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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE PEOPLES OF COLONIAL TERRITORIES* (1975-1979)

1. Economic and social development

Origin:

Commission terms of reference; General Assembly resolution 3118 (XXVIII);
Economic and Social Council resolutions 1804 (LV) and 1892 (XVII).

Project aim:

To assist in the formulation and development of policies aimed at promoting economic and social development. To make or sponsor investigations and studies of economic and social problems and to disseminate the results.

Work content:

(a) Technical advisory services (1975-1979):

Advisory missions, on request, in the fields of agriculture, development planning, economic co-operation, industry, natural resources, trade, transit facilities, transport, human settlements, population, human resources development, public administration, public finance, science and technology and statistics.

(b) Studies

(i) Evaluation of economic and social data on the Territories;

(ii) Surveys of existing refugee settlements in various host countries;

(iii) Socio-economic surveys preliminary to the formulation of development projects of common interest to refugees and local populations;

* This programme is not intended to replace other activities carried out by the Commission for the benefit of member States or non-self-governing Territories in the region.

(iv) Special studies of manpower potential as regards education, special training, employment, etc.;

(v) Study of the size and demographic composition of the population in specific areas.

(d) Conferences, meetings, seminars, training courses and expert working groups (1975-1979):

(i) Pre-vocational and vocational training of girls and women towards their full participation in development;

(ii) Provision of training at regional demographic training centres;

(iii) Training courses in the field of population censuses;

(iv) Support for national and regional statistical training centres.

Related programmes:

Co-operation with OAU, UNHCR, FAO, WHO, the All-African Women's Conference and voluntary agencies.

2. Development of agricultural activities

Origin:

Commission terms of reference; General Assembly resolution 3118 (XXVIII); Economic and Social Council resolutions 1804 (LV) and 1892 (LVII).

Project aim:

To assist in strengthening agricultural development institutions and in improving rural life and rural institutions.

Work content:

(a) Technical advisory services (1975-1979):

Advisory missions, on request, relating to the development of agricultural activities; agricultural training for practising and prospective farmers, particularly those of school-leaving age; identification and formulation of projects for the development of livestock; assistance to farmers in the expansion of the production of staple food crops and the introduction of improved agricultural practices; support for the promotion and development of agricultural projects at the multinational level; assistance in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programmes of unified or integrated rural development and the mobilization of local financial resources for development.

(b) Studies:

(i) Study of the organization and administration of agricultural extension services;

(ii) Study of manpower requirements in rural areas and the training of medium-level and senior agricultural staff;

(iii) Studies on economic co-operation and trade in the field of agriculture;

(iv) Inter-disciplinary in-depth studies of socio-economic problems encountered in the development and improvement of rural life and rural institutions.

Related programmes:

Co-operation with OAU, FAO, the All-African Women's Conference and voluntary agencies.