitled: "National Training Workshop on Project Planning and Analysis";
b. Workshop on agricultural planning and project analysis (Lebanon)	-	2	<u>Completed</u> Beirut, 13-25 September 1993; Retitled: National Training Workshop on Farm Management, Project Planning and Analysis.
c. Workshop on agricultural policy analysis and farm management (XB)	2	-	<u>Completed</u> Cairo, 14 November-2 December 1992; Retitled: "Regional Training Workshop on Agricultural Policy Analysis". In cooperation with FAO, RNEA, INP.
d. Workshop on agricultural policy analysis and farm management (XB)	-	2	<u>Completed</u> Cairo, 21 November-8 December 1993; Retitled: "The Fifth Regional Training Workshop on Food and Agricultural Policy Analysis". In cooperation with FAO, RNEA, INP and IFPRI.

SUBPROGRAMME 1. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
4. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
<p>Coordination with the ACC (Administrative Committee on Coordination) Task Force on Rural Development and with UNEP; and support to and liaison with regional and interregional organizations such as the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), the Agricultural Food Marketing Association for the Near East and North Africa (AFMANENA), and the Arab Federation for Food Industries.</p>			<p>In cooperation with FAO, a study on agricultural marketing policies in the context of structural adjustment in Jordan and Egypt is being undertaken. The preparation of a textbook on rural finance and agricultural credit, as a joint undertaking between ESCWA, RNEA and NENARACA (is under way; a material seminar on required marketing improvement measures for higher marketing efficiency and export promotion of fruits and vegetables in the Syrian Arab Republic was jointly organized in cooperation with RNEA and AFMANENA (Damascus, 8-11 November 1993). A regional seminar on international wheat procurement trading and finance was jointly organized by ESCWA, AFMANENA, UNCTAD, FAO, RNEA and the Egyptian Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade (Cairo, 12-17 December 1992). The objective of the seminar was to discuss major issues related to technical financial and administrative procedures required to keep up with the international and regional changes in the area of wheat trading, with the LDCs as a target group.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME 1. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
5. <u>Additional activities</u>			
a. <u>Published material</u>			
<u>Non-recurrent publication</u>			
i Impact of population growth and urbanization on food consumption patterns in selected ESCWA countries (Egypt and Jordan)	-	4	<u>Postponed</u> to 1994-1995 biennium. Undertaken at the request of FAO in accordance with the agreement between FAO and ESCWA. Postponed to allow for revision by co-sponsors.
ii Study on trade in agricultural commodities amongst ESCWA countries	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/17 (Arabic only); undertaken at the request of FAO, in accordance with the agreement between FAO and ESCWA.
b. <u>Operational activities</u>			
<u>group training</u>			
i National training workshop on the use of computers in farm management survey, data processing and project analysis	-	4	<u>Completed</u> Amman 24 October-5 November 1992; undertaken at the initiative of the secretariat upon the request of the Jordanian Government.
ii Training workshop on planning and appraisal of agricultural and rural development projects			<u>Completed</u> in two parts Amman, 22-26 August 1993 Amman, 21-25 November 1993 undertaken on the initiative of the secretariat, organized with the Jordanian Cooperative Organization.
iii Training workshop on planning and appraisal of projects in the field of agriculture and rural developments			<u>Completed</u> Jerusalem, 26 July-12 August 1992; undertaken in response to ESCWA resolution 184 (XVI) of 2 September 1992 on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied Palestinian territories.

SUBPROGRAMME 1. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
iv Third Arab Symposium on Planning and Development of Fisheries and Crustacea in the Arab World			<u>Completed</u> Damascus, 9-12 May 1993; undertaken in the context of cooperation with FAO and the agreement concluded between, <u>inter alia</u> , ESCWA, the Arab Federation of Fish Producers, the State Organization for Fisheries in the Syrian Arab Republic.

SUBPROGRAMME 2. DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND POLICIES*

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>			
i Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region*	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/8 (Survey covering 1990-1991)
ii Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region*	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/9 (Covering 1992) three studies on specialized topics were also published in conjunction with the Survey: i. Economic reform and reconstruction in Lebanon (E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/11 [Arabic only]); ii. Structural adjustment and reform policies in Jordan: economic and social implications (E/ESCWA/SED/1993/13 [Arabic only]) iii. Structural adjustment and reform policies in Egypt: economic and social implications (E/ESCWA/SED/1993/14);
iii Review of progress made in the implementation of the programme of action for the least developed country in the region	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/7
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Conceptual framework and guidelines for activities relating to wealth, poverty and income distribution.	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SED/1993/19 Retitled: A conceptual and methodological framework for poverty alleviation in the ESCWA region.
ii Policy issues arising from the unification of the two parts of Yemen	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SED/1993/16 (Arabic only); Retitled: Major economic issues and challenges facing unified Yemen.

SUBPROGRAMME 2. DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND POLICIES (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
2. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
i Progress made in the implementation of economic cooperation between the least developed member country and other countries of the region	-	3	<u>Reformulated and completed</u> E/ESCWA/SED/1993/17 (Arabic only) reformulated into a study on the subject owing to the fact that the general environment at present is not conducive to change in this area, and to high vacancy rate.
ii Implications for the region of a peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine	4	-	<u>Terminated</u> as a meeting. However, activities on this subject have been postponed and reformulated and will be addressed in the revised work programme for the 1994-1995 biennium under the theme "Special issues and developments in the region" to allow for consultations with member States on modalities for implementing activities relevant to the peace process, as stipulated in operative paragraph 2 of ESCWA resolution 184 XVI of 2 September 1992 on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied Palestinian territories and to give this issue due attention in the light of recent developments.
iii Reconstruction and rehabilitation of war-damaged countries in the region (RB/XB)*	-	4	<u>Terminated</u> As a meeting. However, the subject as such was postponed and will be addressed during the 1994-1995 biennium under the theme " <u>Regional economic and social reconstruction and rehabilitation</u> ", which is a major theme for a cluster of ESCWA activities in the revised work programme for the 1994-1995 biennium.

SUBPROGRAMME 2. DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND POLICIES (continued)

Activities	Date due 1992 1993 (quarter)		Status of implementation/ modification
<u>Additional activities</u>			
1. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>			
i Four quarterly notes by the Executive Secretary on major developments at the regional and international levels			<u>Completed</u> Undertaken at the initiative of the secretariat to brief United Nations offices in Amman, embassies and UNDP offices in the region on such developments; published 1 April, 29 June and 30 September 1992, and 6 January 1993 (no identifier).
ii Four quarterly notes by the Executive Secretary on major developments at the regional and international levels			<u>Completed</u> Four notes were completed: 6 April 1993, 11 July 1993, 11 October 1993 and 7 January 1994.
b. <u>Non-recurrent publication</u>			
i Impact of the Gulf crisis on the economies of Western Asia	4	-	<u>Completed</u> (E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/11) Undertaken at the initiative of the secretariat in the light of the serious economic and social implications of the Gulf crisis on the economies of the region; based on studies and reports prepared by the secretariat during the 1990-1991 biennium on emerging conditions.

SUBPROGRAMME 3. ENVIRONMENT

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>International cooperation</u>			
<u>External relations</u>		Continuous	
i Coordination with regional institutions such as the Executive Bureau of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for Environment and the Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)*			
			<p>Participated in the meeting on Environment and Development in the Arab States; the establishment of the Joint Committee on Environment and Development in the Arab Region; meeting of the Arab Ministers Responsible for Environment, and the Workshop on Industrial Pollution Control in the Arab World.</p> <p>Submitted a report on a Framework for an Evolving Environmental Programme for the Arab Region (E/ESCWA/ENV/1992/18) to the Technical Committee for the Assessment of UNCED (League of Arab States, January 1993 [Arabic only]).</p> <p>Coordinated with the Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) activities pertaining to convening a joint meeting dealing with environmental legislation and enforcement in the Arab region.</p> <p>Continued coordination with UNEP/ROWA and other organizations the implementation of activities embodied in Agenda 21 and in the Arab Declaration for Environment and Development and Future Prospects.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME 3. ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			Assisted CEDARE in holding the seminar on "Environmental impact assessment of hydrological projects", Amman, 20-22 December 1993.
			Maintained close contact and participated with the League of Arab States and other organizations for activities implemented by CEDARE.
			These activities aim at assisting member countries in setting environmental priorities and in instituting and implementing sound environmental stewardship.
2. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
<u>Parliamentary documentation</u>			
i Report to the Commission on the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development	1	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/16/5/Suppl.1
ii Report to the Commission on the follow-up action in connection with UNCED	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/16/5/Suppl.2
iii Report to the Commission on progress of implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Prospects in the region	-	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.1
3. <u>Published material</u>			
<u>Technical material</u>			
i Compilation and computerization of a database on environment**		Continuous	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ENV/1993/11 (Arabic only)

SUBPROGRAMME 3. ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
4. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. <u>Advisory services</u>			
i Preparation of environmental plans in the region (RB/XB)	Continuous		<u>Terminated</u> initiated these services for Lebanon and Yemen. Initial statistics for these two member States have been compiled by the subprogramme. However, this part of the activity was terminated; Initiated and compiled first draft of the Environmental Assessment of the Industrial Sector in Jordan. However, the activity as such has been terminated owing to non-availability of anticipated extrabudgetary funds and provision of services required by regional advisers. However, data collected thus far on Lebanon and Yemen will be incorporated into the <u>Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region</u> planned for the 1994-1995 biennium.
b. <u>Group training</u>			
i National workshop in environmental planning and management capabilities in Jordan (RB/XB).	-	3	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 12-13 December 1993

SUBPROGRAMME 3. ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
5. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
Participation in regional, interregional and international meetings on environment, in particular, UNCED, the UNEP Governing Council sessions and the Designated Officers on Environmental Matters. Cooperation with UNEP on the implementation of various projects dealing with environment and development of water resources and of industry, desertification and depletion of the ozone layer.	Continuous	Completed	<p>Participated in UNCED and its preparatory meetings; the sessions of the UNEP Governing Council; and the meeting of the Designated Officers on Environmental Matters in the United Nations systems; Co-organized the Regional Seminar on Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at the Local Level (APEL), Cairo, 24-27 April 1993. Four publications were completed under this activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Environmental components: an inter-disciplinary approach to the formulation and implementation of ESCWA programme budget activities for 1994-1995 (E/ESCWA/ENV/1993/7); (ii) Framework for an environmentally sound and sustainable development in the Arab region (E/ESCWA/ENV/1993/8) (iii) Follow-up on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (E/ESCWA/ENV/1993/9) (iv) The Joint Committee for Environment and Development in the Arab Region; cooperation between ESCWA and the League of Arab States (E/ESCWA/ENV/1993/10) <p>Cooperated with ECE in implementing a project on an environmental database in the region by utilizing models developed within ECE.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME 3. ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due 1992 1993 (quarter)	Status of implementation/ modification
		ESCWA cooperated with UNEP/ROWA to conduct the Seminar on "Strengthening Environmental Law and Legislation in West Asia" (Bahrain, 16-21 October 1993).
6. <u>Additional activities</u>		
		<u>Published material</u>
<u>Non-recurrent publication</u> Urban planning and environment in the ESCWA region: Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt	4 -	<u>Completed</u> (E/ESCWA/ENV/1992/14) Undertaken at the initiative of the secretariat as an input to the Symposium on Low-cost Housing in the Arab Region, (Sana'a, 24-28 October 1992) convened by the Human Settlements subprogramme, in response to the multi-disciplinary requirements of the Symposium.

SUBPROGRAMME 4. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Appropriate human settlements planning	1	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/HS/1992/1 Retitled: Appropriate human settlements planning in the ESCWA region: the role of geographic information systems in planning.
ii Human settlements situation	1	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/HS/1993/1 Retitled: Human settlements situation in the ESCWA region: development trends in the housing sector during the last two decades. Published also with the proceedings of the Symposium on Low-cost Housing in the Arab Region.
iii Provision of shelter and public amenities in rapidly changing urban areas	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/HS/1993/3 (Arabic only)
iv Socio-cultural effects on the design of the housing unit**	3	-	<u>Terminated</u> due to high vacancy rate; subject was covered in a meeting on the social and cultural context of the physical planning of the Arab city.
v Manual for implementing community development projects	4	-	<u>Terminated</u> due to high vacancy rate; subject was covered by consultancy for extrabudgetary activity: environmentally sustainable energy-efficient housing
vi Guidelines for appropriate planning and design standards	-	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/HS/1993/5

SUBPROGRAMME 4. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
vii Assessing neighbourhood and community cohesiveness in urban life	-	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/HS/1993/6 (Arabic only)
viii Proceedings of the Symposium on Low-cost Housing in the Arab Region.	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/HS/1993/4
2. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
a. Low-cost housing in the Arab region	4	-	<u>Completed</u> Sana'a, 24-28 October 1992
b. Social and cultural context of physical planning of the Arab City*.	-	3	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 6-9 June 1993
3. <u>Information materials and services</u>			
a. Exhibits and other visual materials on appropriate technology for low-cost housing	4	-	<u>Completed</u> Sana'a, 24-28 October 1992 (in conjunction with the Symposium on Low-cost Housing)
b. Competition on the theme of "The autonomous village, alternative human settlements planning and design methods"	-	2	<u>Completed</u> The competition schemes were presented (this constituted the first stage of the competition). The rest of the activity is ongoing and runs into the 1994-1995 biennium.
4. <u>Carried-over outputs: Technical publication</u>			
Housing Finance in the ESCWA Region: Institutions and Procedures			<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/HS/1992/2

SUBPROGRAMME 4. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
5. <u>Additional activities</u>			
<u>Operational activity</u>	-	3	<u>Completed</u>
<u>Field project</u>			(first stage)
i Environmentally sustainable energy-efficient housing: multi-stage project (XB)			Added at the initiative of the secretariat to complement a programmed activity entitled "Exhibition and other visual materials on appropriate technology for low-cost housing" with extrabudgetary funding from UNDP. First stage completed: Manual for Development of Human Settlements: Environmentally sustainable shelter techniques in southern Arabia (E/ESCWA/HS/1993/2) (see explanation in 1 a v).
ii <u>Advisory services</u>			<u>Completed</u>
			Undertaken at the initiative of the secretariat upon the request of the Yemeni Government, to which technical assistance was provided.

SUBPROGRAMME 5. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
a. <u>Parliamentary documentation</u>			
i Report to the Commission on assistance to existing industries	1	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/16/4/Add.2
ii Report to the Commission on assistance to existing industries	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/4/(Part I)/Add.2
iii Report to the Commission on strengthening the functioning of industrial training institutions in member countries	1	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/16/3/(Part I)/Add.9
2. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publication</u>			
i Progress and prospects of industrial development in the ESCWA countries	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1993/11 Retitled: Review of recent development of manufacturing activities and prospects in the ESCWA region, 1993.
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Assessment of the status and performance of selected industrial sectors in Yemen	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1993/10 [Arabic only] Retitled: The industrial sector in the Republic of Yemen: present status and investment prospects.
ii Manual for a training workshop on how to start one's own business	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1992/17 (Arabic only)
iii Entrepreneurship in small-scale industry, with special reference to return migrants	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1992/1 Retitled: Promotion of entrepreneurship in small-scale industrial enterprises.

SUBPROGRAMME 5. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
iv Adaptation of reverse engineering techniques to manufacture machinery for agro-food industries: Case-study of the sugar industry and derivatives in Egypt**	-	4	<u>Reformulated and completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1993/7 (Arabic only) Reformulated into a study entitled Adaptation of Reverse-engineering Techniques to Manufacture Machinery for Agro-food Industries: Manufacturing Assembly Lines for Carbonated Beverages in Egypt, to allow more mobility in selecting a case-study in the field of agro-food industries.
v Software industries in the Arab countries	-	4	<u>Postponed</u> to 1994-1995 biennium at request of co-sponsors (UNIDO and RITSEC [Regional Information Technology and Software Engineering Center])
vi Interconnection technologies for electronics industries in the Arab countries	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1992/5
vii Managing technological changes in electronics industries in the Arab countries	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1992/14
viii Participation of women in the labour force in selected industrial sectors	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1993/8 (Arabic only)
ix Salt-based industries and their prospects in the ESCWA region**	-	3	<u>Terminated</u> due to high vacancy rate and low priority
3. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
a. Operation of industrial enterprises under severe and fast-changing conditions*	-	3	<u>Completed</u> Beirut, 24-26 November 1993

SUBPROGRAMME 5. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
b. Creation of indigenous entrepreneurship and opportunities for small- and medium-scale industrial investment (RB/XB).	-	2	<u>Completed</u> Damascus, 11-14 April 1993
4. <u>Information materials and services</u>			
i Directory of software houses and firms in the Arab countries	-	4	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium at the request of the co-sponsors (UNIDO and RITSEC).
ii Exhibit of software products	-	4	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium at the request of the co-sponsors (UNIDO and RITSEC).
5. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. Advisory assistance on the management and operation of selected industries in the region (RB/XB) (existing industries)	Upon request		<u>Terminated</u> Owing to high vacancy rate.
b. <u>Group training</u>			
i Entrepreneurial motivation and training concepts	1	-	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 20-25 April 1992
ii Automation and related computer applications	-	4	<u>Reformulated and completed</u> Amman, 15-17 November 1993; Retitled "Automation and micro-processor controls"; reduced in scope, owing to high vacancy rate, to an expert group meeting on the subject and combined with activity 5 b iii (group training: industrial automation and robotics).

SUBPROGRAMME 5. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
iii Industrial automation and robotics	-	4	<u>Reformulated and completed</u> (see explanation under b ii above)
iv Software industries in the Arab countries	4	-	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium at the request of the co-sponsors (UNIDO and RITSEC)
v Tissue culture techniques and industrial applications	-	4	<u>Completed</u> Cairo, 9-21 October 1993 Retitled: "Training course on tissue culture techniques and applications in industry and agriculture".
vi Integrated circuit design and fabrication	4	-	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium due to high vacancy rate.
vii Participation of women in the labour force in selected industrial sectors	4	-	<u>Terminated</u> Owing to non-availability of anticipated extrabudgetary resources.
6. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
Coordination with UNIDO and the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO) on implementation of a special programme for industrial development in the Arab countries.			Five project profiles were finalized and submitted to inter-agency meeting held in Vienna from 26 to 28 February 1992. A project document was prepared and submitted to a meeting of collaborating organizations held on 28 and 29 November 1992 in Cairo. Three project documents were submitted to meeting of collaborating organizations in Rabat (20-23 June 1993); documents were revised by UNIDO and other concerned agencies. The purpose is to identify industrial projects for implementation in the region.

SUBPROGRAMME 5. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
7. <u>Carried-over outputs</u>			
<u>Technical publication</u>			
a. Food-processing equipment in "Industrial Development Series".	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1992/13; Retitled: Development of Food-processing Equipment: Pre-feasibility Study for Manufacturing Grain-milling Equipment in the ESCWA Region.
8. <u>Additional activities</u>			
a. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Review of recent developments in the manufacturing sector in the ESCWA Region	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1992/15 Added at the initiative of the secretariat; the publication was an outcome of the implementation of the recurrent publication entitled Progress and Prospects of Industrial Development in the ESCWA region; it was prepared as a contribution to the Regional Forecast for Global World Report at the annual UNIDO meeting for Global World Report, Vienna, 17-18 March 1992. It was deemed appropriate to circulate this contribution to a wider audience.
ii Development of pulp paper industry in a number of Arab countries (in the "Industrial Development Series")	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1993/3 (Arabic only) Undertaken at the initiative of the secretariat; the study was started in 1988-1989 and was interrupted owing to the Gulf crisis. It was deemed appropriate to update and publish it owing to the significance of the topic from the environmental and economic points of view.

SUBPROGRAMME 5. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
iii Regional survey of production and consumption of substances harmful to the ozone layer in countries of the ESCWA region			<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1993/4 (I,II,III) Added at the initiative of the secretariat, carried out jointly with the Science and Technology subprogramme.
b. <u>Operational activities</u>			
<u>Group training</u>			
i Second Arab Conference on Perspectives of Modern Biotechnology	-	2	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 24-28 April 1993; Added at the initiative of the secretariat; undertaken as follow-up activity to the First Conference held and co-sponsored by ESCWA, UNIDO, FAO and others upon the recommendation of the co-sponsors.
ii Seminar on industrial development and investment promotion in the Republic of Yemen	-	4	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium upon the request of the Yemeni Government. Added at the initiative of the secretariat to discuss the study on the subject; seminar to be held in Sana'a in January 1994.
iii "Start your own business" regional workshop for the training of trainers	-	4	<u>Completed</u> Cairo, 23 October-11 November 1993; Added at the initiative of the secretariat upon the recommendation of the "Entrepreneurial motivation and training concepts" seminar, which pinpointed the need for professionally trained and highly qualified trainers for industrial entrepreneurship and small enterprise development; co-sponsored with UNDP and the Arab Contractors Company (Egypt).

SUBPROGRAMME 6. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE*

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>			
i Analytical review of developments and issues in the external trade and payments situation of countries of Western Asia	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/10
ii Analytical review of developments and issues in the external trade and payments situation of countries of Western Asia	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SED/1993/15
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i The implications of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) for trade and development in the region	4	-	<u>Terminated</u> Owing to delay in holding the Uruguay Round; material will be incorporated into another output in the 1994-1995 biennium.
ii The Export Finance Mechanisms in the ESCWA Region*	-	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/10
iii Prospects of economic cooperation in the region in the light of recent development	-	3	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium owing to the high vacancy rate and the fact that the special theme for the seventeenth session of the Commission session is based on this activity. Retitled: "Methods for strengthening mechanisms and techniques of activating intraregional trade among the States members of the Commission".
iv The link between production policies and export activity in the region	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SED/1993/20

SUBPROGRAMME 6. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
2. <u>Operational activity</u>			
a. Advisory services in the area of trade promotion policy to assist member States in expanding exports, rationalizing trade policies and coping with emerging issues, such as the formation of a single European market and the impact of recent developments in the region on the integration process.			<u>Terminated</u> Upon request owing to high vacancy rate
3. <u>Additional activities</u>			
<u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			Coordination activities undertaken in anticipation of two activities planned for the 1994-1995 biennium: Represented the Commission as an observer at the second meeting of the Committee on Trade Information of the League of Arab States, which was held in Cairo on 1 September 1993. Participation in this meeting was combined with a mission to consult with concerned government officials on matters related to the study on the theme of the seventeenth session of the Commission. Represented the Commission at the First Arab-African Trade Fair (Tunis, 22-31 October 1993) and submitted a paper on Arab-African trade relations. The Fair was jointly organized by the League of Arab States and the Organization of African Unity and was attended

SUBPROGRAMME 6. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			<p>by UNCTAD and the Economic Commission for Africa. The purpose of the participation was to enhance cooperation and coordination with all the parties concerned.</p>
			<p>Represented the Commission at the Second Session of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board's Ad Hoc Working Group on Trade Efficiency, which was held at Geneva from 15-19 November 1993. The matters with which the Working Group concerns itself are closely related to the two workshops on trade efficiency planned during the biennium 1994-1995.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME 7. NATURAL RESOURCES*

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
a. <u>Parliamentary documentation</u>			
i Report to the Commission on modalities of cooperation in development of shared water resources	-	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.3
ii Report to the Commission on the establishment of a regional committee on natural resources	-	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.4
iii Report to the Commission on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan	-	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.5
2. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Water use and conservation*	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/NR/1993/21; Retitled: Water resources planning, management, use and conservation in the ESCWA region.
ii Operation and maintenance of dams in selected member countries	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/NR/1993/19
iii Assessment of mineral resources in selected member countries	-	4	<u>Terminated</u> Due to vacancy
iv Prospects of marketing and downstream operations in the phosphate industry	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/NR/1993/13; Retitled: Down-stream phosphate industries and their prospects in the ESCWA region.

SUBPROGRAMME 7. NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
b. <u>Technical material</u>			
i Establishment of a computerized natural resources data bank	-	4	<u>Reformulated and completed</u> E/ESCWA/NR/1993/20 reduced in scope to cover water resources only owing to the fact that the post designated for mineral resources has been vacant; retitled: Planning and design of an ESCWA water resources database (EWDB).
3. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
a. Expert group meeting to formulate plans and policies, including the development of national master plans for water resources development, conservation and management, aimed at the optimal use of available water resources	-	3	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 28 November-2 December 1993; Retitled "Regional Symposium on Water Use and Conservation."
4. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
Regular and formal consultations with relevant specialized agencies such as UNESCO, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and with other United Nations offices such as UNDP, the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the other regional commissions; coordination within the ACC Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources; and participation in the meetings of the Committee on Natural Resources and of LAS organs active in the water sector.			<u>At the regional level:</u> An inter-agency meeting (UNESCO/ROSTAS, ALECSO, ACSAD and ESCWA) was held from 28-30 July 1992 to coordinate and harmonize water related activities undertaken in the region. Follow-up annual meetings are envisaged. An ESCWA staff member participated in an ALECSO meeting in Cairo from 9-11 November 1992. Participated in the first meeting of the Inter-agency Task Force on Land and Water Resources (WHO/EMRO) convened at Alexandria, Egypt on 22 February 1993.

SUBPROGRAMME 7. NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			Participated in the "Workshop on Rangeland Management in the Arab World", organized by ACSAD/LAS and held at Amman from 3-6 April 1993
			Participated in the panel discussion on the water crisis in the Arab world, organized by the Arab Institute for Planning and held in Bahrain, 15-16 June 1993.
			<u>At the global level:</u>
			ESCWA participated in the meeting of the ACC Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources held in New York from 7-9 October 1992, and the second session of the Interagency Steering Committee for Water Supply and Sanitation in New York from 5-6 October 1992.
			Attended the first session of the Committee on Natural Resources and an informal meeting of the Intersecretariat Group for Natural Resources, New York, from 29 March to 8 April 1993. Participated in the Technical Consultation on Integrated Rural Water Management, FAO, Rome, 15-19 March 1993.
			Attended the International Conference on Hydrology ("Towards the 21st Century: Research and Operational Needs"), convened in Paris (UNESCO) from 22-26 March 1993.

SUBPROGRAMME 7. NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
5. <u>Additional activities</u>			
a. <u>Published material</u>			
<u>Non-recurrent publication</u>			
Survey of water resources activities in the ESCWA region			<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/NR/1993/7
b. <u>Operational activities</u>			
<u>Field project</u>			
Assessment of water resources in the ESCWA region using remote-sensing techniques (XB)			<u>Completed</u> Added at the initiative of the secretariat owing to the need for remote-sensing techniques in the region and in anticipation of activities on the subject in the biennium 1994-1995 and availability of extrabudgetary resources with which to carry out the project. This is a three-year project; the preparatory stage has been completed;

SUBPROGRAMME 8. ENERGY

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>International cooperation</u>			
<u>External relations</u>			
a. Energy-related activities will be carried out in close coordination with intergovernmental and regional organizations, particularly the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), LAS and AIDMO	Continuous		<u>In progress</u> Formulation of proposals for cooperation with LAS and OAPEC and initiation of contacts with a number of member States for the establishment of a regional steering committee on energy efficiency. Contacts have been maintained with a number of intergovernmental and regional organizations to join ESCWA in the "Regional Information Network on NRSE" and the implementation of joint energy projects; contact and coordination of activities has been maintained with OAPEC, OPEC and LAS for the implementation of joint energy projects.
2. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
a. <u>Parliamentary documentation</u>			
i Report to the Commission on progress made in the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy during the last decade*	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ENR/1992/21 E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.6
ii Report to the Commission on the promotion of selected renewable energy projects	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.7

SUBPROGRAMME 8. ENERGY (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
3. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>			
i Survey and assessment of energy-related activities in the ESCWA region (1990-1991)	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ENR/1992/22
ii Survey and assessment of energy-related activities in the ESCWA region (1992)	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/NR/1993/10
iii Bulletin of Current Energy Data	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ENR/1992/20 (covers 1991)
iv Bulletin of Current Energy Data	-	4	<u>Terminated</u> Owing to high vacancy rate.
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Energy audit for selected energy-intensive industries	4	-	<u>Reformulated and completed</u> E/ESCWA/NR/1993/9 Published under the title Optimization of Energy Use in Oil Refining (Case-studies of Al-Zarqa Oil Refinery, Jordan, and Aden Oil Refinery, Yemen); expanded in scope to cover additional cases and to prepare models for the optimization of energy use in oil refining.
ii Energy pricing systems in selected ESCWA countries**	-	4	<u>Terminated</u> Owing to high vacancy rate.
4. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
Expert group meeting on Gas Development and Market Prospects by the year 2000 and Beyond, to formulate policies for its production and transportation.	3	-	<u>Completed</u> Damascus, 20-26 June 1992; redesignated an interregional symposium instead of an expert group meeting.

SUBPROGRAMME 8. ENERGY (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
5. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
Substantive coordination with specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, particularly UNDP, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), UNIDO, UNCTAD, FAO and UNESCO.	Continuous	<u>In progress</u>	Participated in the meeting of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (New York, 3-10 February 1992) and other meetings organized by the UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States on "Domestic Energy Policies and Management in the Arab Countries" and the ECE secretariat on "Global Energy Efficiency 21". Activities in this connection included preparation and presentation of a paper and proposals for the execution of demonstration projects. Coordination has been continued with ECE and UNIDO for joint implementation of a project on energy efficiency.
6. <u>Additional activities</u>			
<u>Published material</u>			
<u>Non-recurrent publication</u>			
Proceedings of the Interregional Symposium on Gas Development and Market Prospects by the year 2000 and Beyond		<u>Completed</u>	E/ESCWA/ENR/1992/19 This activity was cited as postponed in 1990-1991 owing to the postponement of the symposium in question. However, it was not included in the 1992-1993 work programme due to an oversight and was thus undertaken in 1992 as an additional activity.

SUBPROGRAMME 9. POPULATION

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>			
i Demographic and Related Socio-economic indicators for ESCWA member countries, as assessed in 1992	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1993/12
ii Population Bulletin of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (Nos. 38 and 39)	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1992/8 (Arabic) E/ESCWA/POP/1993/6 (English)
iii Population Bulletin of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (No. 40)	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1993/10
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Population movements associated with the Gulf crisis	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1993/2 (erroneously issued as E/ESCWA/SD/1993/12; corrigendum issued); Retitled: Return Migration: Profiles, Impact and Absorption in Home Countries.
ii Proceedings of a meeting on population and development in the Arab world	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1993/11 (Arabic only); Retitled: Proceedings of the Arab Population Conference.
c. <u>Technical material</u>			
A database on population and labour**	-	4	<u>Completed</u> In cooperation with the Statistics subprogramme, available on computer diskette and distributed upon request (no identifier).

SUBPROGRAMME 9. POPULATION (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
2. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
a. Implications of return migration resulting from the recent crisis in the region, with special reference to unemployment (RB/XB)*	-	2	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 26-29 July 1993; Retitled: "Meeting of experts on unemployment in ESCWA countries"
b. Human resources development in the Arab world	-	4	<u>Completed</u> Cairo, 6-9 December 1993; Retitled: "Human development in the Arab world"
3. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. Organization of a regional meeting on population and development in the Arab world (RB/XB)*	-	1	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 4-8 April 1993; Retitled: "Arab Population Conference" and held in preparation for the International Conference on Population and Development to be held in Cairo in September 1994.
b. Group training: a workshop on integrating population variables into development (XB)	-	4	<u>Terminated</u> owing to lack of extrabudgetary resources
4. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
Activities will be carried out in cooperation with UNFPA and coordinated with the ACC Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections.	Continuous	Attended	the meeting of the ACC Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections. The purpose was to coordinate estimates and projections within the United Nations system. ESCWA is to provide such estimates and projections concerning the region which, in turn, are to be used by the

SUBPROGRAMME 9. POPULATION (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			Population Division at Headquarters as benchmark data; coordinated joint activities with UNFPA with regard to holding the Arab Population Conference (see supra) and preparatory work for the International Conference on Population and Development to be held in September 1994; coordinated work on the demographic estimates and projections undertaken by ESCWA with the ACC Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections.
5.			<u>Carried-over outputs</u>
a.			<u>Technical publications</u>
i			<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1993/3
ii	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1992/7 (No. 5 [Arabic only]); Retitled: "Instructors and trainers in technical education in the Arab world".
iii	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1992/6
iv			<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1993/4; Retitled: Population spatial distribution
v	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1993/5

SUBPROGRAMME 9. POPULATION (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
vi Proceedings of a seminar on demographic and socio-economic implications of international migration in the Arab world with special reference to return migration.	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1992/2 (Arabic only)
6. <u>Additional activities</u>			
<u>Published material</u>			
<u>Non-recurrent publication</u>			
Feasibility study for establishing training and extension services in Lebanon	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/POP/1992/12 (Arabic only) Undertaken at the initiative of the secretariat in response to requests to cover training needs in the agricultural sector in Lebanon overlooked in a previous study on training needs.

SUBPROGRAMME 10. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>			
i Developments and trends in the monetary and financial sectors in the economies of the ESCWA region**	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/6 (covers 1991)
ii Developments and trends in the monetary and financial sectors in the economies of the ESCWA Region**	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/8 (covers 1992)
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Finance and development in the ESCWA region.	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/6
ii Management and organization of Governments in the ESCWA region.	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SED/1993/18
iii Financial resources availability and management in the ESCWA region*	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/12
2. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. Advisory services in the areas of money, finance and public administration		Continuous	<u>Terminated</u> Owing to vacancies and the need to redeploy results to two important and additional activities.
3. <u>Additional activities</u>			
<u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Non-recurrent publication</u>			
i External debt of ESCWA countries			<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/2 (Arabic only); Added at the initiative of the secretariat owing to the rising significance of external debt in ESCWA countries, especially in the wake of the Gulf crisis.

SUBPROGRAMME 10. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (continued)

Activities	Date due 1992 1993 (quarter)	Status of implementation/ modification
ii Report on the possibilities of establishing a fund for reconstruction and development in the ESCWA region		<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.4 Added by legislation: ESCWA resolution 182 (XVI) on the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Decade for Western Asia (1994-2003).

SUBPROGRAMME 11. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>International cooperation</u>			
<u>External relations</u>			
Activities will be undertaken in liaison with regional institutions such as the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC), the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development (IFSTAD) and the Academy for Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT).	Continuous		Cooperation and coordination activities were conducted with FASRC, IFSTAD, UNIDO and a number of national and regional institutions concerned with science and technology.
2. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
a. <u>Parliamentary documentation</u>			
Report to the Commission on cooperation between ESCWA countries in the field of space science and technology education.	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.8 Retitled: "Promotion of cooperation among ESCWA countries for the setting up of a centre for space science and technology education".
3. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i New and advanced materials technology and development for selected ESCWA countries*	-	2	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/ID/1992/16 Retitled: The Implications of New and Advanced Materials Technologies for the Development of the ESCWA Countries
ii Integration of science and technology in the development plans in selected countries**	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/NR/1993/15

SUBPROGRAMME 11. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
4. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
a. New and advanced materials technology and development for ESCWA countries (RB and XB).	-	3	<u>Completed</u> Damascus, 21-24 September 1992; Redesignated a "High-Level Workshop"; Final report: E/ESCWA/ID/1992/11.
b. Outer space science and technology education (XB)			<u>Terminated</u> The funds originally donated by one member State could not be converted, and the country which initiated the move to set up the regional centre, which would have been the central issue in the meetings, lost interest and changed its position. Resources were redeployed to an additional activity on the ozone layer.
5. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. <u>Group training</u>			
i Workshop for high-level officials on the integration of science and technology in the national development plans (RB/XB).	-	4	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 27-30 September 1993 Retitled: "Workshop on the integration of science and technology in the development planning and management process".
b. <u>Field projects</u>			
Participation in missions to member countries to evaluate available facilities relating to the establishment of an ESCWA Centre for Science and Technology Education.		Continuous	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium at the request of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, whose move from New York to Vienna coincided with the mission. The time allocated for this activity was used to implement an additional activity on the ozone layer.

SUBPROGRAMME 11. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
6. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
Coordination within the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force for Science and Technology for Development and with relevant specialized agencies, such as UNESCO and UNIDO.			Continuous Work on the implications of new and advanced materials for the economies of the ESCWA countries was coordinated with UNIDO, ESCAP, UNCSTD (Commission on Science and Technology for Development), IDB (Islamic Development Bank) and the International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) to implement a workshop on this subject by soliciting technical inputs and participation of experts from the institutions concerned.
7. <u>Additional activities</u>			
a. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
Prospects for the substitution of ozone-depleting substances in the ESCWA region			<u>Completed</u> Amman, 1-2 December 1993; added at the initiative of the secretariat to update surveys completed during 1992 on ozone-depleting substances in the ESCWA region on the basis of inputs from experts in member countries, and also to discuss with those experts the future plan of action and patterns of cooperation and coordination needed in the region to cope with problems caused by ozone-depleting substances.

SUBPROGRAMME 12. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE*

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publication</u>			
i Survey of social trends and social indicators in the ESCWA Region*	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1993/4
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Impact of the Recent Crisis on the Social Situation in the ESCWA Region	-	4	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium. The study was delayed due to the freeze imposed on consultancies and the consequent delay in obtaining specialized input from a consultant. However, the study was substantively completed and will be published in early 1994.
ii Review of national policies and programmes for crime prevention and control	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1992/11 (Arabic only)
iii Review of national policies and programmes for drug abuse	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1992/10 (Arabic only)
iv Assessment of situation and services for the disabled at the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1992/13 Retitled: Assessment of the Implementation of the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons in the ESCWA Region at the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and Agenda for Future Action.
v Adaptation and transfer of Appropriate Technologies for Disabled Persons in the ESCWA Region	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1992/5

SUBPROGRAMME 12. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
vi Marginal Youth Groups and Measures to Promote their Participation in Development	2	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1992/12
2. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
a. Development of policies and programmes for the elderly in the ESCWA region (RB/XB)	-	3	<u>Completed</u> Cairo, 19-21 October 1993
3. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. Advisory services to Governments on specific social issues	Upon request		<u>Completed</u> Group mission to Oman (ESCWA, CSDHA [Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs], UNDP) to formulate social development projects (1992).
b. <u>Field projects</u>			
Formulation of a rural community development programme and projects in selected villages	Continuous		<u>Completed</u> (first stage) for the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt; the first stage of the project, involving its formulation, has been completed. Funds were raised, and the approval of the Government for participation and a plan of action was secured.
4. <u>Additional activities</u>			
a. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
<u>Substantive servicing</u> (preparatory work)			
i Preparatory work for the World Summit for Social Development, 1995	Ongoing		<u>Completed</u> (the contribution planned for the 1994-1995 biennium) Added by legislation in response to General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, which, in operative paragraph

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Activities	Date due 1992 1993 (quarter)	Status of implementation/ modification
		<p>14, requests the regional commissions to include in their programme of work for 1993 the World Summit for Social Development, with particular emphasis on the social situation in their respective regions, including proposals, and to prepare an integrated report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. The secretariat prepared a contribution on the subject to the report of the Secretary General on the Social Summit, as well as a report on the social situation; prepared for and participated in the 46th General Conference of the Department of Public Information/NGO in New York in September 1993 in preparation for the World Summit for Social Development and made contributions thereto.</p>
b. <u>Published material</u>		
		<u>Non-recurrent publications</u>
i Impact of Drug Abuse among Youth in the ESCWA Region: Approaches to Social Reintegration	- 4	<p><u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1993/3 Added at the initiative of the secretariat owing to availability of extrabudgetary resources for this purpose.</p>
ii Agenda for Development		<p><u>Completed</u> Requested by Headquarters; Substantial contribution to be considered for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Secretary-General on the subject. Completed 1 July 1993 (no identifier).</p>

SUBPROGRAMME 12. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
<u>c. Information material and services</u>			
Cultural Event for the Disabled	3	-	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 17-18 October 1992; Added at the initiative of the secretariat owing to availability of extrabudgetary resources and the need to address disability in depth. Final report: E/ESCWA/SD/1992/WG.1/19.
<u>d. Operational activities</u>			
i Workshop for key medical and technical personnel in prosthetics and orthotics for Western Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean region			<u>Completed</u> Amman, 8-15 October 1993; added by legislation in response to ESCWA resolution 182 (XVI) of 2 September 1992 on the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Decade for Western Asia (1994-2003). In this regard, ESCWA initiated this activity to cater to disabled persons, with particular emphasis on war victims. The workshop was jointly organized by ESCWA, the Ministry of Health of Jordan and the University Rehabilitation Institute of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

SUBPROGRAMME 13. WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
a. <u>Parliamentary documentation</u>			
i Report to the Commission on support for technical assistance projects for the development of women	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.9
2. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publication</u>			
i Studies on women and development**	4	-	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium, owing to high vacancy rate and low priority. These are a series of studies emanating from field projects on the identification and formulation of technical cooperation projects for the development of women in the region, carried out by this subprogramme. These activities include five case-studies on the participation of women in the food and textile industries in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen (in press); three case-studies on the participation of women in the pharmaceutical and electronics industries in Egypt, Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic (in progress); a regional guide for Arab women on employment laws and legislation (in progress); and a survey of the situation and needs of women in the southern part of Yemen (in progress).

SUBPROGRAMME 13. WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Reintegration of women returnees and their families in their societies of origin	3	-	<u>Reformulated and completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/1993/5 (Arabic only) Expanded in scope to include returnee families, with special emphasis on women, with a view to interlinking this activity with three global activities: the International Year of the Family (1994), the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995) and the World Summit for Social Development (1995).
ii Assessment of the Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women in the region	-	3	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium to allow, by early 1994, the preparation by member States of national reports on the situation of women, with technical assistance from ESCWA. The preparation of a regional perspective, which will be an input to the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995), depends on these reports.
c. <u>Technical material</u>			
i Directory of Arab Professional women in the field of technical cooperation among developing countries	3	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/SD/89/5/Rev.1 (updated version)
3. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. <u>Advisory services</u>			
i Ways and means of integrating women into development (RB/XB)*	Continuous		<u>Completed</u> Mission to Oman, 18-27 October 1992; to review and assess technical cooperation needs and priorities to improve national capabilities for a social perspective on the development of Oman.

SUBPROGRAMME 13. WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
b. <u>Group training</u>			
i Seminars and workshops aimed at improving the conditions of women in the region (RB/XB)*	Continuous	<u>Completed</u>	<p>Amman, 26-28 April 1993: Regional and National Conference for Business and Professional Women on the Arab woman and sustainable development: Presented three papers on participation of Arab women in business and professional fields; access of Arab women to higher education; and access of Arab women to vocational training.</p> <p>Cairo, 29 November-2 December 1993: FAO regional consultations with country coordinations on the preparation of a Policy Framework and Regional Programme of Action for Arab Women in Agriculture within the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995);</p> <p>Cairo, 14-15 December 1993: UNICEF/UNDP/ESCWA workshop and briefing for Egyptian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on regional preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women and the NGO Forum.</p>
c. <u>Field projects</u>			
i Identification and formulation of technical cooperation projects for the development of women in the region (RB/XB)*	Continuous	<u>Completed</u>	<p>Six case-studies under the umbrella of the project entitled "Diffusion of biogas technology in Yemen" were produced (E/ESCWA/SD/1993/1</p>

SUBPROGRAMME 13. WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			<p>and E/ESCWA/NR/1993/11 [Arabic only]); a project on income-generating food-processing enterprises for the General Federation of Jordanian Women; a project on strengthening statistical capacity in order to promote the participation of women in development; under the umbrella of the project entitled "Participation of women in industries", three case-studies on women in the pharmaceuticals and electronics industries in Yemen, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic; first phase of a project on technical assistance to member States, in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995);</p> <p><u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium in terms of processing; Financial and administrative support services to process documents emanating from fields projects. These include, in addition to those cited under item 2 a i above, the following: (a) Socialization of children in the Gulf region; (b) Survey of the situation and needs of women in the southern part of Yemen; (c) Participation of women in industry: a regional perspective on women in the food, textiles, pharmaceuticals and electronics industries (comprising executive summaries of five case-studies on food and textiles, three on pharmaceuticals, and three on electronics industries; and a regional guide for Arab women on legislation and employment laws.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME 13. WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Activities	Date due 1992 1993 (quarter)	Status of implementation/ modification
ii Project proposal for an expert group meeting on the International Year of the Family.		<u>Completed</u>
iii Participation of women in community development		<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium owing to delays in securing extrabudgetary funding from AGFUND and the need to enter into negotiations with beneficiary member States to identify and place UNVs. This is a component of an overall project on community development.

SUBPROGRAMME 14. STATISTICS

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>International cooperation</u>			
<u>External liaison</u>			
a. Cooperation with governmental and regional institutions, particularly LAS and its standing committee on statistics, the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, the Arab Planning Institute, and the technical committee for statistical matters of the Gulf Cooperation Council in the organization of statistical policy meetings, workshops seminars.	Continuous		Participated in the annual meetings of the Standing Statistical Committee of the League of Arab States (Cairo, 13-15 July 1992 and 20-24 Nov. 1993); the Statistical Committee of the Council for Arab Economic Unity (Cairo, 7-8 November 1992 and 19-23 September 1993); the Board of Directors of the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (Amman, 8-9 December 1992 and 30-31 Oct. 1993); the Second Arab Conference on National Accounts (Cairo, 5-9 October 1992); Meeting of the Steering Committee on National Accounts, Cairo, 22 November 1993; received missions from AGFUND and AIDMO and prepared plans for future cooperation for the development of statistics in the region.
2. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
<u>Parliamentary documentation</u>			
a. Six reports to the Fourth Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region on statistical activities of ESCWA and on various aspects of economic and social statistics in the ESCWA region.	-	4	<u>Completed</u> Eight reports, instead of six, were presented at this meeting: i. Follow-up of the recommendations of the Third Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/2);

SUBPROGRAMME 14. STATISTICS (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			ii. Progress report for the period 1991-1993 (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/3);
			iii. Report on technical cooperation in statistics (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/5);
			iv. Report on the setting up of a statistical committee at ESCWA (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/6);
			v. Report on the developments in 1993 in the United Nations System of National Accounts (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/7);
			vi. Report on the Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/8);
			vii. Report on the Meeting of the Working Group on the Development of Indicators and Improvement of Statistics on the Status of Arab Women (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/9);
			viii. Report on the National Household Survey Capability Programme and the services rendered by the Regional Household Survey Project in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/10).
3.			<u>Published material</u>
			a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>
i	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/STAT/1992/18 Sales No. A/E.93.II.L.1
ii	-	1	<u>Terminated</u> Agreement on joint publication with the League of Arab States was discontinued at the initiative of LAS.

SUBPROGRAMME 14. STATISTICS (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
iii Bulletin of National Accounts (No. 12)	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/STAT/1992/16 (Sales No. 92.II.L.5) Retitled: National Accounts Studies of the ESCWA Region
iv Bulletin of National Accounts (No. 13)	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/24; (Sales No. 94.II.L.3) Retitled: National Accounts Studies of the ESCWA Region
v External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region (No. 6)	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/STAT/1992/20 Sales No. 93.II.L.2
vi Bulletin of Industrial Statistics of the ESCWA Region (No. 1)	-	4	<u>Reformulated and completed</u> E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/26; expanded in scope to include all Arab countries, in agreement with the co-sponsor, AIDMO; retitled: Bulletin of Industrial Statistics for the Arab Countries, No. 1.
vii Bulletin on Prices and Finance Statistics in the ESCWA Region (No. 12)**	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/21 Sales No. 94.II.L.1.
viii Compendium of Social Statistics (No. 3)	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/25 Sales No. 94.II.L.5.
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Study on social statistics in the ESCWA region	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/11 (Arabic only); Retitled: Current status of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Western Asia and suggestions for improvement. This is the first of a series of studies on the subject that will be undertaken.

SUBPROGRAMME 14. STATISTICS (continued)

Activities	Date due 1992 1993 (quarter)	Status of implementation/ modification
ii Manual on vital statistics systems and methods		<u>Terminated</u> Due to non-availability of expected funds from UNFPA and to avoid duplication of work since the manual was published in Arabic by the United Nations Statistical Division.
iii Manual on principles and recommendations for population and housing censuses (RB/XB)		<u>Terminated</u> Due to non-availability of expected funds from UNFPA and to avoid duplication of work since the manual was published in Arabic by the United Nations Statistical Division.
iv Manual on planning, organization and administration of population and housing censuses		<u>Terminated</u> Due to non-availability of expected funds from UNFPA and to avoid duplication of work since the manual was published in Arabic by the United Nations Statistical Division.
c. <u>Technical material</u>		
i Initial economic and social database for future integration into an ESCWA statistical data bank*.	Continuous	<u>Completed</u> Available on diskette upon request (not as a printout). Therefore, no identifier is available.
4. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>		
Civil registration and vital statistics	- 1	<u>Completed</u> Damascus, 20-24 June 1993; Retitled: "Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems". Final report published in Arabic and English.

SUBPROGRAMME 14. STATISTICS (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
5. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. Advisory services in the area of statistics, household surveys and sampling (XB)		Upon request	<u>Completed</u> Backstopping of 36 missions undertaken by regional advisers; preparation of a project on strengthening training capabilities in statistics and data processing in Egypt; assisted in setting up a data collection plan for the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics and Natural Resources (Damascus, 15-17 December 1993).
b. <u>Group training</u>			
i Workshop on selected topics relating to household surveys (XB)	4	-	<u>Completed</u> Cairo, 14-21 December 1992; Retitled: "Seminar on Household Surveys for Heads of Statistical Organizations and Senior Statisticians in the ESCWA Countries."
ii Workshop on selected topics relating to household surveys (XB)	-	4	<u>Terminated</u> Owing to non-availability of anticipated extrabudgetary resources.
6. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
Coordination with statistical offices of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations. Participation in the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, in a number of intersecretariat working groups, and in the preparation of reports requested by the United Nations Statistical Office.			Participated in the ACC Sub-committee on Statistical Activities (Geneva, 6-10 April 1992 and 6-8 September 1993); the Interregional Seminar on the Revision of the SNA (Mexico City, 5-9 October 1992); the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination (New York, 29 June-1 July 1992); the technical meeting for the preparation of the

SUBPROGRAMME 14. STATISTICS (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			second issue of <u>The World's Women 1970-1990: Trends and Statistics</u> (New York, June 1992); contributed, with the Development Planning Division of ESCWA, to the preparation of the 1990, 1991 and 1992 national accounts aggregates of ESCWA member States; participated in the 27th session of the Statistical Commission (New York, 22 February-3 March 1993) and in the 15th Conference of Labour Statisticians (Geneva 19-28 January 1993). Estimates of GDP by economic activity and expenditure for ESCWA member countries in 1991 and 1992 were prepared and sent to UNSTAT.
7. <u>Additional activities</u>			
a. <u>Published material</u>	3	-	<u>Completed</u>
i National accounts at constant prices: Parts 3 and 4			E/ESCWA/STAT/1992/15 (Arabic only), Volume II The output was originally prepared by a consultant as an annex to a technical study published in 1989. It was decided, in agreement with the consultant, to publish it as volume II of the study owing to its usefulness.

SUBPROGRAMME 15. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
1. <u>Parliamentary services</u>			
a. <u>Parliamentary documentation</u>			
i Report to the Commission on the application of the Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences in the ESCWA region	1	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/16/3(Part I)/Add.7
ii Report to the Commission on the intergovernmental meeting on the activities of the Transport and Communications Decade in Western Asia (1985-1994)	1	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/16/3(Part I)/Add.8
2. <u>Published material</u>			
a. <u>Recurrent publications</u>			
i Transport Bulletin No. 3	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1992/13
ii Transport Bulletin No. 4	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/12
iii Maritime Transport Statistics**	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/15
b. <u>Non-recurrent publications</u>			
i Privatization and deregulation of selected transport modes	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1992/14
ii Information classification for the transport sector	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/16 (Arabic only)
iii Subsidy in the transport sector in the ESCWA region	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1992/15
iv Coordination of investments in the transport sector**	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/14

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Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
v Pricing policies of port services and facilities in the ESCWA region	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/9 (Arabic only)
vi Utilization of computer technology in operations and management for selected transport modes	-	1	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/13 Retitled: Utilization of Computer Technology in Transport Management in the ESCWA Region, with Special Reference to Railways.
vii Training needs for transport authorities in Western Asia*	4	-	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1992/16
viii Assessment of manpower development in selected ESCWA countries	-	3	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/18 (Arabic only)
ix Maritime hydrographic surveys - and maintenance of hydrographic surveying equipment in ESCWA countries	-	4	<u>Completed</u> E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/17
3. <u>Ad hoc expert groups</u>			
a. Training requirements in the transport sector*	4	-	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 23-24 January 1993
b. Development of a management information system in transport	-	4	<u>Completed</u> Beirut, 15-18 November 1993
4. <u>Operational activities</u>			
a. Advisory services on various aspects of transport requirements and management	Upon request		<u>Completed</u> Services rendered to the Ministry of Transport of Jordan on the creation of free zones. Advisory services on port tariffs in Aqaba, Jordan.

SUBPROGRAMME 15. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			Services to Oman to evaluate a study on a new seaport in northern Oman
b. <u>Group training</u>			
i Seminar on deregulation and its effects on urban transportation	-	3	<u>Terminated</u> Owing to non-availability of anticipated extrabudgetary resources.
ii Seminar on pricing policies of port services and facilities in the ESCWA region	4	-	<u>Completed</u> Alexandria, Egypt, 14-19 November 1992; Retitled: "Seminar on modern port pricing policies and strategies in the ESCWA region".
iii Workshop on hydrographic surveys and maintenance of hydrographic surveying equipment	-	1	<u>Postponed</u> to the 1994-1995 biennium and <u>reformulated</u> into an expert group meeting on the subject due to non-materialization of extrabudgetary resources.
5. <u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>			
Coordination with ESCAP to undertake joint projects within the framework of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific	Continuous		<u>In progress</u> Participated in the meeting of the Inter-Agency Steering Committee on Phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade in Asia and the Pacific, held in Geneva from 2-4 December 1992; received ESCAP missions on the Transport and Communications Decade in Asia and the Pacific (Amman, 22-24 September 1992 and again on 30 November 1992) to discuss the implementation of the activities of the Decade in the ESCWA region.

SUBPROGRAMME 15. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Activities	Date due		Status of implementation/ modification
	1992	1993 (quarter)	
			Continuous contact with ESCAP was maintained. This was geared towards informing the Economic and Social Council as to the financial needs of the Decade and on joint programmes and projects (coordination of activities relevant to the Transport and Communications Decade). In this context, the subprogramme followed up closely the Decade issues submitted by ESCAP to the UNDP Governing Council and to the Economic and Social Council in July 1993.
6. <u>Additional activities</u>			
<u>Operational activities</u>			
<u>Group training</u>			
Workshop on multimodal transport	-	1	<u>Completed</u> Amman, 25-27 January 1993; undertaken at the initiative of the secretariat, in cooperation with UNCTAD, upon the request of the Jordanian private sector; held in conjunction with the expert group meeting on training requirements in the transport sector.

Annex II

**ANNOTATED LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED
DURING THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993**



IBPROGRAMME	PUBLICATIONS	DESCRIPTION
Food and Agriculture	<p>Agriculture and Development in Western Asia No. 14 (E/ESCWA/AGREB/XIV) No. 15 (E/ESCWA/AGREB/XV)</p>	<p>This is an annual publication. Issue No. 14 deals with land and water resources in the occupied Palestinian territories, as well as marketing and agriculture policy, while issue No. 15 focuses on rural development, desertification and the recent developments in and performance of agricultural sectors in Western Asia.</p>
	<p>National Farm Data Handbook: Jordan (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/2)</p>	<p>This publication aims at facilitating the utilization of existing farm data for planning policy analysis and project design. The Handbook contains standard or "norm" input-output data for all agro-ecological zones.</p>
	<p><u>National plans of action to combat desertification</u> The national plan of action to combat desertification in the Sultanate of Oman (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/13)</p>	<p>The plan assesses the potential land and water resources of Oman, the magnitude of the desertification problem, the national contribution towards preparation of the plan and a long-term strategy. The nine elements of the strategy include improvement of land and water resource management, a socio-economic programme and institutional reforms and public participation.</p>
	<p>National plan of action to combat desertification in the United Arab Emirates (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/16)</p>	<p>The document on the United Arab Emirates (UAE) deals with a long-term strategy for combating desertification in the UAE and proposes assessment and monitoring of desertification, water resource management, public awareness and participation, strengthening of national institutional capabilities and regional and international cooperation.</p>
	<p><u>Desertification control projects</u> Desertification Control Project: integrated natural resource management for sustainable agricultural development in Bahrain (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/8)</p>	<p>The project on Bahrain deals with improved irrigated agriculture, creating public awareness concerning desertification, promoting participation in its control and the formulation of an agricultural resource development project.</p>
	<p>Desertification Control Project in Yemen (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/15)</p>	<p>The project on Yemen has three components: the first one deals with the integrated management of watersheds in the Daleh area, the second with the fixation of sand dunes in Mayfa south of Delta Abya and Ramah Valley and West of Siham Valley, and the third with the establishment of wind breaks and a protective green belt in the Salamah and Bana Valley.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME	PUBLICATIONS	DESCRIPTION
1. Food and Agriculture (continued)	<p>Eradication of undesirable crops Combating the planting of hashish and opium in Lebanon (E/ESCWA/AGR/1992/12 [in Arabic]) Eradication of Illicit Crops: Rehabilitation of the Agricultural Sector in Lebanon (E/ESCWA/AGR/1992/13) Qat in Yemen (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/10 [in Arabic])</p>	<p>Three publications were completed under this activity: a socio-economic survey of illicit crops in Lebanon; a study dealing with the economic and social framework for eradicating the two illicit crops grown in Lebanon, hashish and opium; and a document dealing with the social and economic aspects of qat in Yemen and the possibilities of replacing it with other crops and income-generating activities. The last-mentioned publication recommends a plan of action to restrict the use of qat in the short run and its eradication in the long run.</p>
	<p><u>Rehabilitation of the agricultural sector</u> Rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in Lebanon: agricultural credit (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/4 [in Arabic]) Rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in the occupied Palestinian territories (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/9) Rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in the occupied Palestinian territories: Project document No. 1; rehabilitation of deep wells in the occupied Palestinian territories (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/9/Add.1)</p>	<p>The first study deals with the agricultural credit system in Lebanon. In conjunction with this study, another study entitled "Assessment of credit needs in Lebanon" (funded from extrabudgetary resources) was completed in cooperation with the American University of Beirut; the study recommended a system to be used in this connection in two districts. The second study, which covers the occupied Palestinian territories, was a joint ESCWA/FAO undertaking. It deals with the rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in the occupied Palestinian territories. Two project documents were also prepared on the rehabilitation of irrigation wells and springs and irrigation canals in the occupied Palestinian territories.</p>
	<p>Rehabilitation of the agricultural sector in the occupied Palestinian territories: Project document No. 2; rehabilitation of springs and related irrigation canals in the occupied Palestinian territories (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/9/Add.2)</p>	<p>The study gives a description of the agricultural sector and food security position in the Syrian Arab Republic at the present time and institutional infrastructures and channels for marketing agricultural products. It also tackles pricing policy. Finally, the study tries to identify the main obstacles and constraints facing the marketing process and suggests some policies and actions to improve that process.</p>

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1. Food and Agriculture (continued)	<p><u>Agricultural extension and methods of improvement</u> Present status of agricultural extension in Jordan and ways and means of developing it (E/ESCWA/AGR/1992/11 [in Arabic])</p> <p>Present status of agricultural extension in the Syrian Arab Republic and ways and means of developing it (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/11 [in Arabic])</p> <p><u>Evaluation of rural development policies and programmes at the national level</u> Assessment of rural development policies and programmes in Oman: lessons learned (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/3)</p> <p>Assessment of rural development policies and programmes in Lebanon (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/7 [in Arabic])</p> <p>Assessment of rural development policies and programmes at the regional level: ESCWA countries (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/12 [in Arabic])</p> <p>Trade in agricultural commodities in the region of Western Asia (E/ESCWA/AGR/1993/17)</p> <p><u>Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars</u></p> <p>Expert Group Meeting on the Assessment of Policies and Programmes of Rural Development in the ESCWA Countries</p>	<p>Each of the studies describes past and present extension and research activities of public and private sectors. It assesses the human resources available in the field of extension and transfer of technology. It then presents some recommendations to improve the extension capability of the the country.</p> <p>These two studies deal with the status of rural development in Oman and Lebanon, respectively. They assess related policies and programmes and investigate possibilities for developing them in each of these two countries.</p> <p>The Agriculture Division undertook several country studies in the last four bienniums. This regional study draws the regional dimension for rural development policies and programmes in the ESCWA region.</p> <p>This study deals with trade in agricultural commodities among ESCWA countries, assesses the current situation of intraregional trade in agricultural commodities and of trade policies and identifies the constraints and prospective improvements <u>vis-à-vis</u> this regional issue.</p> <p>Amman, 10-14 October 1993, 34 participants. This meeting dealt with national as well as regional issues related to policies and programmes of rural development in the ESCWA region.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME	PUBLICATIONS	DESCRIPTION
1. Food and Agriculture (continued)	National Training Workshop on Project Planning and Analysis	Muscat, 9-28 May 1992, 20 participants. Topics covered: agricultural and rural investment projects and project analysis; project reports; and project data analysis and simulation program (DASI) and its application.
	National Training Workshop on Farm Management, Project Planning and Analysis	Beirut, 13-25 September 1993, 12 participants. Topics covered: data processing and analysis; project data analysis and simulation program (DASI); policy analysis matrix (PAM) and supply analysis.
	Regional Training Workshop on Agricultural Policy Analysis	Cairo, 14 November-2 December 1992, 12 participants. Topics covered: agricultural development in Egypt; macro policy and sectoral growth; economic reform and structural adjustment programme; market equilibrium; policy analysis matrix (PAM); practical applications; and evaluation of development strategies.
	The Fifth Regional Training Workshop on Food and Agricultural Policy Analysis	Cairo, 21 November-8 December 1993, 19 participants. Topics covered: supply and demand analysis; market analysis; trade and structural adjustment; policy analysis matrix.
	National Training Workshop on the Use of Computers in Farm Management Survey, Data Processing and Project Analysis	Amman, 24 October-5 November 1992, 12 participants. Topics covered: planning, collection and analysis of farm data for project and policy purposes.
	Training Workshop on Planning and Appraisal of Agricultural and Rural Development Projects	Amman, 22-26 August 1993 (first stage) and 21-25 November 1993 (second stage); 31 participants. Organized with the Jordanian Cooperative Organization. Topics covered: project cycle; economic and financial analysis of projects; case-studies.
	Third Arab Symposium on Planning and Development of Fisheries and Crustacea in the Arab World	Jerusalem, 26 July-12 August 1992, 32 participants. Topics covered: project cycle; economic and financial analysis and case-studies. Damascus, 9-12 May 1993, 78 participants. Topics covered: fish breeding, production, marketing and research in the Arab countries.

SUBPROGRAMME	PUBLICATIONS	DESCRIPTION
2. Development Issues and Policies	<p><u>Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region, 1990-1991 (E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/8)</u></p> <p><u>Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region, 1992 (E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/9)</u></p> <p>(E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/11 [in Arabic])</p> <p>(E/ESCWA/SED/1993/13 [in Arabic])</p> <p>(E/ESCWA/SED/1993/14)</p>	<p>An annual publication, the Survey is prepared with contributions from most ESCWA subprogrammes. The first issue, which covers the period 1990-1991, analyses overall sectoral development, trends and policies in the region, taking into consideration national regional and international factors influencing performance. This issue underlines the impact of the Gulf crisis and war on economic conditions and prospects in the region, including regional economic cooperation. The second issue covers 1992 and addresses three specialized topics in conjunction with the Survey, published under the following titles: "Economic reform and reconstruction in Lebanon"; "Structural adjustment and reform policies in Jordan: economic and social implications"; and "Structural adjustment and reform policies in Egypt: economic and social implications".</p>
	<p>Review and analysis of the progress made by the Republic of Yemen in the implementation of the New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/7)</p>	<p>The report reviews the progress made by the Republic of Yemen in the implementation of the New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s. It analyses overall economic performance and sectoral developments in the areas of agriculture, manufacturing, trade and human and social developments. It also examines the role of external financial resources in the development of the country, and identifies obstacles and constraints.</p>
	<p>A conceptual and methodological framework for poverty alleviation in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/SED/1993/19)</p>	<p>The study sets up a conceptual framework for future ESCWA activities in this area and examines the following aspects of poverty and income distribution; definition and measurement of income distribution and poverty; data requirements and methodology for collection and measurement of income distribution and poverty in the ESCWA region and relevant experiences in other developing countries.</p>
	<p>Major economic issues and challenges facing unified Yemen (E/ESCWA/SED/1993/16 [in Arabic])</p>	<p>Examines major economic issues arising from the unification of Yemen, with a view to identifying challenges and potentials, by reviewing economic conditions, policies and institutional arrangements, differences and similarities in the two parts of Yemen.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME	PUBLICATIONS	DESCRIPTION
2. Development Issues and Policies (continued)	<p>Note by the Executive Secretary of ESCWA: major economic developments First quarter 1992, second quarter 1992, third quarter 1992, fourth quarter 1992, first quarter 1993, second quarter 1993, third quarter 1993, fourth quarter 1993 (no identifiers; issued, respectively 1 April, 29 June, 30 September 1992; 6 January, 6 April, 11 July, 11 October 1993; and 7 January 1994)</p>	<p>A quarterly note that briefs United Nations offices in Amman, embassies and UNDP offices in the region on major developments.</p>
	<p>The impact of the Gulf crisis on the economies of Western Asia (E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/11)</p>	<p>The study examines the economic setting on the eve of the crisis of the most affected countries and the implications for future growth and development. It estimates losses incurred and provides a set of policy recommendations.</p>

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3. Environment
- Report on progress of implementation of the Arab Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Prospects (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.1)
- This report provides an overview of the situation in the region in relation to environment and development issues; addresses the main aspects of the Arab Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Prospects as well as the experiences and mandates of ESCWA concerning the implementation of priority sustainable development outlined therein; it identifies and describes possible future actions, based on programmes of action to be developed and implemented by the substantive divisions of ESCWA in the light of Agenda 21 and its regional priorities.
- Compilation and computerization of a database on environment (E/ESCWA/ENV/1993/11 [in Arabic])
- The Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development recognized the importance of an Arab network for environmental monitoring. In this context, the following objectives should be borne in mind: enhancing the exchange of environmental information among Arab countries; establishing an information bank and a database to provide inputs for environmental studies; and assisting concerned Arab countries to prepare a standardized method for setting up an environmental database. In this context, this database was initiated, in line with the Arab Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Prospects and also Agenda 21. Its objectives are to inform member Governments as to the status of the people and the state of their environment in the ESCWA region with as much objectivity as possible, and to identify policies and strategies at the country and regional levels which have a possibility of ensuring sustainable development. The technical annex of the report includes 29 tables and 18 figures on various socio-economic and environmental indicators which are incorporated in the sample database of Jordan. In doing so, the database will assist in providing an understanding of the cause-effect relationships between the human condition, the state of the environment and human activities using natural resources.

SUBPROGRAMME	PUBLICATIONS	DESCRIPTION
3. Environment (continued)	Urban planning and the environment in Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan (E/ESCWA/ENV/1992/14 [in Arabic]) <u>Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars</u> National Workshop on Environmental Planning and Management Capabilities in Jordan	A feature of population distribution in most ESCWA countries is the high rate of urbanization. Rural/urban migration has exacerbated the already dire conditions in many urban areas and has contributed to the deterioration of the rural resource base through increased neglect of land. This study suggests policy actions including the need: to give environmentally sound urban planning priority attention in human-settlements strategies; to provide areas in urban centres to meet the needs of various income categories and for industry, business, recreation and open spaces; and to intensify efforts to improve the present environmental conditions of urban areas, in particular air quality, municipal waste management, problems of transportation, traffic management water supply and housing conditions. Amman, 12-13 December 1993, 50 top- and middle-management officials, 24 consultants. One of four pilot projects throughout the world conducted under the auspices of UNEP to promote environmental awareness among planners in all sectors. Participants analysed existing plans and their environmental dimension.

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4. Human Settlements	<p>Appropriate human settlements planning in the ESCWA region: the role of geographic information systems in planning (E/ESCWA/HS/1992/1)</p> <p>Human settlements situation in the ESCWA region: development trends in the housing sector during the last two decades (E/ESCWA/HS/1993/1)</p> <p>Shelter and public amenities in rapidly changing urban areas: crisis housing (E/ESCWA/HS/1993/3 [in Arabic])</p> <p>Guidelines for appropriate planning and design standards in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/HS/1993/5)</p> <p>Assessing neighbourhood and community cohesiveness in urban life (E/ESCWA/HS/1993/6 [in Arabic])</p> <p>Proceedings of the Symposium on Low-cost Housing in the Arab Region (E/ESCWA/HS/1993/4)</p> <p>Housing finance in the ESCWA region: institutions and procedures (E/ESCWA/HS/1992/2)</p>	<p>The study addresses the need to integrate the social, economic and physical aspects of planning in an interactive process. It discusses the use of geographic information systems as a procedural means to implement integrated and interactive multidisciplinary planning in the ESCWA region.</p> <p>The study identifies challenges, needs and potentials facing the human settlements situation in the region. It consists of a synthesis of the research undertaken by the Human Settlements subprogramme over the time span covered by the medium-term plan for the period 1981-1986 on the multidisciplinary facets of human settlements in the ESCWA region.</p> <p>The study addresses the issue of providing appropriate housing to limited-income people in urban areas, particularly in times of crisis.</p> <p>The study provides an outline of the main institutional, economic, social and cultural aspects to be considered in the selection of planning and design standards appropriate for the conditions of ESCWA countries.</p> <p>This publication is based on a field research project aimed at assessing the role of urban development programmes in integrating limited groups into the different aspects of urban life.</p> <p>A multidisciplinary activity that deals with the provision of housing in crisis situations.</p> <p>The broad objective of the study is the provision of adequate shelter to urban communities. It gives an overall view of the situation of housing finance institutions in the ESCWA region during the period 1980-1990, and assesses national policies and strategies for financing low-cost housing projects in selected ESCWA countries.</p>

SUBPROGRAMME	PUBLICATIONS	DESCRIPTION
4. Human Settlements (continued)	<p><u>Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars</u></p> <p>Symposium on Low-cost Housing in the Arab Region</p> <p>Expert Group Meeting on the Social and Cultural Context of Physical Planning of the Arab City</p> <p><u>Other activities (advisory services, field projects)</u></p> <p>Exhibition on Appropriate Technology for Low-cost Housing</p> <p>Field project on environmentally sustainable energy-efficient housing: multi-stage project</p>	<p>Sana'a, 24-28 October 1992, 180 participants. Topics covered technical, administrative and financial aspects of housing provision to lower-income groups. A special session was held on provision of housing in crisis situations as a result of wars or natural disasters in the region. The Symposium also included an exhibition on appropriate technology for low-cost housing.</p> <p>Amman, 6-9 June 1993, 24 participants. Topics covered were the different social and cultural elements that influence the evolution of the Arab city, as well as ways of incorporating these elements into the urban planning process so as to make it responsive to the needs of urban dwellers.</p> <p>Sana'a, 24-28 October 1992. The exhibition on appropriate technology was held in connection with the Symposium on Low-cost Housing in the Arab Region. It was a supporting activity of the Symposium that presented publications, audiovisual materials and posters illustrating the art of construction techniques using local building materials. The underlying theme of the exhibition involved building on the available resources and strengthening indigenous skills and construction capabilities.</p> <p>The first stage of the project resulted in the completion of a manual for development of human settlements entitled <u>Environmentally Sustainable Shelter Techniques in Southern Arabia</u>. The manual analyses climatic conditions in the southern parts of the Arabian peninsula, energy requirements of the family, shelter and the availability of new and renewable energy and energy-efficient local materials. It also provides guidelines for designers and planners of buildings and settlements in the various climatic regions of Yemen and Oman.</p>

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4. Human Settlements (continued)	Competition on the theme of "The autonomous village", an architecture and planning competition on appropriate techniques for shelter for the bedouins of Oman	The competition schemes were presented (first stage of the competition). The rest of the activity is ongoing and runs into the biennium 1994-1995.
	Advisory services	Technical assistance was provided to the Government of Yemen:
		- A project framework for upgrading secondary settlements (city of Thula), prepared in the first half of 1993;
		- A three-day mission to Yemen in October 1993 in this context;
		- Preparations of terms of reference for studying the socio-economic and physical status of the city;
		- A three-day mission to Yemen in December to provide advice on the proposed housing strategy for the country.

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5. Industrial Development	<p>Assistance to existing industries (E/ESCWA/ID/17/4(Part I/Add.2))</p> <p>Review of recent development of manufacturing activities and prospects in the ESCWA region, 1993 (E/ESCWA/ID/1993/11)</p> <p>The industrial sector in the Republic of Yemen: present status and investment prospects (E/ESCWA/ID/1993/10 [in Arabic])</p>	<p>Presented to the Commission at its seventeenth session.</p> <p>This biennial publication reviews recent industrial developments and prospects in the ESCWA region and analyses manufacturing structures, trends and policies in countries of the ESCWA region and recent developments occurring in major manufacturing branches.</p> <p>This study provides an assessment of the industrial sector of the Republic of Yemen and its performance, policies and priorities in the 1990s. It looks at investment-related modalities, roles of the Government and the local private sector, industrial development opportunities in free zones, and conclusions and recommendations. It was prepared as a background document for the Seminar on Industrial Development Prospects and Investment Promotion in the Republic of Yemen.</p>
	<p>Training manual on how to start one's own business (E/ESCWA/ID/1992/17 [in Arabic])</p>	<p>The manual is based on material for a pilot training workshop conducted in Jordan in May 1990. The manual, which is a trainers' guide, covers the following laboratories: (1) motivations laboratory; (2) product laboratory; (3) small-enterprise laboratory; and (4) bank negotiation laboratory.</p>
	<p>Promotion of entrepreneurship in small-scale industrial enterprises (E/ESCWA/ID/1992/1)</p>	<p>This study addresses the problems faced by owners/managers of small enterprises in the ESCWA region and recommends measures to promote entrepreneurship in the areas of finance, extension and support services, information services and enterprise encouragement.</p>
	<p>Adaptation of Reverse-engineering Techniques to Manufacture Machinery for Agro-food Industries: Manufacturing Assembly Lines for Carbonated Beverages in Egypt (E/ESCWA/ID/1993/7 [in Arabic])</p>	<p>This study aims at enhancing local capability for manufacturing food-processing machinery in the ESCWA region through utilization and application of reverse-engineering techniques to redesign, adapt, modify and locally manufacture food-processing machinery. The study reports on a case-study from Egypt related to redesign and manufacture of soft-drink bottling operations. The study also reports on a similar but smaller-scale operation in Jordan to redesign and manufacture machinery for, <u>inter alia</u>, grinding, packaging, processing.</p>

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<p>5. Industrial Development (continued)</p>	<p>Final report of the Expert Group Meeting on Interconnection Technologies for Electronics Industries in the Arab Countries (E/ESCWA/ID/1992/5)</p> <p>Final report of the Expert Group Meeting on Issues in Managing Technological Change within the Context of Arab Electronics Firms and Selected Proceedings (E/ESCWA/ID/1992/14)</p> <p>Participation of women in the pharmaceuticals and electronics industries in the countries of Western Asia (E/ESCWA/ID/1993/8 [in Arabic])</p> <p>Development of Food-processing Equipment: Pre-feasibility Study for Manufacturing Grain-milling Equipment in the ESCWA Region (E/ESCWA/ID/1992/13)</p> <p>Regional survey of production and consumption of substances harmful to the ozone layer in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/ID/1993/4, I)</p>	<p>The report presented the outcome of an expert group meeting which elaborated on state-of-the-art interconnection technologies. It compares various technologies, delineating various options open to Arab electronics firms to optimize their operation or financing.</p> <p>The report presented the outcome of an expert group meeting which deliberated on: state-of-the-art methodologies and techniques used by electronics firms to deal with fast-changing technological industrial and marketing techniques which characterize global electronics production and trade; and methodology for Arab firms to internalize some critical aspects of rapid technological development.</p> <p>This publication gives a detailed country-level and sector-level assessment of the productive employment of females in the pharmaceuticals and electronics industries in three ESCWA countries, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and Jordan, including the influence of education, vocational training and social and economic developments on the degree of female labour participation.</p> <p>The study analyses the economic and technological aspects of selecting food-processing equipment for local manufacturing and the manufacturing facilities and capabilities of selected sectors of the food-processing industry in the region, and presents a pre-feasibility study on conditions for establishing manufacturing facilities for grain-milling equipment in the region.</p> <p>The purpose of the study was to review and assess the prevailing practices and conditions in the ESCWA countries related to the depletion of the ozone layer, after presenting a summary of international efforts to deal with the problem. The case of Egypt is presented in detail, and information about other ESCWA countries is also given. The study states that most substances harmful to the ozone layer are imported and that little attention has been paid to reducing the consumption of these materials in the region. International assistance is needed to enhance efforts to phase out production and consumption of substances that deplete the ozone layer.</p>
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5. Industrial Development
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Review of recent developments in the manufacturing sector of the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/ID/1992/15)

The report reviews recent developments and assesses the current situation in the manufacturing sector in the ESCWA region. It reviews the impact of the Gulf crisis on the ESCWA region; it also examines the performance of selected major manufacturing activities and their prospects, namely petrochemicals, fertilizers, petroleum-refining, aluminium, iron and steel, and cement. It finally attempts to formulate an outlook for the manufacturing sector in the ESCWA region.

Status and development of the pulp and paper industry in selected Arab countries
(E/ESCWA/ID/1993/3 [in Arabic])

The study, which is part of the Industrial Development Series, aims at assessing the pulp and paper industry in selected Arab countries and at pointing out the problems faced by this industry. Recommendations are given for improving the performance and efficiency of existing production capabilities through the optimal use of raw materials and/or search for alternatives. The study also recommends specific steps to bridge the gap between local production and total consumption of this strategic commodity in those countries.

Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars

Expert Group Meeting on Operation of Enterprises under Severe and Fast-changing Conditions

Beirut, 24-26 November 1993, 20 participants. The meeting introduced the conceptual framework of disaster management: brought together concerned individuals and organizations to discuss all aspects of disaster management at the level of individual enterprises, firms and institutions in the region vis-à-vis disaster management; and formulated recommendations for action to enhance current capabilities.

Expert Group Meeting on Creation of Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Opportunities for Small- and Medium-scale Industrial Investment

Damascus, 11-14 April 1993, 50 participants. The objectives of the Meeting were: to review the situation in this area; to identify obstacles and perspectives for the development of entrepreneurship in the ESCWA region; to identify the support services needed and innovative schemes that could promote entrepreneurial motivation; and to discuss ways and means of promoting technical innovations and strengthening technological capabilities of small firms.

Joint UNIDO/ESCWA Expert Group Meeting on Automation and Microprocessor Controls

Amman, 15-17 November 1993, 23 participants. Topics covered were: domestic level of automation and microprocessor applications; design, development, manufacture, repair and maintenance of microprocessor-based equipment and instrumentation; and future projects and opportunities for cooperation.

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5. Industrial Development (continued)
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| Regional Seminar on Motivation, Orientation and Training Techniques for Enhancing Industrial Entrepreneurship in the ESCWA Region | Amman, 20-25 April 1992, 25 participants. Topics covered were: demonstration of training techniques; introduction of training schemes observed in the region; and identification of training needs. |
| Training Course on Tissue Culture Techniques and Applications in Industry and Agriculture | Cairo, 9-21 October 1993, 21 participants. Topics covered were: overview of plant tissue culture; micropropagation; organogenesis; somatic embryogenesis; anther culture/haploid production; protoplast techniques; and somaclonal variation techniques. |
| Second Arab Conference on Perspectives of Modern Biotechnology | Amman, 24-28 April 1993, 100 participants. The Conference dealt with: industrial and agricultural applications of biotechnology and genetic engineering; medical and pharmaceutical applications of genetic engineering; and investment in biotechnology-based projects and commercialization. |
| "Start your own Business" Regional Workshop for the Training of Trainers | Cairo, 23 October-11 November 1993, 28 participants. The Workshop aimed at training trainers in industrial entrepreneurship and small-enterprise development. |

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6. International Trade and Development Finance	Analytical review of developments and issues in the external trade and payments situation of countries of Western Asia 1992 issue (E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/10) 1993 issue (E/ESCWA/SED/1993/15)	This annual publication analyses developments, trends and policies in the external sector and payments situation of countries of Western Asia and the national, regional and international factors bearing on them. These issues analyse developments in merchandise trade and trade in services, and the commodity structure of trade and its geographical distribution, with emphasis on intraregional trade, balance of payments flows and international reserves.
	The export finance mechanisms in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/10)	This publication reviews systems of export finance in selected developed and developing countries; examines the need of countries of the region for export-financing facilities; and analyses existing and proposed schemes at the national and regional levels focusing on their main features, shortcomings and ways of improvement.
	The link between production policies and export activity in the region (E/ESCWA/SED/1993/20)	This study examines the link between production and export activity based on the experience of selected ESCWA countries, and suggests ways and means of strengthening the link, to promote development through better participation in international trade.

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7. Natural Resources	<p>Report on modalities of cooperation on development of shared water resources (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.3)</p> <p>Report on the establishment of a regional committee on natural resources (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.4)</p> <p>Report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.5)</p> <p>Water resources planning, management, use and conservation in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/NR/1993/21)</p> <p>Operation and maintenance of dams in selected member countries in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/NR/1993/19)</p> <p>Down-stream phosphate industries and their prospects in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/NR/1993/13)</p> <p>Planning and design of an ESCWA water resources database (EWDB) (E/ESCWA/NR/1993/20)</p>	<p>The report describes the main shared water basins in the region and proposes modalities of cooperation among riparians for the development of such resources.</p> <p>The report was carried out to investigate the possibilities of establishing appropriate mechanisms to promote regional cooperation and coordination in the field of water resources development and conservation.</p> <p>The report reviews and assesses the progress achieved in the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan pertaining to water-sector planning and management in the ESCWA region. It is a follow-up to the previous assessment carried out during the 1990/1991 biennium as regards institutional and legislative aspects.</p> <p>The publication was prepared to highlight the main issues tackled and discussed at the ESCWA Regional Symposium on Water Use and Conservation held from 28 November to 2 December 1993 in Amman. The report was also based on the findings of the studies and papers presented to the Symposium and information gathered through direct contacts with government officials in the region.</p> <p>The publication assesses technical problems encountered in the operation and maintenance of dams, as well as socio-economic impacts, gives an inventory of major dams in the region, and provides proposals for further development in this field.</p> <p>This study evaluates phosphate in the region, with special emphasis on assessing phosphate deposits, economic analysis, technical aspects of the phosphate industry and downstream operations and their marketing.</p> <p>The publication includes a design developed for the establishment of a computerized natural resources database to present regional time-independent and time-dependent data on water.</p>

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7. Natural Resources
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Survey of water resources activities in the ESCWA region, 1992 (E/ESCWA/NR/1993/7)

The publication is intended to provide a regional survey of activities carried out during 1992 in the field of water resources development and management in the ESCWA region with the objective of monitoring the latest developments in the water resources sector.

Other activities (advisory, services, field projects)

Field project on assessment of water resources using remote-sensing techniques in the ESCWA region

This three-year project aims at improving the state of knowledge of water resources in the region. It includes interpretation of images with intensive computerized hydrological and hydrogeological maps. Options will be proposed for development and management of major water resources focusing on shared water resources and measures to combat desertification at the subregional level. The preparatory stage has been completed.

Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars

Regional Symposium on Water Use and Conservation

Amman, 28 November-2 December 1993, 73 participants. Topics covered were: examining ways of facing the growing demand for water resulting from rapid socio-economic development, as well as problems aggravated by the limited water resources in the region; providing a forum for government officials, experts, analysts and decision makers to formulate plans and policies for the development, conservation, management and utilization of water resources; and exchanging views on appropriate mechanisms for promotion of regional and interregional cooperation in the water sector. A report was prepared to highlight the main issues discussed at the Symposium.

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8. Energy

Report on the progress made in the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy during the last decade (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.6)	This report provides details of ESCWA activities to promote new and renewable energy in the region and reviews the progress made in the region in implementing the Nairobi Programme of Action. It specifically reviews achievements in using solar, wind, biogas and geothermal energy sources in the ESCWA region. Prospects for a more widespread use of renewable energy are analysed.
Report on the promotion of selected renewable energy projects (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.7)	This report examines the technical and economic aspects of three renewable energy projects proposed for the ESCWA region. They include solar and wind energy systems to be located in the Syrian Arab Republic, a solar and wind energy plant for Jordan and a solar energy herder settlement suggested for Jordan.
Survey and assessment of energy-related activities in the ESCWA region, 1990-1991 (E/ESCWA/ENR/1992/22)	This annual publication reviews and assesses developments in the energy sectors of the ESCWA region. It deals with energy production and consumption trends at the regional and national levels, as well as renewable energy resources and exploration efforts in the region.
Survey and assessment of energy-related activities in the ESCWA region, 1992 (E/ESCWA/NR/1993/10)	
Bulletin of energy data for the ESCWA region, 1991 (E/ESCWA/ENR/1992/20)	This annual publication covers data on the energy sectors in the ESCWA region. Topics covered in the first issue include hydrocarbon resources, production, and consumption in time series form, as well as prices, exploration, refineries and imports of oil and gas in 1991. The second issue was terminated.
Optimization of Energy Use in Oil-Refining (Case-studies of Al-Zarqa Oil Refinery, Jordan, and Aden Oil Refinery, Yemen) (E/ESCWA/ENR/1993/9)	This study provides an analysis of energy use in ESCWA-region oil refineries used for the production of locally consumed petroleum products. It also reviews the refining technologies currently in use in these refineries and proposes methods to conserve energy in the production process.

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8. Energy (continued)	Proceedings of the Interregional Symposium on Gas Development and Market Prospects by the Year 2000 and Beyond (E/ESCWA/ENR/1992/19)	This publication reflects the discussions and findings of the Interregional Symposium on Gas Development and Market Prospects by the Year 2000 and Beyond, held in Damascus from 20 to 26 June 1992. Papers presented by the ESCWA secretariat, representatives of ESCWA member countries and other participants from the ESCWA region and from other regions are included as well as the final report of the meeting. The papers cover a wide range of gas-related topics including analysis of recent trends in the development of natural gas, current and potential supply of gas, export potential and technologies used for exploiting the ESCWA region's natural gas reserves.
	<u>Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars</u>	
	Interregional Symposium on Gas Development and Market Prospects by the Year 2000 and Beyond	Damascus, 20-26 June 1992, 25 participants. Topics covered were: analysis of recent trends in the development of natural gas in the region; domestic demand for gas; current and potential supply of gas; export potential; and technologies used for exploiting the ESCWA region's natural gas reserves.

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9. Population	<p>Demographic and related socio-economic data sheets for countries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, as assessed in 1992 (E/ESCWA/POP/1993/12)</p> <p>Population Bulletin of ESCWA Issue No. 35/36/37 (E/ESCWA/POP/1993/5) Issue No. 38/39 (E/ESCWA/POP/1993/6) Issue No. 40 (E/ESCWA/POP/1993/10)</p>	<p>This publication deals with the most recent and reliable data and estimates for a set of demographic and socio-economic variables for ESCWA member countries. The figures and estimates are based on official sources such as censuses, civil registration records and sample surveys.</p> <p>This annual publication was formerly a biennial publication. Issue No. 35, 36 and 37 (one volume) includes articles on: fertility of Palestinian women; a system for collecting vital statistics in the GCC countries; spatial distribution of the population of Al-Jazirah region in Iraq; and structural change in the Arabian Gulf <u>vis-à-vis</u> impact of the foreign workforce. Issue No. 38 and 39 (one volume) includes four articles on the conditions of the labour force in agriculture; the third choice; child mortality; and employment in the Gulf region. Issue No. 40 has four articles on: fertility-inhibiting indices for the Arab world; the Second Amman Declaration on Population and Development in the Arab World; features of the population situation and policies in Jordan; and fertility level and birth distribution by order.</p>
	<p>Return migration: profiles, impact and absorption in home countries (E/ESCWA/SD/1993/2)^{1/}</p>	<p>This study includes an in-depth survey on Jordanian returnees from a sociological/anthropological point of view. The survey covers 20 poor families in Jordan and 10 prospective investors.</p>
	<p>Proceedings of the Arab Population Conference (E/ESCWA/POP/1993/11 [in Arabic])</p>	<p>The Proceedings include the papers presented to the Meeting of Senior Officials and Experts that cover the Arab world and deal with issues of: population structure and growth; population policies and programmes; population, environment and development; population distribution and internal migration; international migration; women and development; and family planning, health and family well-being.</p>
	<p>A database on population and labour (provided on computer diskette)</p>	<p>This database includes details about: the economically active population by five-year age groupings and sex; population by age groupings and educational attainment; and population by activity status. It allows for the usage of a spreadsheet-like interface for the purpose of data entry, updating and queries about the database information.</p>

^{1/} Erroneously issued as E/ESCWA/SD/1993/12. Corrigendum issued.

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9. Population (continued)	Bibliography of population literature in the Arab world (E/ESCWA/POP/1993/3)	This bibliography is a comprehensive compilation of recent population research dealing with the Arab world. It covers 2,286 entries during the period 1979 to 1988 and is intended as an update to a similar publication that was published in 1980.
	Instructors and trainers in technical education in the Arab world (E/ESCWA/POP/1992/7, No. 5 [in Arabic])	This study was undertaken jointly with the Arab Federation for Technical Education and was intended to include a general field survey on all the technical education institutes in the Arab world. Although the survey was not as comprehensive as planned, the study did cover all the institutes that responded to the survey. The write-up on each institution includes a general description, as well as information on its training capabilities and future plans, and an evaluation of the courses offered. The study provided 10 recommendations to enhance technical education and identified the need for further research.
	Population situation in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/POP/1992/6)	This publication presents a country profile for each of the 14 member States of ESCWA. Each profile provides a brief overview of the social, economic and demographic features that characterized the country under study in mid-1988. Comparisons of the present and past situations are made whenever available information permits. The standardization of the structure of the country profiles published by ECWA ^{2/} under the title "The population situation in the ECWA ^{2/} region" in 1979 facilitate intra-country comparisons over time as well as inter-country comparisons at the same time point.
	Population spatial distribution (E/ESCWA/POP/1993/4)	This publication examines some issues concerning the relation between the level and trend of urbanization and population distribution policies within the context of social and economic development. It covers population spatial distribution policies in Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and also looks at population redistribution in the context of rapid population growth in the ESCWA region, specifically the urbanization of the region over the period 1950-2000.

^{2/} Redesignated the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) by Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV) of 26 July 1985.

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9. Population (continued)	<p>Proceedings of the Seminar on Demographic and Socio-economic Implications of International Migration in the Arab World with Special Reference to Return Migration (E/ESCWA/POP/1992/2 [in Arabic])</p> <p>Feasibility study for establishing an agricultural training and extension services centre in Lebanon (E/ESCWA/POP/1992/12 [in Arabic])</p> <p><u>Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars</u></p> <p>Expert Group Meeting on Unemployment in the ESCWA Countries</p> <p>Expert Group Meeting on Human Development in the Arab World</p> <p>Arab Population Conference</p>	<p>This publication includes 21 papers that were presented to the Seminar, which was held in Amman from 4 to 9 December 1989. The papers deal with issues of labour migration and return migration at the regional, subregional and country levels. The subregional level includes the Arab Magreb countries, the GCC, the labour-sending countries and the East Asian countries, while the country cases cover each of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Yemen.</p> <p>This study deals with the characteristics of the labour force in Lebanon, with emphasis on agriculture, the economics of the agricultural sector and the feasibility of establishing training and extension services in five selected areas.</p> <p>Amman, 26-29 July 1993, 68 participants. Topics covered: unemployment and methods of measurement; unemployment of graduates in the Gulf; structural adjustment policies and their impact on unemployment in each of Egypt and Jordan; and disguised unemployment in the Syrian Arab Republic, the occupied Palestinian territories and Yemen. The meeting formulated special recommendations for the cases of Lebanon and Palestine as well as general recommendations for the ESCWA region.</p> <p>Cairo, 6-9 December 1993. The Meeting discussed: the issue of human resources development, including its concepts, content and measurements; the historical experiences of advanced countries; and the determinants of human development in the Arab countries. The objective of the Meeting was to elaborate basic policy guidelines for the Arab world to be used when discussing the issue of human development at large.</p> <p>Amman, 4-8 April 1993, 281 participants. The Conference was held in preparation for the International Conference on Population and Development. Topics covered were: family planning; health and family welfare in the Arab world; population structure and population growth in the Arab world; population distribution and internal migration in the Arab world; women and development in the Arab world; population policies and programmes in the Arab world; international migration in the Arab Magreb; and population, environment and development in the Arab world. The meeting resulted in the formulation of the Second Amman Declaration on Population and Development in the Arab World, to be presented to the International Conference on Population and Development to be held in Cairo in 1994.</p>

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10. Public Administration and Finance	Report on the possibility of establishing a fund for reconstruction and development in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.4)	This report examines the justification for establishing a reconstruction and development fund in the ESCWA region in the light of the damage sustained by member countries, the existence of other funds, and earlier proposals. The report also outlines the main features of such a fund.
	Review of developments and trends in the monetary and financial sectors in the ESCWA region 1992 issue (E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/6) 1993 issue (E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/8)	This annual publication analyses fiscal and monetary developments, trends and policies in the ESCWA region. The first issue (regarding developments in 1991) covers government budgets, the banking sector, external debt and financial assistance. The 1993 issue (regarding developments in 1992)--in addition to the topics covered in the first issue--deals with privatization issues in the region.
	Finance and development in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/6)	This publication examines the role of finance in the economic development of the ESCWA region. It explains the pattern of development achieved in the region by focusing on the availability and allocation of financial surpluses after the oil boom.
	Management and organization of Government in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/SED/1993/18)	This publication examines and analyses issues related to managing the public sector, and attempts to explain the relationships between government intervention, financial adjustment and economic development. Particular emphasis is given to evaluating performance of government activities in the administrative fields. For this, the publication proposes measures to reform government administration and management.
	Financial resources availability and management in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/DPD/1992/12)	This publication attempts to define and estimate financial surpluses of the ESCWA region. It outlines the obstacles facing the recycling to the region of the surpluses held abroad and also examines the specifications of deficits and how financial flows from surplus to deficit countries in the region could be enhanced.
	External debt of ESCWA countries (E/ESCWA/DPD/1993/2 [in Arabic])	This study analyses the external debt problems of countries in the ESCWA region within the context of the world debt crisis. It examines the underlying causes and proposes solutions within the overall framework of international debt management strategy.

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11. Science and Technology	<p>Report on promotion of cooperation among ESCWA countries for the setting up of a centre for space science and technology education (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.8)</p> <p>The Implications of New and Advanced Materials Technologies for the Development of the ESCWA Countries (E/ESCWA/ID/1992/16)</p> <p>The integration of science and technology in the development planning and management process in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/NR/1993/15)</p> <p><u>Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars</u></p> <p>High-Level Workshop on the Implications of New and Advanced Materials Technologies for the Economies of ESCWA Countries</p> <p>Expert Group Meeting on the Substitution of Ozone-Depleting Substances in the ESCWA Region</p> <p>Workshop on the Integration of Science and Technology in the Development Planning and Management Process</p>	<p>This report updates information on the progress of work regarding the establishment of a regional centre for space science and technology education.</p> <p>This publication reviews the status and trends in advanced materials technologies, the effects which advanced materials have on the world economy and their implications on the economies of ESCWA member countries.</p> <p>This publication deals with the issues of how to integrate science and technology in the development planning and management process in the region. The topics covered include technical change, the relative position of research and development activities in the economy, and policy measures to achieve efficient integration.</p> <p>Damascus, 21-24 September 1992. Twenty-four national and twelve international and regional institutions participated and contributed to this Workshop, which studied the challenges and opportunities created by new materials technologies in the region on the basis of case-studies developed from the region. It also examined the region's requirements for coping with the challenges.</p> <p>Amman, 1-2 December 1993, 21 participants. Topics covered were: national and regional patterns and rates of ozone-depleting substance (ODS) utilization; strategies for controlling the consumption of ODS in the region; and requirements for executing selected strategies aimed at ODS substitution. The Meeting also reviewed plans for future activities aimed at the substitution of ozone-depleting substances in the ESCWA region.</p> <p>Amman, 27-30 September 1993, 35 participants. Topics covered were: technical change; technology policy; development planning and technology and acquisition of technology; and methods of technology negotiations.</p>

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12. Social Development and Welfare	Survey of social trends and indicators in countries of the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/SD/1993/4)	This biennial publication studies social transition by surveying social trends and issues and analysing data on social indicators.
	Review of national policies and programmes of crime prevention and control in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/SD/1992/11 [in Arabic])	This study assesses the dimensions of crime in the region and reviews existing policies for crime prevention and control.
	Review of national policies and programmes to combat drug abuse in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/SD/1992/10 [in Arabic])	This study assesses the dimensions of the problem of drug abuse and reviews national policies and programmes for its control.
	Assessment of the Implementation of the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons in the ESCWA Region at the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and Agenda for Future Action (E/ESCWA/SD/1992/13)	This study deals with issues related to the rehabilitation of disabled persons which have received special attention owing to the relatively high rates of impairment in the region as a result of armed conflicts, poverty and other socio-cultural variables.
	The Introduction, Adaptation and Transfer of New, Appropriate Technologies for Disabled Persons in the ESCWA Region (E/ESCWA/SD/1992/5)	This study provides an overview of the latest technology for various categories of disabled persons which are on the market in industrial countries and suggests how these technologies can be transferred to the ESCWA region with a view to promoting the integration of this category of the population into the development process.
	Marginalized Youth Groups and Measures to Promote their Participation in Development (E/ESCWA/SD/1992/12)	This study attempts to draw an up-to-date profile of marginalized groups of youth in the ESCWA region and reviews the social, economic and ecological factors which have had an impact on them, in order to formulate a set of measures for promoting the integration of youth in development.
	Impact of Drug Abuse Among Youth in the ESCWA Region: Approaches to Social Reintegration (E/ESCWA/SD/1993/3)	This study assesses the nature and extent of drug abuse among youth in the region through the analysis of questionnaires collected in selected countries of the region. It also covers the socio-economic implications of drug abuse among youth in the ESCWA region and provides appropriate recommendations.

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12. Social Development and Welfare (continued)	<p><u>Expert groups, workshops, conferences, symposia and seminars</u></p> <p>Expert Group Meeting on the Development of Policies and Programmes for the Elderly in the ESCWA Region</p> <p>Workshop for Key Medical and Technical Personnel in Prosthetics and Orthotics for Western Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean Region</p> <p><u>Other activities (advisory services, field projects)</u></p> <p>Advisory services to Governments on specific social issues.</p> <p>Field project: Local Community Development in Arab Rural Areas</p> <p>Cultural Event for Disabled Persons in the ESCWA Region: an Event to Mark the End of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992) in the ESCWA Region</p>	<p>Cairo, 19-21 October 1993, 30 participants. Topics covered were: assessment of the major demographic and non-demographic factors affecting the growth of the elderly population; review of policies, programmes and services for the elderly in the countries of the region; and a study of the United Nations Programme on Ageing.</p> <p>Amman, 8-15 October 1993, 50 participants. Topics discussed included: country papers on the situation of prosthetics and orthotics, such as the system of orthopaedic care, manpower, education and training, and levels of prosthetic/orthotic application.</p> <p>A group mission to Oman (ESCWA, the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs [CSDHA], and UNDP) to formulate social development projects was undertaken from 19 to 26 October 1992.</p> <p>This project covers the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt. The project emphasizes integrated rural community development at the grass-roots level; aims at improving rural family income and alleviating poverty in rural communities. The first stage of the project, which involves its formulation, was completed.</p> <p>Amman, 17-18 October 1992. The Event included information material that addresses disability. The creativity and disability of disabled persons were demonstrated, and a preliminary set of guidelines for the regional long-term strategy towards the year 2010 was developed.</p>

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13. Women and Development Report on support for technical assistance projects for the development of women (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.9)

Technical assistance projects were identified and formulated in response to international and regional mandates such as the Mairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Strategy for the Development of Arab Women in Western Asia to the Year 2000. These projects have been largely funded by UNIFEM. They cater to the needs of Arab women under three main areas: empowerment of women, employment of women and creation of awareness and eradication of legal illiteracy in women. The highlight of this biennium is the culmination of two major products--diffusion of biogas technology and participation of women in industries--and the initiation of a technical assistance project on preparations for the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in Beijing.

Studies on women and development

This is a series of studies emanating from field projects on the identification and formulation of technical cooperation projects for the development of women in the region. These include: five studies carried out by this subprogramme on the participation of women in the food and textile industries in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen, which were completed and are being reproduced; three studies each on the participation of women in the pharmaceuticals and electronics industries in Egypt, Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic; the Regional Guide for Arab Women on Employment Laws and Legislation (RAB/86/W06); the results of a field survey on the situation and needs of women in the southern part of Yemen; and a study on the socialization of children in the Gulf (all in press).

Reintegration of women returnees and their families into their societies of origin (E/ESCWA/SD/1993/5 [Arabic only])

The objective of this study is to give special attention to the hardships of women returnees and their families under the impact of crises, as they face loss of income as well as disruption of their social support systems in their endeavour to be reintegrated into their societies of origin. Three case-studies on Yemen, Jordan and Egypt were used to prepare a regional comparative overview of the major socio-economic problems facing women returnees and their families under the impact of crises (the 1986 collapse of oil prices, the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war, and the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis), and to propose ways and means of alleviating them.

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13. Women and Development (continued)	Directory of Professional Arab Women for Technical Cooperation Projects (E/ESCWA/SD/1989/5/Rev.1)	The main objective of this activity is to identify female Arab expertise for undertaking assignments and projects in the field of technical assistance in their own countries. It aims at strengthening the expansion of technical cooperation projects among countries of the region and among developing countries and at mobilizing women professionals for effective participation in the development process.
	Seminars and workshops aimed at improving the conditions of women in the region (RB/XB). Regional and National Conference for Business and Professional Women	Amman, 26-28 April, 1993, 96 participants. National and regional seminar for business and professional women on the Arab woman and sustainable development: presented three papers on the participation of Arab women in business and professional fields; access of Arab women to higher education; and access of Arab women to vocational training.
	Expert Consultation of Country Coordinators on Women in Agriculture	Cairo, 29 November-2 December 1993, FAO regional consultations with country coordinators on the preparation of a Policy Framework and Regional Programme of Action for Arab Women in Agriculture in the Near East, within the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in 1995: presentations on preparations at the regional level, review of preparatory documents and requirements, data and information for preparations for national report.
	<u>Other services (advisory services, field projects)</u>	Cairo, 14-15 December 1993. UNICEF/UNDP/ESCWA workshop and briefing for Egyptian NGOs on regional preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women and the NGO Forum.
	Advisory services on ways and means of integrating women into development	Mission to Oman was undertaken during the period 18-27 October 1992 to review and assess technical cooperation needs and priorities to improve national capabilities for a social perspective on the development of Oman.

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13. Women and Development Field project on identification and formulation of technical cooperation projects for the development of women in the region

Six projects under the umbrella of the project entitled "Diffusion of biogas technology in Yemen" (PDY/88/W01) were completed, resulting in six case-studies. A project on income-generating food-processing enterprises (JOR/88/W01) for the General Federation of Jordanian Women was completed. A project on strengthening statistical capacity in order to promote the participation of women in development (RAB/88/W01) was initiated. The first phase of a project on technical assistance to member States was completed in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995). In November and December 1993 missions were undertaken to nine member States (Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen) to provide technical assistance on preparations for the Conference and to assist in setting up joint national committees to undertake preparations of national reports and formulation of plans of action. Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women also involved substantive participation in two seminars/workshops in which the subprogramme presented papers on the subject, namely FAO regional consultations with country coordinators on the preparation of a Policy Frame-work and Regional Programme of Action for Arab Women in Agriculture in the Near East and a workshop jointly organized with UNICEF and UNDP to brief Egyptian NGOs on regional preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women. Under the umbrella of a project entitled "Participation of women in industries" (RAB/88/W02), six case-studies on women in the pharmaceuticals and electronics industries in Yemen, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic were prepared. Other activities included: a project on socialization of children in the Gulf region; a survey of the situation and needs of women in the southern part of Yemen; a project for a regional guide for Arab women on employment laws and legislation (RAB/86/W06) and a study on the participation of women in industry: a regional perspective on women in the food, textiles, pharmaceuticals and electronics industries (comprising executive summaries of five case-studies on food and textiles, three on pharmaceuticals and three on the electronics industries).

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13. Women and Development (continued)	Field project: proposal for an expert group meeting on the International Year of the Family	<p>Within the preparations for 1994 as the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989) the convening of an expert group meeting on the Arab family in a changing society was proposed to be held in Cairo from 4-7 July 1994. The objective of this meeting was to emphasize the importance of the family as a social institution contributing to the cohesion of Arab society in this transitional period. This aims to create greater public awareness among Governments and policy makers for the centrality of this institution by (a) reviewing existing legislation and laws and developing appropriate ones; (b) analysing changing norms and values within the society and how these reflect on the youth; (c) identifying major problems in the reintegration of women returnees and their families into their societies of origin; and (d) providing solutions to women's multiple roles by resorting to the Third Choice for women as wives, mothers, household managers and career women. The purpose of this activity is to high-light the centrality of the family as an institution in Arab society.</p>

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14. Statistics	<p>Reports to the Fourth Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region on statistical activities of ESCWA and on various aspects of economic and social statistics in the ESCWA region</p> <p>(i) E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/2 (in Arabic) (ii) E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/3 (in Arabic) (iii) E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/5 (in Arabic) (iv) E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/6 (in Arabic) (v) E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/7 (in Arabic) (vi) E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/8 (in Arabic) (vii) E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/9 (in Arabic) (viii) E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/IG.1/10 (in Arabic)</p>	<p>Eight reports were completed for the Fourth Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations, namely: "Follow-up of the recommendations of the Third Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region"; "Progress report for the period 1991-1993"; "Technical cooperation in statistics"; Report on the setting up of a statistical committee at ESCWA; Report on developments in 1993 in the United Nations System of National Accounts"; "Report on the Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems"; Report on the Meeting of the Working Group on the Development of Indicators and Improvement of Statistics on the Status of Arab Women"; "Report on the National Household Survey Capability Programme and the services rendered by the Regional Household Survey Project in the ESCWA region".</p>
	<p>Statistical Abstract of the Region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia: 1981-1990 (E/ESCWA/STAT/1992/18)</p>	<p>Issue No. 13 of this, a biennial publication, contains available data for each country grouped in nine sections covering: population; social statistics; national accounts; agriculture, forestry and fishing; industry; energy; foreign trade; finance and price index numbers; and transport and tourism.</p>
	<p>National Accounts Studies of the ESCWA Region Bulletin Nos. 12 and 13 Issue No. 12 (E/ESCWA/STAT/1992/16) Issue No. 13 (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/24)</p>	<p>Bulletin No. 12 includes the available data on consolidated national accounts during the period 1982-1989 for each country of the region as well as ESCWA estimates of GDP by economic activity and expenditure at current and constant prices for the year 1990. Bulletin No. 13 covers the same type of data, but for the period 1984-1992.</p>
	<p>External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, No. 6 (E/ESCWA/STAT/1992/20)</p>	<p>This bulletin is divided into three parts. Part one gives summary tables for trends and shows the contribution of the region to total world trade. Part two represents the interregional trade of ESCWA. Part three provides data on the geographical distribution of trade of individual ESCWA countries for the period 1981-1990.</p>
	<p>Bulletin of Industrial Statistics for the Arab Countries, No. 1 (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/26)</p>	<p>A biennial publication, this bulletin is divided into four parts: part one presents the industrial sector's share of GDP for each country and the value added in mining and manufacturing as a percentage of GDP in the Arab region. Part two contains the main industrial statistics available for each Arab country. Part three includes commodity exports and imports grouped by international economic classification for each Arab country. Part four includes tables for the main industrial products in the mining and manufacturing sectors of the Arab countries.</p>

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14. Statistics (continued)	Prices and Financial Statistics in the ESCWA Region, No. 12 (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/21)	This bulletin is published biennially. Issue No. 12 consists of two parts: part one presents index numbers and prices for ESCWA member countries for the period 1983-1992. Part two contains financial tables by country for the period 1985-1991.
	Compendium of Social Statistics and Indicators, No. 3 (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/25)	A biennial publication, this Compendium provides data and indicators on social and economic changes taking place in the ESCWA region. It gives data related to the following nine topics: population; human settlements; households and families; education; health and health services; economic activity; income and expenditure; culture; and crime.
	Studies on social statistics in the ESCWA region: Current status of civil registration and vital statistics systems in Western Asia and suggestions for improvement (E/ESCWA/STAT/1993/11 [in Arabic])	This is the first in a series of studies on social statistics in the ESCWA region.
	Initial economic and social database for future integration into an ESCWA statistical data bank (available on computer diskette)	This activity includes a database on labour statistics and the development of a software program called "Live" for registering live births and generating statistical reports.
	National Accounts at Constant Prices, vol. II (E/ESCWA/STAT/1992/15 [in Arabic])	This publication represents the second volume of a study on national accounts at constant prices. It consists of practical cases for computing the constant prices of main components of national accounts and, in particular, the gross output and value added of services corresponding to major divisions 6 to 9 of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC).

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14. Statistics (continued)	Fourth Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region	<p>Amman, 26-28 October 1993, 24 participants. Topics covered: eight reports were completed for the Meeting, namely: "Follow-up of the recommendations of the Third Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region"; "Progress report for the period 1991-1993"; "Technical cooperation in statistics"; "Report on the setting up of a statistical committee at ESCWA"; "Report on developments in 1993 in the United Nations System of National Accounts"; "Report on the Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems"; "Report on the Meeting of the Working Group on the Development of Indicators and Improvement of Statistics on the Status of Arab Women"; "Report on the National Household Survey Capability Programme and the services rendered by the Regional Household Survey Project in the ESCWA region".</p>
	Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems	<p>Damascus, 20-24 June 1993; The Workshop addressed the current status of national civil registration and vital statistics systems in each participating country; their role in various social and demographic applications; strategies for solving the problems of the systems; elements required for a national programme of activities; and forms of technical cooperation required to support national plans of action to improve the systems.</p>
	Seminar on Household Surveys for Heads of Statistical Organizations and Senior Statisticians in the ESCWA Countries	<p>Cairo, 14-21 December 1992, 35 participants. Topics covered were: guidelines for household surveys; household energy consumption in developing countries; measuring literacy through household surveys; assessing the nutritional status of young children; and improving statistics on indicators on women using household surveys.</p>

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15. Transport and Communications	Transport Bulletin (Nos. 3 and 4) Issue No. 3 (E/ESCWA/TCD/1992/13) Issue No. 4 (E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/12)	<p>This annual publication aims at disseminating information on the transport sector. Issue No. 3 includes articles on: transport management training; pricing of port services; axle loads; and planning and coordination of transport investment. Issue No. 4 contains technical articles, notes information, data and statistics on all transport modes. Issue No. 4 addresses: transport training; rehabilitation and reconstruction in the transport sector of Lebanon; training in telecommunications; port pricing; and maritime transport training. It also contains consolidated transport data and reviews of publications.</p>
	Maritime Transport Statistics in the ESCWA Region (E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/15)	<p>This publication deals with ports and shipping issues and data in Western Asia. It provides an annual review of developments in shipping, fleets and ports, together with statistical data on ESCWA merchant fleets, port traffic and movement of goods in ESCWA ports.</p>
	Privatization and deregulation of selected transport modes (E/ESCWA/TCD/1992/14)	<p>This study discusses the objectives, scope and particular aspects of privatization and deregulation in the transport sector as well as the effects of deregulation on market forces in transport operations and financing. It includes two case-studies, one on road transport in Egypt and one on air transport in the region.</p>
	Information classification for the transport sector (E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/16 [in Arabic])	<p>This document examines the details of issues on transport information and data classification. All transport modes are covered, and related data requirements are classified by mode and by ESCWA country authority. Findings and recommendations on data and information collection and analysis are given in the last chapter.</p>
	Subsidy in the transport sector of the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/TCD/1992/15)	<p>This study deals with subsidies provided by public authorities to the transport sector, namely, subsidies as part of government transport policy. The study indicates: the forms of subsidies and their major characteristics; linkages underlying price and cost structures and their relationship to subsidies; and the effects of transport subsidies on efficiency, redistribution, management and environment.</p>

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15. Transport and Communications (continued)	Coordination of investments in the transport sector (E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/14)	This publication studies mechanisms of investment coordination in the transport sector, emphasizing their various aspects, effects and problems. The study also recommends new approaches in investment coordination for implementation by ESCWA member countries.
	Pricing policies for port services and facilities in the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/9 [in Arabic])	This publication deals with the current problems of port pricing in the ESCWA region, in particular with the administrative, financial and operational aspects of port pricing. An in-depth analysis of port pricing structures in the ports of the ESCWA region was undertaken to illustrate the current status of pricing schemes and regulations.
	Utilization of Computer Technology in Transport Management in the ESCWA Region, with Special Reference to Railways (E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/13)	Operations in the field of rail, air and road transport are considered in this document, which underlines their major practical aspects and suggests new solutions pertaining to the use of computer technology in the transport sector.
	Training needs for transport authorities in Western Asia (E/ESCWA/TCD/1992/16)	This study is part of a plan of action for the development of transport training at the ESCWA regional level. It discusses the infrastructure of the transport sector in Western Asia.
	Assessment of manpower development in the transport sector in selected ESCWA countries (E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/18 [in Arabic])	This study covers various aspects of employment in the transport sector of ESCWA member countries and proposes new policy responses.
	Maritime hydrographic surveying and maintenance of hydrographic surveying equipment in ESCWA countries (E/ESCWA/TCD/1993/17)	This study depicts the current hydrographic survey facilities in the ESCWA region and recommends new solutions in this field. The situation of hydrographic surveying and resources in ESCWA member countries is examined on the basis of findings of field missions as well as using responses to a questionnaire on this topic. Recommendations formulated at the end of the report include institutional, technical and financial solutions.

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15. Transport and Communications (continued)	<p><u>Expert groups, conferences, symposia, and seminars</u></p> <p>Expert Group Meeting on Training Requirements in the Transport Sector</p> <p>Expert Group Meeting on Transport Information Systems</p> <p>Seminar on Modern Port Pricing Policies and Strategies in the ESCWA Region</p> <p>ESCWA/UNCTAD TRAINMAR Workshop on Multimodal Transport for Senior Officials</p> <p>Advisory services on various aspects of transport requirements and management</p>	<p>Amman, 23-24 January 1993, 21 participants. Topics covered were: training needs for transport authorities in Western Asia; coordination of vocational and management training in land transport at the national level; the management and training sector; middle- and top-management training in air transport in the ESCWA region; and training in the maritime sector in Jordan.</p> <p>Beirut, 15-18 November 1993, 23 participants. Topics covered were: transport statistics, including their methodology, use and management; and proposals for new methods and unified standards for transport statistics in Western Asia.</p> <p>Alexandria, 14-19 November 1992, 13 participants. Topics covered were: pricing and strategic planning; costs and investments; application of pricing strategies and organization of port pricing; and pricing of subcontracted port services. The objective of the seminar was to sensitize policy makers, planners and senior officials involved in port management and operations to the need to treat port pricing issues as strategic tools for promoting efficient port investment and operation.</p> <p>Amman, 25-27 January 1993, 26 participants. Topics covered were: MMT (multimodal transport) definition, benefits, legal framework and operations.</p> <p>Services were rendered to the Ministry of Transport of Jordan on the creation of free zones in Jordan, and also advisory services on port tariffs in Aqaba. Services were provided to Oman to evaluate a study on a new seaport in northern Oman.</p>

