

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

(As adopted at the Ninth Meeting of the Executive Board
of the ICEF, 19 June 1947)

The Programme Committee has had three meetings preceding this Ninth Meeting of the Executive Board. In presenting to the Executive Board for their adoption the draft proposals which follow, the Programme Committee gave serious consideration to the principles which should govern the operations of the Fund.

During these meetings of the Programme Committee, the proposed agreement between the Recipient Governments and the International Children's Fund was developed and has been approved by the Executive Board at its seventh meeting.

The allocation of the resources of the Fund, in the light of examination of priorities of needs and supply possibilities, occupied a large part of the Programme Committee's deliberations. The experience of all international relief agencies has shown that no mechanical formula can be adopted in the determination of these priorities. The Assembly Resolution in paragraph I 1 & 2 (b) establishes the basis for action of the Fund. After detailed examination of the various factors involved, the Programme Committee recommends that the following elements be considered in determining relative needs:

1. The proportion of undernourished children in each country.
2. The number of homeless and orphaned children in each country in need of care.
3. The capacity of a country to meet its own needs out of its currently available resources.

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4. The extent and duration of deprivation of the children of each country experienced during the war.

5. The extent of wartime destruction of children's institutions in each country.

6. The extent to which other international relief supplies are available for the same or similar purposes.

Approval for the following decisions is requested from the Executive Board:

1. All countries eligible for assistance under the General Assembly Resolution will, upon application to the Fund and completion of an agreement between the Fund and the Government concerned, receive aid from the Fund. The extent and the type of aid will be determined on the basis of the plans presented by the applicant government and also in consideration of the relative needs as between the various applicants.

2. The Executive Director is authorized to proceed with the procurement of supplies out of the \$560,000 - composed of \$550,000 donated to the Fund by Mr. LaGuardia, former Director-General of UNRRA, out of the collection made in the United States, plus approximately \$10,000 obtained from individual donors.

3. The Executive Director is further authorized to procure supplies as soon as the \$15,000,000 or any part thereof authorized by the United States Congress is made available to the Fund, as well as out of any other sums made available by governments.

4. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into negotiations with eligible applicant governments to the extent of the initial allocations of supplies to provide the relief for children indicated in (5) below. The approved draft Agreement between the International Children's Emergency Fund and the recipient Governments will form the basis of contractual relations. The Executive Director is authorized to begin shipments as soon as supplies are available, and even while

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he is discussing with the governments the agreements to be completed, it being understood that the total value of such supplies will not exceed sixty percent of the total dollar value of the resources available to the Fund.

5. It is hoped to provide free relief for children for a period of approximately six months, in the form of milk, fats, cocoa, etc., in the following countries, and it is hoped to reach approximately the following number of children:

Austria	240,000
Albania)	
Czechoslovakia)	
Finland).....	240,000
Hungary)	
China	700,000
France	70,000
Greece	340,000
Italy	360,000
Poland	700,000
Yugoslavia	<u>600,000</u>
Total	3,250,000

This initial distribution will provide for approximately 200 calories on an average and is not to be regarded as setting a precedent for future allocations which should be based on the considerations referred to in the third paragraph of this report.

6. The Executive Director is requested to present to the Programme Committee a report on the shipments effected under the authority above, and proposals as to necessary modifications arising out of discussions with the recipient governments on the basis of the plans agreed upon with the Fund.

7. The Programme Committee will prepare for the next meeting of the Executive Board (No. 10) recommendations as to further allocations. These recommendations will, of course, take into account total contributions already available, as well as those assured to be made available at specified dates.