

Appendix D

Executive Board Decisions 1999

99/3. ITEM 10: UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

Approved the following country programmes:

Assistance to the Government of Burundi (DP/FPA/BDI/4);

Assistance to the Government of Madagascar (DP/FPA/MDG/4).

29 January 1999

99/4. UNFPA AND SECTOR-WIDE APPROACHES

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report on sector-wide approaches contained in document DP/FPA/1999/CRP.1;
2. Encourages UNFPA to take an active part in the policy-making and planning stages in the sector-wide approaches in programme countries, with the concurrence and the overall guidance of national Governments, and to take an important advocacy role regarding reproductive and sexual health services and reproductive rights in such processes, taking into account the principles of the ICPD Programme of Action;
3. Requests UNFPA, in this context, to broaden and strengthen the competencies required to secure full and active participation of UNFPA in the policy-making and planning stages in sector-wide approaches, and to strengthen arrangements to access a full range of technical expertise;
4. Requests UNFPA to consider further, in consultation with partners, challenges and opportunities for a full-fledged involvement by UNFPA in the sector-wide approaches and to examine the need for changes of administrative and financial regulations, if any, that could facilitate the involvement of UNFPA, taking into account the multi-year funding framework;
5. Requests the Executive Director to present to the Executive Board at its second regular session 2000 a conference room paper on the involvement of UNFPA in sector-wide approaches.

16 April 1999

99/5. UNFPA: MULTI-YEAR PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING FRAMEWORK

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. Reaffirms its decision 98/24 on the United Nations Population Fund funding strategy in which, *inter alia*, it decided that UNFPA should develop a multi-year funding framework that integrates programme objectives, resources, budget and outcomes, with the objective of increasing core

resources, and in this context takes note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director on the multi-year planning, management and funding framework (DP/FPA/1999/CRP.2);

2. Welcomes the steps which the United Nations Population Fund has taken to implement decision 98/24 and requests the Executive Director to continue to develop the multi-year planning, management and funding framework, taking into account the views of the Executive Board in this regard and fully respecting the principles contained in decision 98/24;
3. Requests the Executive Director to aim to submit to the Executive Board at its first regular session 2000 the first multi-year framework, 2000-2003; and decides to hold the first funding session as outlined in paragraph 11 (b) of decision 98/24 at its second regular session 2000;
4. Requests the Executive Director, in further developing the multi-year planning, management and funding framework beyond 2000, to ensure that the funding session and the annual reporting on the framework are both held at the second regular session in accordance with the principles contained in decision 98/24;
5. Requests the Executive Director to continue to hold regular open-ended informal consultations with States members of the United Nations Population Fund on the further development and implementation of the multi-year planning, management and funding framework.

16 April 1999

99/6. UNFPA SUPPORT FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director on UNFPA support for reproductive health in emergency situations (DP/FPA/1999/6);
2. Requests the Executive Director to submit to the Executive Board at its third regular session 1999, taking into account all the views expressed at the second regular session 1999, a report that contains concrete proposals on UNFPA emergency programming procedures.

16 April 1999

99/7. ITEM 5: COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

Approved the following country programme:

Assistance to the Government of Benin

(DP/FPA/BEN/5 and Corr. 1).

16 April 1999

99/13. UNFPA WORKPLAN FOR 2000-2003 AND PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Notes** programme resource planning proposals of the Executive Director as set out in document DP/FPA/1999/9;
2. **Approves** the request for 2000 programme expenditure authority at a level equal to expected new programmable resources for 2000, currently estimated at \$224 million, and requests the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board whenever there are any significant increases or shortfalls in estimated income for the year 2000;
3. **Notes** the following estimates of new programmable resources for programme planning for the period 2001-2003: \$242 million for 2001; \$254 million for 2002 and \$267 million for 2003; and requests the Executive Director to reconsider these estimates in the preparation of the multi-year funding framework;
4. **Endorses** the use of new programmable resources for multi-bilateral funding at \$35 million per year for the years 2000-2003;
5. **Requests** the Executive Director to report on progress in developing the multi-year funding framework at its first regular session 2000 as envisioned in decision 99/5.

22 June 1999

99/18. ICPD+5

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-first Special Session of the General Assembly and, in particular, of the key actions for further implementation of the Programme of Action of the ICPD (A/S-21/3/Add.1);
2. **Warmly acknowledges** the role played by the United Nations Population Fund in preparatory and related activities that ensured that the special session was a success;
3. **Recognizes that:**
 - (a) Implementation of the key actions agreed at ICPD+5 calls for more concerted effort from the international community;
 - (b) The United Nations system, including all United Nations funds, agencies and programmes, have a key role in supporting effective action in relation to ICPD;
 - (c) UNFPA in particular must play an effective leadership role to ensure that the goal of universal access to reproductive health is achieved by 2015;
4. **Requests** the Executive Director, therefore, to present to the Executive Board at its annual session 2000 a report for approval on the strategic role of UNFPA in supporting countries' implementation of relevant key actions contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-first Special Session of the General Assembly. The report should be prepared in parallel with the multi-year funding framework paper being

presented to the Board at the second regular session 2000. In particular, the report should:

- (a) **Describe** how the Fund will fulfil its leadership role within the United Nations system in assisting countries to take the action necessary to ensure availability of reproductive health services and products;
- (b) **Outline** working arrangements and mechanisms for coordination with programme country Governments, other agencies of the United Nations system and with donors, including within the framework of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and resident coordinator system and sector-wide approaches, to ensure coherence at the international, regional and country levels;
- (c) **Present** the strategic priorities within the framework of ICPD+5 that will guide and focus the Fund's actions, engagement and resource allocation at the international, intercountry and country levels.

17 September 1999

99/19. UNFPA: TECHNICAL ADVISORY PROGRAMME, 2000-2003

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Technical Advisory Programme, 2000-2003 of the United Nations Population Fund as contained in document DP/FPA/1999/12;
2. **Supports** the increased emphasis on national capacity-building under the Technical Advisory Programme;
3. **Expresses concern** that the report does not fully respond to decision 98/6 in providing a detailed strategic analysis of options for ensuring that UNFPA country programmes receive high-quality technical and strategic support;
4. **Also expresses concern** that the report does not adequately describe the value added by the technical advisory services arrangements to the overall work of UNFPA;
5. **Further expresses concern** about the high cost of the arrangements proposed;
6. **Endorses** the proposals contained in paragraphs 30 to 51 of the report on a two-year interim basis only;
7. **Authorizes** the Executive Director to commit an amount of \$56.5 million over the two-year period 2000-2001 to implement the Technical Advisory Programme arrangements, with \$47.5 million being made available from regular resources, and \$9 million from multi-bilateral and/or other resources, including regular resources, should income levels increase;
8. **Requests** the Executive Director in implementing the Technical Advisory Programme, to:
 - (a) **Give due priority** to category A countries;
 - (b) **Base** the implementation on an analysis of programme country needs in terms of access to local expertise;

- (c) **Not interrupt** ongoing programmes;
9. **Also requests** the Executive Director to submit a report to the Executive Board at its third regular session 2000 on the progress made in implementing the Technical Advisory Programme arrangements. The report should include, *inter alia*:
- (a) An analysis of programme country technical and strategic support needs and how these needs are being met by the function and composition of the country support teams and technical advisory services, with particular emphasis on ICPD follow-up, United Nations Development Assistance Framework requirements, and sector development programmes;
- (b) An explanation of how the Technical Advisory Programme is being monitored, particularly within the context of the multi-year funding framework;
- (c) A description of how national and regional expertise on national capacity-building and networking within the Technical Advisory Programme is being utilized;
10. **Further requests** the Executive Director to submit a report for approval by the Executive Board at its third regular session 2001 on further options that will ensure that UNFPA country programmes receive the strategic and technical assistance they need. In doing so, the report should:
- (a) **Set out** the rationale and guidelines for the proposed arrangements, which should include an assessment of country and regional needs for technical assistance and strategic guidance;
- (b) **Provide** clear justification for continued support, deployment, and strategic utilization of the technical advisory services arrangements with United Nations agencies, taking into account comments made by members of the Executive Board under this agenda item;
- (c) **Describe** how the preferred option will facilitate closer linkages, better collaboration, and greater coherency with other United Nations agencies, especially among those agencies with a particular role to ensure ICPD goals and objectives and ICPD+5 key actions are achieved;
- (d) **Explain** how the preferred option will best enable UNFPA to strengthen in-country activities and play a more effective strategic role in championing reproductive health and other ICPD goals and objectives;
- (e) **Include** a costed analysis of alternative options for providing support to country programmes;
- (f) **Describe** the institutional, reporting and management arrangements for the preferred option and methods by which it will be monitored and evaluated;
- (g) **Describe** the use of the roster of consultants for the country support teams to determine if and how this tool is being utilized;
- (h) **Examine** new opportunities for using regional and national consultants and South-South cooperation in promoting national capacity;

- (i) **Describe** the value added of the Technical Advisory Programme to the overall work of UNFPA;
11. **Requests** the Executive Director to elaborate further on the proposal to establish a country support team office to cover the countries with economies in transition and to provide information on the recommended arrangements for approval by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2000.

17 September 1999

99/21. UNFPA: ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIAL SUPPORT BUDGET FOR 2000-2001

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Takes note** of the 2000-2001 biennial support budget estimates of the United Nations Population Fund, as contained in document DP/FPA/1999/11, as well as of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (DP/FPA/1999/14);
2. **Expresses** its concern at the overall situation of declining resources;
3. **Recognizes** UNFPA efforts to contain costs, as outlined in paragraphs 29 and 30 of document DP/FPA/1999/11, and the positive reaction of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, and welcomes the emphasis on its country office network and its internal audit capacity;
4. **Urges** the Executive Director, in this regard, to continue to make every effort to contain both the administrative and programme support costs at headquarters, as well as in the field, through cost-saving measures, without detrimental effect on programmes;
5. **Notes** the approach of the Executive Director to participation in the United Nations House programme, as outlined in paragraphs 35 and 36 of document DP/FPA/1999/11 and notes the need, where appropriate, to ensure that there will be no additional burden on host countries;
6. **Acknowledges** the efforts of the Executive Director to seek extra-budgetary funding for the development of the resource management system; however, if it appears by the end of January 2000 that the responses to such requests are insufficient, decides on an exceptional basis to increase the appropriation by the required amount, as mentioned in paragraph 81 of document DP/FPA/1999/11 and notes the need, where appropriate, to ensure that there will be no additional burden on host countries;
7. **Encourages** UNFPA to review its priorities in relation to any shortfall that may occur in the biennial support budget prior to seeking additional resources;
8. **Approves** gross appropriations in the amount of \$149,384,600 for the purposes indicated below and resolves that the income estimates of \$22,000,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in estimated net appropriations of \$127,384,600;

2000-2001 biennial support budget
(In thousands of United States dollars)

Programme support

Country offices	75 202.8
Headquarters	27 836.7
Subtotal	103 039.5
Management and administration of the organization	46 345.1
Total gross appropriations	149 384.6
Less: estimated income to the budget	22 000.0
Estimated net appropriations	127 384.6

9. **Authorizes** the Executive Director to redeploy resources between appropriation lines up to a maximum of 5 per cent of the appropriation to which the resources are redeployed;
10. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its third regular session 2000 on any significant increases or shortfalls in estimated income for the year 2000, and to suggest proposals on how to deal with the new situation.

17 September 1999

99/24. FUNDING SITUATION OF UNDP AND UNFPA

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

1. **Notes with concern** the continuing and significant decline in core contributions to the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Population Fund and in particular the resulting decline in resources available for programme activities;
2. **Also notes with concern** the impact that such resource shortfalls have on the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme and that of the United Nations Population Fund to meet the increasing needs of programme countries for their assistance;
3. **Requests** the Administrator and the Executive Director to bring this critical resource situation to the attention of the Secretary-General with a view to mobilizing the support of world political leaders in order to reverse the trend of declining contributions to the United Nations Development Programme and to the United Nations Population Fund.

17 September 1999

99/25. ITEM 8: COUNTRY PROGRAMMES
AND RELATED MATTERS

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

Approved the following country programmes:

- Assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan (DP/FPA/AZE/1);
 - Assistance to the Government of Kazakhstan (DP/FPA/KAZ/1);
 - Assistance to the Government of Kyrgyzstan (DP/FPA/KGZ/1);
 - Assistance to the Government of Pakistan (DP/FPA/PAK/6);
 - Assistance to the Government of the Philippines (DP/FPA/PHL/5);
 - Assistance to the Government of Tajikistan (DP/FPA/TJK/1);
 - Assistance to the Government of Turkmenistan (DP/FPA/TKM/1);
 - Assistance to the Government of Uzbekistan (DP/FPA/UZB/1);
- Approved** the extension of and additional resources for the country programme for Haiti (DP/FPA/HTI/2/EXT1).

17 September 1999