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INTRODUCTION

This document supplements the secretariat's financial report to the Commission (E/ECWA/XI/10). It briefly describes the utilization of the extrabudgetary resources available to the Commission as at 31 December 1983. It includes activities funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women (VFUNDW), the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities and trust funds established for special purposes.

I. UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) .

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 240 - Development issues and policies

Subprogramme : 243 - Plan harmonization and regional co-operation

Project title : The Arab Planning Institute - Phase II - Kuwait (ongoing)

Project number : RAB/77/002/H/01/55

Activity : Training courses, seminars studies and lectures

Source of funds : UNDP

Description : During the period under review UNDP's assistance to the Arab Planning Institute was limited to the provision of funds for fellowships with the objective of establishing the Institute's own research and academic staff. In this connection, ECWA as an executing agency assisted the Institute in administering the fellowship programme in close collaboration with the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD).

In 1983 two fellowships were awarded to research assistance of the Institute to pursue higher studies abroad. Upon completion of their studies these fellows are expected to return to the Institute and undertake lecturing and research activities on selected problems of economic and social development which are of special significance to the participating countries.

The Institute continued to provided an annual training programme in comprehensive development planning as well as a number of short-term courses, seminars and work-

shops in specialized development areas of planning, administration and management.

Publication(s) : Not applicable.

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 165,796

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 510 - Public finance

Subprogramme : 511 - Mobilization and management of financial resources and improvement of administrative capabilities for development.

Project title : Arab Institute for Banking and Financial studies (completed).

Project number : RAB/81/003/C/01/55

Source of funds : UNDP

Description : During the review period 8 missions to member States were undertaken to collect information on the needs of banking and financial institutions in the region in regard to training of middle-level officials in banking, finance and management. On the basis of information gathered and subsequent reports, a full-scale project document for the establishment of a regional Arab Institute for Banking and Financial studies was prepared and submitted to UNDP for consideration.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 49,473

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme(s) : 330 - Industrial development
520 - Science and technology

Subprogramme(s) : 332 - Development of selected industrial
branches
521 - Regional co-operation in the trans-
fer and development of science and tech-
nology

Project title : Regional training programme for the devel-
opment of industrial technological capa-
bilities in the petroleum-based industries
in Western Asia (completed)

Project number : RAB/81/T02/C/71/55

Source of funds : UNFSSTO

Description : The objectives of this training programme
were to strengthen indigenous scientific
and technical capabilities in the region
and to promote better control and manage-
ment of the process of technology transfer
in support of the economic and social
advancement of the region. The programme
comprised the following activities:

Workshop I : A workshop on strategic
problems related to transfer of technology
and industrial planning was organized in
Baghdad from 2 to 24 October 1983.

Workshop II : Training of engineers in
process and basic design engineering. The
workshop was held between 30 October and 2
December 1982.

Symposium: A symposium on the adaptation
and development of plastics application to

agriculture and construction was held from
11-15 December 1982.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 496,268

Country : Yemen

Programme : 540 - Statistics

Subprogramme : 541 - Development of statistical
services

Project title : Development of statistical services
(ongoing)

Project number : YEM/77/005/N/01/55

Source of funds : UNDP

Description : This project aims at:

- (a) Strengthening the capabilities of the
Statistical Department of the Central Plan-
ning Organization;
- (b) Setting up and strengthening the sta-
tistical units in the various ministries
and government organizations;
- (c) Designing and setting up a comprehen-
sive statistical system which will provide
economic and social statistics on a regu-
lar basis;
- (d) Developing statistical methodologies
and techniques in such fields as those of
national income accounts, industrial sta-
tistics, household surveys, prices, for-

eign trade, financial and manpower statistics;

(e) Building up the necessary staff at different levels (this will be a step towards setting up a permanent training institution in the country);

(f) Providing the Department of Statistics with the equipment necessary to carry out its field activities and to prepare and analyse the results of surveys.

Assistance provided during the period under review included:

(a) The services of a chief technical advisor;

(b) An expert in economic statistics;

(c) Short-term consultancy services;

(d) Support personnel services and equipment.

A review of the Project took place in December 1983. Representatives of the Government of Yemen, UNDP, DTCO and ECWA participated in the review. The review concluded that there has been a marked improvement in the statistical services of the Department of Statistics as a result of the major activities undertaken by the project.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure for the
biennium 1982-1983 :

\$ 484,553

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 540 - Statistics

Subprogramme : 541 - Development of statistical services

Project title : Household survey services in Western Asia (ongoing)

Project number : RAB/80/009/D/01/55

Source of funds : UNDP

Description : This project became operational in March 1981 and falls within the context of the global national household survey capability programme (NHSCP).

Under this project, the secretariat provides assistance to participating countries to increase the administrative capability of their statistical offices in the design, execution, and data processing of household surveys.

During 1983 several multi-purpose missions were undertaken to the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Yemen, Bahrain, Kuwait and Egypt in connection with the implementation of the NHSCP programme in those countries.

A formal request was received from Lebanon for participation in the NHSCP and a project proposal was submitted to UNFPA for the purpose of building up a population and housing data base. In Yemen (YAR) the sample design for the agricultural household survey was prepared. A team of NHSCP advisers continued to provide technical support to the Government of Bahrain in conducting the household income and expenditure survey.

- Publication(s) : The ECWA secretariat has undertaken translation into Arabic of essential NHSCP documents. So far the NHSCP prospectus and the Handbook on Household Surveys have been translated into Arabic. The translation of "Non-sampling errors in household surveys" has been completed and is currently being edited.
- Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 473,572
- Country : Countries of the ECWA region
- Programme : 550 - International trade and development finance
- Subprogramme : 551 - Trade promotion and trade in services
- Project title : Preparatory assistance for an intraregional maritime information system in the ECWA region (ongoing)
- Project number : RAB/82/030/A/01/55
- Source of funds : UNDP
- Description : The immediate objectives of the preparatory assistance project are to survey the existing and potential maritime information system of the region and to study the feasibility of creating an intraregional maritime information system (MIS) and subsequently to prepare a full-scale project document.
- A questionnaire on the feasibility of an intraregional maritime information system in the ECWA region has already been prepared and circulated to member States of the region.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 1,895

II. UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : Environment and development

Subprogramme : Environment and development

Project title : Strengthening of the environmental capabilities of the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ongoing)

Project number : FE-RMI-8302

Source of funds : UNEP

Description : The immediate objective of this project is to strengthen the environmental capabilities of the Economic Commission for Western Asia through the strengthening, within its secretariat, of the appropriate machinery to deal with environmental problems. Through the provision of this kind of assistance, UNEP seeks to promote institutional networks providing environmental capabilities at the regional level, which it may call upon for support in the accomplishment of its global tasks.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 243,009

III. UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES (UNFPA)

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 480 - Population

Subprogramme : 483 - Population, education and information

Project title : ECWA Population Buttetin (ongoing)

Project number : RMI/75/P07

Source of funds : UNFPA

Description : This project consists of the publication of the scientific journal, the Population Bulletin of ECWA, which aims to:

- (a) Make available to researchers interested in population questions relevant to this region a forum in which the results of their research can be published;
- (b) Disseminate the results of research relevant to population policy-making and training to Governments and training institutions in the region;
- (c) Create interest in population questions concerning this region among scholars inside and outside the region.

The Population Bulletin of ECWA is a bi-annual publication, and the only major population journal published in the ECWA region.

Publication(s) : Bulletins Nos. 24 and 25 to be published in Arabic and English and distributed to institutions throughout the region.

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$148,755

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 480 - Population

Subprogramme : 481 - Data collection and analysis
482 - Population development and policy

Project title : Infrastructure in the Population Division
of ECWA

Project number : RMI/75/P03

Source of funds : UNFPA

Description : The work undertaken by infrastructure
staff contains three major components,
namely:

- (a) Population data collection and analysis;
- (b) Population and development;
- (c) Population policies.

These three elements constitute chronological steps in population activities: population data are collected through censuses, surveys, vital registration and other current statistical activities; they are analysed in order to estimate levels of and trends in demographic variables; research on their relationships with development is undertaken to determine which population trends need to be affected and through which determinants; and population policies and programmes are formulated in order to effect the population changes required.

Publication(s) : Presented under the separate projects.

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$294,252

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 480 - Population

Subprogramme : 483 - Information, research and training

Project title : Education, information, research and
training (publication and clearing-house,
ongoing)

Project number : RMI/80/P06

Source of funds : UNFPA

Description : This project consists of three main ele-
ments:

- (a) The expansion of the population ref-
erence centre and related activities;
- (b) The establishment of an information
base for undertaking population research
in the region;
- (c) The publication and dissemination of
books and monographs of direct relevance
for policy-making and training in the
region.

Publication(s) : (a) A guide for Arab students and
researchers in the field of population;

- (b) Demographic and related soci-
o-economic indicators for countries of the
ECWA region 1980 - (wall chart) No. 3 Feb-
ruary 1982;

(c) Population publications of ECWA
1975-1982 in Arabic and English;

(d) Population and Development in the
Middle East.

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$143,127

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 480 - Population

Subprogramme : - - -

Project title : Arabic Manual of Population Terminology
(ongoing)

Project number : RMI/78/P07

Source of funds : UNFPA

Description : The secretariat is in the process of com-
pleting the project "Arabic Manual of Ter-
minology in the Field of Population
Studies", and will issue shortly a trilin-
gual demographic dictionary consisting of
Volume I "The Manual", and Volume II "The
Dictionary".

Publication(s) : Upon completion of the work of the Advi-
sory Committee.

Expenditure during the
binnium 1982-1983 : \$5,000

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 540 - Statistics

Subprogramme :

Project title : Regional Adviser in Population Statistics
(ongoing)

Project number : RMI/75/P05

Source of funds : UNFPA

Description : This project will aim through the regional
adviser:

(a) To assist member States of ECWA in
the collection and analysis of demographic
and related socio-economic data through
censuses, surveys, and vital registration
and similar systems and to promote their
self-reliance in this respect;

(b) To fill the gaps in population data
through estimates and projections utiliz-
ing sound demographic techniques;

(c) To compile and analyse population and
related information.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$136,920

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 480 - Population

Subprogramme : 482 - Population, development and policy
483 - Information, research and training

Project title : Regional Adviser in Demography (ongoing)

Project number : RMI/75/PD4

Source of funds : UNFPA

Description : This project provides regional advisory services for the purpose of:

- (a) Ensuring adequate substantive support for projects;
- (b) Producing reliable data on a large number of demographic and related socio-economic variables necessary for development planning and policy-making, and up-dating this information on a periodic basis;
- (c) Undertaking in-depth demographic studies describing the population conditions in the region and, in particular, problems related to them.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$178,992

IV. VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN
(VFUNDW)

Country : Lebanon

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Integrated rural development

Project title : Education and training for income generation (ongoing)

Project number : IV-RMI-2-W36

Source of funds : VFUNDW

Description : The project will provide training and equipment for workshops in alphabetization, commercial sewing and secretarial skills in order to produce resources necessary for the Lebanese labour market.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 42,448

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Human resources development

Project title : Policy formulation for developmental images of women in mass media and literature (completed)

Project number : IV-RMI-9-W18

Source of funds : VFUNDW

Activity : Policy-oriented studies and content analysis of mass media; expert group workshop

Description : This project aimed at:

(a) Providing the mass media with policy guidelines for the introduction of necessary changes and reorientation in their programmes to render them more compatible with the increasing role of women as partners of men in the development of society;

(b) Identifying the prevailing stereotyped images of women, as opposed to the emerging developmental images.

The workshop was held at Baghdad, 5-8 December 1983.

Publication(s) : Papers presented to the expert group workshop.

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 26,728

Country : Egypt, Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic, Democratic Yemen

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Integrated rural development

Project title : Technical assistance in national planning for women (completed)

Project number : IV-RMI-0-W24

Source of funds : VFUNDW

Description : The project was designed to produce an impact on the national policy and plans of ECWA members regarding the integration of women in development through:

(a) A review of existing national policy;

(b) Recommendations on all inter-ministerial levels for additional programmes in various sectors.

The rendering of advisory services to the Governments of the region is expected to produce a change and improvement in national policy and programmes regarding women.

Publication(s) : Case studies and planning guidelines

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 13,000

Country : Democratic Yemen

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Integrated rural and human resources development

Project title : Women workers in the national handicraft programme (ongoing)

Project number : IV-PDY-1-31

Source of funds : VFUNDW

Collaborating agency: General Federation of Yemeni Women

Activity : Applied research

Description : The project has been reformulated according to new needs; it will assess the situation of Yemeni women and identify programmes of assistance.

Publication(s) : Study of the situation and needs

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 4,390

Country : ECWA countries (regional) and national (Democratic Yemen)

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Integrated rural and human resources development.

Project title : Production of communication and audio-visual materials for female extension programmes (completed)

Project number : IV-RMI-1-W33

Source of funds : VFUNDW

Description : The regional project based at Amman trained 20 extension workers in techniques of producing audio-visual material for rural programmes. The national project at Aden trained 30 extension workers in the above skills, from 20 November to 2 September 1983.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 8,750

Country : Lebanon

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Integrated rural development and human resources development

Project title : Institutional development for rural women in Southern Lebanon (ongoing)

Project number : IV-RMI-2-W35

Source of funds : VFUNDW

Description : The project is designed to provide women in the villages of South Lebanon with skills relevant to self-help activities, co-operative management and dairy production. Workshops will be held in management of projects and co-operative participation, dairy products, and agricultural income generation.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 101,500

Country : Bahrain

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Integrated rural development

Project title : Identification of priority services for development planning for women (ongoing)

Project number : IV-RMI-2-W-37

Source of funds : VFUNDW

Description : This project provides for data collection and field study for identifying needs and potential of Bahraini women in order to take these issues into consideration in the development plan, interministerial programming, and community activities.

Publication(s) : Study on Bahraini women

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 98,000

Country : ECWA countries, and subregion (Oman, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Democratic Yemen)

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Integrated rural development and human resources development

Project title : Non-Governmental Organizations Institution Building (ongoing)

Project number : IV-RMI-3-W39

Source of funds : VFUNDW

Description : The project will evaluate the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) of Oman, United Arab Emirates, Democratic Yemen and Yemen in order to identify areas for strengthening and for innovation. Based upon the results, women leaders will be trained in leadership, administrative

planning, and programming skills relevant to the implementation of activities for women. The first regional workshop was held at Baghdad from 19 November to 2 December 1983. The subregional and national workshop will be held during 1984.

Publication(s) : Studies on non-governmental organizations

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 23,132

V. TRUST FUND FOR ECWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme(s) : 290 - Human settlements
330 - Industrial development
461 - Natural resources
462 - Energy

Subprogramme :

Project title : Solar energy applications and Energy conservation in Western Asia

Project number :

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities

Description : The project aims at preparing studies and reports and at formulating projects and providing assistance to member States in the form of concrete action in 5 areas, namely:

- (a) Demonstration and training centre on simple solar applications;
- (b) Alternative architectural design for schools;
- (c) Computer listing for data on wells;
- (d) Energy planning;
- (e) Non-baked bricks technology.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 4,593

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 330 - Industrial development

Subprogramme :

Project title : Micro-electronics for the ECWA region
(ongoing)

Project number : WBJ-14-330

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities

Description : The objective of the project is to convene a meeting to review major issues and implications related to the application of technological advances in micro-electronics and informatics within the context of the ECWA countries and to suggest a programme of action for future development in that field. The meeting will be held at Kuwait from 4 to 7 March 1984 and will review the situation in the ECWA region and the effects and potentialities of micro-electronics and informatics on the industry, economy and trade structures.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 8,931

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme :

Project title : Review of national experiences with rural development projects in selected countries of western Asia (completed)

Project number : WBJ-14-530

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities

Description : The project consisted of an expert group meeting which provided national decision-makers responsible for rural development activities with an opportunity to study and analyse the experience gained with rural development projects, including the identification and dissemination of innovative experiments in designing, implementation and monitoring of agrarian reform and rural development projects in countries of Western Asia. Priorities for action were determined and options and concrete measures including specific technical assistance projects were proposed. The expert group meeting was held from 29 September to 2 October 1983 at Baghdad.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 10,000

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme : 532 - Human resources development and social integration

Project title : Study on the Palestinian Arab People (completed)

Project number : WBJ-14-530

Source of funds : Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities

- Description : A study on the economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian Arab people was prepared and finalized. The study covers the economic, political and social situation of Palestinians in host countries and under occupation. It also deals with the demographic growth, population census, international migration flows and future trends, cultural institutions and other activities and it makes recommendations.
- Publication(s) : The economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian Arab people
- Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 37,500
- Country : Countries of the ECWA region
- Programme : 540 - Statistics
- Subprogramme : 541 - Development of statistical services
- Project title : Statistical abstract of the region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ongoing)
- Project number : WBJ-14-540
- Source of funds : Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities
- Description : The Abstract provides statistical information in the fields of social sciences and economics and consists of part one which presents data arranged on a country basis for countries of the ECWA region and part two which presents data on a subject basis for all Arab countries.

Publication(s) : Statistical Abstract of the Region of the
Economic Commission for Western Asia
(1983)

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 60,361

VI. GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 800 - Administration and common services

Subprogramme : 803 - Personnel services

Project title : French language co-ordinator (ongoing)

Project number : YFJ-28850

Source of funds : Government of France

Description : The French language co-ordinator, whose services are financed by the French Government, organizes, co-ordinates and provides material for teaching the French language. Additionally, the co-ordinator, in consultation with Headquarters, advises on general language training activities.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : Nil

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme(s) : 290 - Human settlements
330 - Industrial development
461 - Natural resources
462 - Energy

Subprogramme :

Project title : Solar energy applications and energy Conservation in Western Asia

Project number :

Source of funds : Government of France

Description : A memorandum of understanding was signed in 1983 between the Government of France represented by the Agence Francaise pour la Maitrise de l'Energie (AFME) and ECWA, to undertake activities and studies in the field of solar energy applications and energy conservation in Western Asia.

The project aims at preparing studies, formulating projects and providing assistance to member States in the form of concrete action in 5 areas namely:

- (a) Demonstration and training centre on simple solar applications;
- (b) Alternative architectural design for schools;
- (c) Computer listing of data on wells;
- (d) Energy planning;
- (e) Non-baked bricks technology.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : AFME will assume all expenditures on experts, missions and training of personnel to an amount equivalent to \$90,000.

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 330 - Industrial development

Subprogramme :

project title : Micro-electronics

- Project number :
Source of funds : Government of France
Description : A memorandum of understanding was signed in 1983 between the Government of France represented by the "Direction des Industries Electroniques (DIELI) and ECWA according to which DIELI will provide ECWA with an expert for a period of 6 months to co-ordinate the work with ECWA and to prepare an appraisal to be submitted to the Ad_hoc expert group meeting to be held at Kuwait. DIELI will finance the preparation of 3 papers to be submitted to the meeting.
Publication(s) : Not applicable
Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : DIELI will undertake to pay for the expert and the preparation of the papers the total amount will be equivalent to \$40,000.

VII. GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 520 - Science and technology

Subprogramme :

Project title : Scientific and technological co-operation among countries of Western Asia (ongoing)

Project number : TAJ-73-460

Source of Funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The objectives of the project are to promote collective self-reliance among countries of the ECWA region by accelerating the development of closer links among themselves through TCDC action, and to identify those TCDC activities within the fields of science and technology which are potentially feasible and cost effective to implement and which would lead to the development of joint regional operational projects.

The project shall consist of a survey of the progress and institutions dealing with science and technology in the ECWA region. This survey will serve as a background document for an ad_hoc expert group meeting to be held in 1984.

Publication(s) : Directory to be published

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : Nil

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 240 - Development issues and policies

Subprogramme : 242 - Perspective planning:

Project title : Assistance in perspective planning: n10
country and regional models (ongoing)

Project number : TAJ-73-240

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The project comprises a high-level appraisal of previous modelling completed by ECWA, the design of additional country models and a regional model and assistance to Governments in the region regarding programme design.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 23,996

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 330 - Industrial development

Subprogramme :

Project title : Expert panel on electric power generators
and turbine manufacturing (completed)

Project number : TAJ-73-332

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The objective of the project was to have
an expert panel study and analyse all the

elements of turbine and generator manufacturing in regard to the complexity level and the economies of scale for each major component and the supporting institutional infrastructure necessary for that industry. The panel of experts made recommendations and submitted a plan of action regarding the most economic way and the shortest period possible for starting a generator and turbine manufacturing industry. The panel was held at Baghdad during November 1983.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 10,024

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 330 - Industrial development

Subprogramme : Micro-electronics

Project title : Micro-electronics for the ECWA region
(ongoing)

Project number : TAJ-73-333

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The objective of the project is to convene a meeting to review major issues and implications related to the application of technological advances in micro-electronics and informatics within the context of the ECWA countries and to suggest a programme of action for future development in that field. The meeting will be held between 4-7 March 1984 in Kuwait and will review the situation in the ECWA region and the effects and poten-

tialities of micro-electronics and informatics on the industry, economy and trade structures.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 2,106

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 340 - International trade

Subprogramme :

Project title : Operations of productive joint ventures
and investment opportunities (completed)

Project number : TAJ-73-340

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The aim of the project is to assess the operations of the existing joint ventures in the region in order to bring forward both the problems encountered and the factors making for successful performance, with a view to recommending measures to speed up the establishment of new joint ventures and the investment of unutilized resources available to existing joint ventures.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 25,022

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 510 - Development finance

Subprogramme :

Project title : Regional financial institutions and development finance needs (ongoing)

Project number : TAJ-73-510

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : The objective of the study is to examine the increasingly challenging role of the regional financial institutions both in the channelling of the surpluses of oil-exporting countries into real investments and in meeting the growing development finance needs of the non-oil and least developed countries of the region. The different aspects of this crucial role will be scrutinized in the light of the realities and potentials of development in the region and the rapidly evolving international financial system.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : Nil

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 520 - Science and technology

Subprogramme : 521 - Regional co-operation in the transfer and development of science and technology

Project title : Manual on project evaluation procedures

Project number : TAJ-73-520

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

Description : Objectives of the project are to examine existing procedures and processes for evaluation of different kinds of projects within the region, and to evaluate the results with respect to how they contribute to the achievement of technological development. Along with the above the project will identify the feasibility of adopting these procedures. A manual of guidelines for incorporating technology policy criteria within project evaluation procedures will be prepared.

Publication(s) : Manual on project evaluation procedures to be published

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 98,265

Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 530 - Social development

Subprogramme :

Project title : Review of national experiences with rural development projects in selected countries of western Asia (completed)

Project number : TAJ-73-530

Source of funds : Government of the Netherlands

- Description : The project consisted of an expert group meeting which provided national decision-makers responsible for rural development activities with an opportunity to study and analyse the experience gained with rural development projects including the identification and dissemination of innovative experiments in designing, implementation and monitoring of agrarian reform and rural development projects in countries of Western Asia. Priorities for action were determined, options and concrete measures including specific technical assistance projects were proposed. The expert group meeting was held from 29 September to 2 October 1983 at Baghdad.
- Publication(s) : Not applicable
- Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 50,380
- Country : Countries of the ECWA region
- Programme : 540 - Statistics
- Subprogramme : 541 - Development of statistical services
- Project title : Expert Group Meeting on Income Distribution Statistics in the Arab Countries (completed)
- Project number : TAJ-73-543
- Source of funds : Government of the Netherland
- Description : The objectives of the Expert Group Meeting were:

(a) To examine, evaluate and exchange information on existing national practices and research on distribution statistics;

(b) To consider the implementation of an effective coherent and integrated framework for distribution statistics in the light of the needs and circumstances of the countries of the ECWA region;

The expert group meeting was held from 5 to 8 December 1983.

Publication(s) : Proceedings of the Meeting to be published

Expenditure during the biennium 1982-1983 : \$ 24,205

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Country : Countries of the ECWA region

Programme : 460 - Energy

Subprogramme :

Project title : Research programme on energy planning
in Western Asia countries

Project number :

Source of funds : Commission of the European
Communities (CEC)

Description : The main project objectives are:

- (a) To develop a methodology for energy planning suitable with the resource base and the supply demand characteristics of the ECWA region;
- (b) To strengthen the capabilities of the ECWA countries in energy planning;
- (c) To evaluate the social costs and benefits of various energy pricing policies;
- (d) To develop a central view of energy consumption patterns and ways in which consumption of energy can be made more efficient.

Publication(s) : Not applicable

Expenditure during the
biennium 1982-1983 : EEC contribution is made in kind in the
form of an expert on mission to work with
ECWA on the project. The total
contribution amount was equivalent to
\$ 250,000.