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UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND
Programme Committee

Recommendation of the Executive Director for an Allocation
JORDAN
School Feeding

1. The Administration recommends an allocation to Jordan of \$30,000 to cover freight costs on 1,468,000 pounds of skim milk powder to continue milk distribution through elementary schools to the end of the school year 1957/58. The implementation of this allocation will be dependent upon the availability to UNICEF of United States cost-free surplus skim milk powder at the time shipment is required.
2. The Executive Board has previously allocated milk powder to Jordan under emergency allocations to assist in feeding mothers and children in the destitute borderline villages, and additional quantities for distribution through MCH centres. As part of the emergency programme, some milk distribution was effected through schools, reaching 14,500 schoolchildren in 1954/55, 28,000 children in 1955/56. Under the proposed new allocation school feeding would become a separate programme. Distribution through 500 elementary schools would reach 28,400 children in the school year 1956/57 and 35,000 in the school year 1957/58. Rations of 40 grammes of milk powder would be provided daily for 200 days of the year, reconstituted and served to the children in liquid form.
3. The Government commitments for this programme for the two-year period are estimated at US\$33,600, funds to be provided jointly by the Ministries of Social Affairs and of Education, to cover the cost of sugar, equipment and utensils for the reconstitution and distribution of the milk and other services and facilities, as required.

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4. The Ministries of Social Affairs and Education will jointly sponsor the programme which will be supervised at the district level by the district inspectors of the Ministry of Education and, at the town or village level, by the probation officers of the Ministry of Social Affairs. The probation officers will also help individual schools in supply or operational problems as they arise and will present to their Department recommendations in respect of any improvements that could be introduced to the programme.

5. To the extent that the country's economic conditions will allow, the Government will endeavour to expand the programme and to maintain it as a permanent service. Wherever possible, the backing and assistance of community groups and private agencies will be enlisted for the promotion of the work.

UNICEF commitments

6. UNICEF would provide the following quantities of milk to continue distribution to school children through the school year 1957/1958, on the basis of 40 grammes daily for 200 school days:

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| a) <u>skim milk powder</u> | 1,468,000 lbs. | no cost |
| b) <u>freight</u> | at 2 cents per pound | approximately US\$30,000 |

Government commitments

7. The Ministry of Social Affairs has budgeted annually for the years 1955/56 and 1956/57 the amount of JD.3,000 (US\$ 8,400) for the purchase of sugar and for the handling of the reconstitution and distribution of the milk. An equal amount will be provided jointly by the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Education to cover miscellaneous services and facilities. Thus a total of government matching expenditures for the two-year period will approximate JD 12,000 equivalent to US\$33,600.