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IRAQ

APPORTIONMENT FOR EMERGENCY AID FOR TIGRIS FLOOD DISASTER

Executive Board Decision by Mail Poll

1. On 6 April the Executive Director sent the following Savingram to members of the Executive Board:

"UNICEF ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS EMERGENCY ALLOCATION OF FIFTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO IRAQ FOR TIGRIS FLOOD DISASTER stop THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD HAS APPROVED TELEGRAPHIC POLL AND TOGETHER WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL stop THE IRAQ GOVERNMENT REQUESTED ASSISTANCE 6 APRIL stop UNICEF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS HALF A MILLION PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED BY THE FLOOD WHICH IN EXTENSIVE AREAS NORTH AND EAST OF BAGHDAD REACHED THE HIGHEST LEVELS EVER RECORDED stop UNRWA HAS OFFERED TO PUT AT DISPOSAL OF IRAQ AUTHORITIES, AT COST PRICE, 6,000 BLANKETS 2,000 TONS FLOUR 300 TONS OF SUGAR 1,000 TENTS AND A VARIETY OF MEDICINES AND IS SENDING A TEAM OF UNRWA SPECIALISTS IMMEDIATELY TO BAGHDAD TO HELP IRAQ AUTHORITIES ORGANIZE REFUGEE CAMP ADMINISTRATION, REFUGEE HEALTH AFFAIRS, AND SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION stop FIRST NEWS OF THE DISASTER REACHED THE ADMINISTRATION 27 MARCH AND UNICEF REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED AUTHORITY TO USE UP TO 90,000 POUNDS SKIM MILK POWDER SUPPLIED BY UNICEF FOR SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME AND NOW IN BAGHDAD stop UNICEF WAS THUS FIRST TO OFFER AND GIVE HELP stop IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED DANGER OF MALARIA AS WATERS SUBSIDE THE GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR 40 TONS OF INSECTICIDE AND FOR 500,000 TABLETS OF ANTI-MALARIAL DRUGS THE LATTER BY AIR stop THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ASKS FOR 220,000 POUNDS DRY SKIM MILK AND 100,000 POUNDS SOAP stop WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DRUGS STOCKS OF THESE ITEMS ARE AT PRESENT IN BEIRUT OR BAGHDAD FOR OTHER PROGRAMMES

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AND THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THE DIVERSION OF THESE SUPPLIES TO MEET THE EMERGENCY ~~step~~ FIFTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS WOULD PROVIDE REPLACEMENT THESE ITEMS AND RELATED FREIGHT COSTS ~~step~~ WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT VOTE BY CABLE OR TELEPHONE ON ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION OF FIFTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS EMERGENCY ALLOCATION TO IRAQ."

2. By 9 April this recommendation had been approved by the majority of members of the Board.
3. Action was immediately taken at UNICEF Headquarters, New York, to place in procurement the supplies requested by the Government of Iraq. Arrangements were made through the UNICEF Paris Office to air ship the anti-malaria drugs, which was effected 13 April. The UNICEF Chief Representative for the Eastern Mediterranean Area, on receipt of cabled notification of the Board's approval, took action to turn over to the Government milk, soap and DDT which could be provided from stocks on hand in the Area for other programmes, against later replacement. Some of the supplies were advanced to UNICEF by the UNRWAP/NE against later repayment.
4. By 10 April the UNICEF Representative in Baghdad was able to report that milk and soap distribution had commenced, distribution being made in part by helicopter and boat to those marooned on small islands in the vast expanse of flood waters surrounding Baghdad. UNICEF supplies were also being distributed to some 40,000 flood refugees who had managed to move into the city itself. As the relief organization became more organized, the scale of mass feeding was increased, FAO's regional nutritionist assisting in this phase of the operation. UNRWA has sent a team of specialists to help Iraqi authorities organize refugee camp administration, health affairs and supply distribution, and experts of the UN/TAA, including the Regional Welfare Adviser, are also assisting the Government.
5. By 15 April affirmative votes had been received from all members of the Executive Board.

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