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UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

Programme Committee

RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ALLOCATION TO ISRAEL TO PROVIDE FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO THE END OF 1950

- 1. The Executive Board made its first allocation to Israel at its November 1949 session in the amount of \$250,000. The request of the Government of Israel was based on a plan of operations for feeding immigrant children and needy Arab children during the period 1 January to 30 June 1950. A portion of the allocation was also to be used for medical supplies for the prevention of epidemics. There has been no cessation in the steady influx of immigrants since the original request was received, and consequently in the relatively short period of time which has elapsed, it has not been possible for the country to develop its own resources for maintaining an adequate standard of nutrition for its children.
- 2. Owing to the advantageous purchase of skim milk made by the Fund, the feeding program was expanded to make possible the provision of UNICEF milk for 160,000 children during the first half of 1950. The Administration considers that in view of the need, plans should be made to continue feeding into the winter of 1950/1951 until which time most European feeding programs will operate. In order to insure continuity of supplies, the Administration recommends that an additional allocation be made to Israel.
- 3. The Administration supports the request of the Israel Government that the number of whole milk beneficiaries be reduced from 9,000 to 2,500, reserving UNICEF whole milk for infants certified by medical-social authorities as requiring

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supplementary feeding. There is sufficient whole milk already in Israel's allocation to last on this reduced basis through 1950.

- 4. It is recommended that supplementary rations be provided for 75,000 beneficiaries comprising 60,000 children and 15,000 nursing mothers in infant welfare centers, children's homes, day nurseries, and immigrant camps. 50,000 of this group would receive fats, rice and sugar, and the entire group would receive skim milk. In addition, it is recommended to provide supplies of skim milk only for a school feeding program for 100,000 needy children.
- 5. Feeding of children in various camps is an important temporary measure caused by the large immigration into Israel. UNICEF foods will be matched by the Government and local and foreign voluntary agencies who provide all the foods required by this group of children. In the case of school feeding it is the hope of the Government to make this a permanent institution. Both Arab and Jewish children are included in the school feeding program. Continued UNICEF assistance at this time will not only meet an immediate need but contribute towards the realization of the permanent child feeding program. The Government will match UNICEF milk with cocoa and sugar.
- 6. The present feeding program for 160,000 children is now in full swing but during the first two months of the year, the numbers of children actually fed were much lower than were planned for. Consequently, food supplies which will be provided from existing allocations will last through the end of September. The additional allocation recommended by the Administration will enable the modified program to continue until the end of the year. The supplies which would be provided are as follows.



Item	Quantity	· Value	Number of Beneficiaries	Daily Ration
Milk, dry skim Fats Rice Sugar	1,160,000 pounds 282,000 pounds 165,000 pounds 82,000 pounds	\$34,500 15,000 10,000 5,000	175,000 50,000 50,000 50,000	10 grams 10 grams 20 grams 10 grams
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- 7. The Administration also recommends that assistance be given in the form of woolen materials and leather for fabrication into shoes and winter garments. Many of the immigrant children arrive in Israel with nothing but shreds of clothing and there are many Arab children who also desperately need clothing. The materials to be provided by UNICEF would be processed by teen-age children in the camps as part of an occupational training program. It is recommended that \$40,000 be allocated 50 per cent for wool and 50 per cent for leather.
- 8. The need for medical supplies to prevent epidemics continues to be important as immigration continues and many children have to live in camps for extended periods. It is proposed that \$15,000 for medical supplies also be allocated. The exact nature of these supplies will be determined as in the past with the aid of advice of the WHO Advisor to UNEWA.
- 9. The Administration recommends approval of an allocation of \$119,500 to provide the above listed supplies.
- 10. In addition children in Israel will benefit from the special allocation for fish liver oil recommended in Document E/ICEF/ R. 39. This totals \$18,000 and will provide for approximately 50,000 children.

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