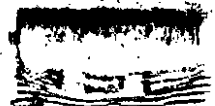


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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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The Economic Commission for Africa

Having examined the Preliminary Progress Report on Community Development and Economic Development submitted by the Secretariat of the Commission (E/CN.14/144), and the section of the Commission's Programme of Work and Priorities for 1962-1963 dealing with community development;

Considering that community development, by endeavouring to inculcate in populations an attitude favourable to progress, to induce them to embrace new ways of life and of production, and to stimulate them to effort, can and should not only raise their level of living within their communities but also contribute to the economic and social development, and especially the rural development, of their countries by creating conditions favourable to the work of technicians and by the formation of capital;

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the section of the Programme of Work and Priorities dealing with community development, social welfare and allied activities, and with the work done by the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development at its first session;

2. Hopes that, without neglecting the social aspects of community development, priority may be given to its economic aims, specially in rural development, with emphasis on rural enterprise as the only means of enlisting the general interest of the population;

3. Urgently requests the Executive Secretary to take steps that -

- (i) Studies are made in order to assess objectively the contribution that community development could make towards improvement of social groups and towards rural development;
- (ii) Studies are made of the various approaches to community development, and of the means of increasing its practical value;
- (iii) Studies are also made of organization and planning and of the possibility of including community development in a development plan;
- (iv) In dealing with rural housing, the Commission shall give priority to self-help building within community development, and assist in the establishment of training centres for promoters of a type of low-cost rural housing;
- (v) The Commission shall not only continue its programme of sub-regional training courses but shall also assist countries to organize their own national training programmes;
- (vi) The Commission shall take steps to assist governments, at their request, to compile their national community development programmes.

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission on those activities at its next session.