

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF
THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE RESOURCES

Current Resources

The total resources of the International Children's Emergency Fund in cash, goods, and pledges as of 1 November 1947, were equivalent to \$31,056,000, as shown in the following table:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
<u>Government Contributions*</u>		
Available (cash and goods)	\$23,363,000	
Pledged	<u>2,030,000</u>	
	\$25,393,000	81.8
<u>UNRRA Residual Funds</u>	5,100,000	16.4
<u>Voluntary Donations</u>		
U.S. Emergency Food Collection (through UNRRA)	550,000	
Other	<u>13,000</u>	1.8
TOTAL	\$31,056,000	100.0

* In addition three governments have thus far agreed to cover the costs of transit across their country of ICEF supplies intended for other countries: Hungary, Italy (10 million lira) and Poland (20 million zlotys). It is expected that other receiving countries, where such facilities are usable, will make similar arrangements.

The government contributions came from the following 11 countries: Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, France, Iceland, Luxembourg, Newfoundland, Norway, Switzerland, United States. New contributions since the Programme Committee last met are from Iceland (\$40,000 in salt codfish and/or wool); Newfoundland (\$100,000 in cod liver oil); and Switzerland (\$468,000 in Swiss francs). Poland has announced an allocation of sugar, the precise amount depending on the results of the sugar run which is just being started. (See Annex I)

In order to qualify for the full \$40,000,000 contribution authorized by the United States the Fund must secure in the aggregate approximately \$30,000,000 from all other donor governments. Before there can be release of any United States funds, in addition to the initial \$15,000,000 grant,

approximately \$11,316,000 must be received by the International Children's Emergency Fund on the basis of the 57-43 percent matching formula. The amount thus far contributed or pledged by donor governments, exclusive of the United States, is \$9,793,000. This means that every \$43 contributed by donor governments in excess of the remaining \$1,523,000 will make possible the release of an additional \$57 from the United States, up to a maximum total contribution of \$40,000,000 from the United States.

Prospective Resources.

Governments.

Government contributions or pledges are urgently needed within the next month or two in order to maintain and extend the flow of ICEF supplies and to obtain a clear indication at the earliest possible moment of the possibility for utilizing the opportunity presented by the United States matching formula.

Several of the contributions or pledges already made by governments, in addition to that of the United States, are regarded as initial contributions. (See Annex I). Efforts are being made currently to increase all of these.

Negotiations for contributions have been under way with a large number of governments, and it is hoped that announcements of contributions or pledges will shortly be made by a number of them.

UNRRA.

A letter under date of 22 October 1947, has gone forward from the Executive Director to the Director-General of UNRRA pointing out the need for additional assistance and the desirability of early consideration by the UNRRA Central Committee of the release of additional residual assets to the International Children's Emergency Fund. It is anticipated that a further substantial transfer will be made within the next few weeks by UNRRA to the Fund.

Private Donations.

It is not yet possible to estimate with any degree of accuracy the amount which the United Nations Appeal for Children will make available to the Fund. These resources cannot be counted on before the late spring of 1948. Unsolicited donations from individuals coming to the International Children's Emergency Fund in advance of the UNAC drive are averaging about \$1,000 a month.

ANNEX I

RESOURCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY
FUND AS OF 4 NOVEMBER 1947

A. <u>Contributions From Donor Governments</u>			
I. Contributions presently available:			
(a) Cash:	Canada	\$ 5,000,000	
	United States	<u>15,000,000</u>	\$20,000,000
(b) In goods:	Australia (1 million pounds)	3,200,000	
	Newfoundland	100,000	
	Norway	<u>63,000*</u>	3,363,000
II. Contributions firmly pledged:			
	Dominican Republic	20,000*	
	France (6% of U.S. contribution, in French francs)**	900,000*	
	Iceland	40,000	
	Luxembourg	2,000*	
	Switzerland, 2 million Swiss francs, eventually to be augmented	<u>468,000*</u>	1,430,000
B. <u>Contributions Officially Pledged by Other Governments***</u>			
	Czechoslovakia (in Czech crowns)	600,000	600,000
C. <u>Other Contributions - Cash in U.S. Dollars</u>			
	UNRRA (residual Funds)	5,100,000	
	U.S. Emergency Food Collection (through UNRRA)	550,000	
	Voluntary (private) Contributions	<u>13,000</u>	5,663,000
	TOTAL		<u>\$31,056,000</u>

* These amounts are regarded as initial contributions and efforts are currently being made to increase all of these.

** In the light of tragic conditions affecting children in certain other countries, the French government has requested that the allocation to France be deferred; no plan of operations has been submitted by the French Government.

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