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PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT TO ITALIAN PLAN OF OPERATIONS

The letter below, together with proposed amendment to the Italian Plan of Operations, was sent to members of the Executive Board on 31 December 1947.

Attached hereto is a proposed amendment to the Italian plan of operations. This amendment was necessitated by the action of the Executive Board at its session held at Lake Success early in October (E/590, page 8), at which time the allocation for Italy was increased to the total sum of \$3,285,000.

The proposed plan contains a provision for whole milk in institutions (Asili Nido) for children one to three or four years old and I am requesting our Mission Chief to alter this proposal so that whole milk is limited to infants under one year of age. Otherwise, the proposed plan is in conformity with the principles and policies of the Fund. In summary, the proposal calls for an increase in the number of mothers and children in institutions in the present plan of operations from 296,000 to 375,000, with the principle increase being in mothers' messes. Further, the proposal calls for an additional 25,000 children between the ages of one to three years in day nurseries (Asili Nido) and 140,000 children between three and six years of age in kindergartens. Dr. Madsen, our Mission Chief in Italy strongly supports this proposal, as he states, because "...we are very anxious to enlarge the program of feeding in the poor mothers' messes because it is my intention to make the greatest possible use of these messes in the proposed Anti-V.D. campaign for mothers and children." He further supports the addition of Asili Nido and kindergarten supplementary feeding plans because "...the first one completes the assistance program for children in the age category 1 - 3, and the second takes care of institutions closely connected with the orphanages which were already receiving assistance from the Fund."

At the next meetings of the Programme Committee and the Executive Board, I plan to recommend the approval of the attached Italian plan of operations, as amended with the limitation of whole milk to infants under one year of age. However, in view of the necessity of proceeding with operations in Italy, I have given temporary authorization to our Mission Chief in Italy to go ahead on the plan, pending final approval by the Executive Board.

Hoping this meets with your approval, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Maurice Pate

MAURICE PATE
Executive Director

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PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS*

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General Personnel Direction
General Affairs and Assistance

Rome, 27 November 1947

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Dear Dr. Madsen: Distribution plan for ICEF supplies

In reply to your letter dated 6 instant, I have the pleasure of sending you herewith the distribution plan for ICEF supplies as approved by the ICEF Executive Board in favour of Italy.

The plan has been elaborated by this Administration on the basis of the decisions taken during the meetings on the 15th and 24th instant, and substitutes the previous one presented to the Program Committee in Paris during the meeting on the 18th of August.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Dr. F. Flores

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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/Presidency

Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Administration for International Aid

Distribution Plan for I.C.E.F. Supplies

1. The following distribution plan for I.C.E.F. supplies is an elaboration of the plan presented to the Programme Committee at the Paris meeting on 18 August 1947. The revised programme became necessary when the allocation for Italy was increased at the last meeting of the Executive Board.
2. The administrative procedures described in paragraphs 1-5 in the plan presented at Paris remain unchanged except for the following:
 - (a) The Administration of the Government responsible for the control of the welfare feeding programme formerly known as the "Italian Delegation for Relations with UNRRA" is now called "Administration for International Aid."
 - (b) The Provincial Offices of the Administration previously known as "Secretariat for Provincial Assistance Committee" are now called "Provincial Offices for International Aid."
3. The present revised plan modifies paragraph 6 and the following paragraphs of the previous plan and proposes the revised disposition of the I.C.E.F. allocation of supplies
 - (a) to further supplement the ration given to the three categories receiving assistance under the previous plan;
 - (b) to include further categories in need of assistance to the I.C.E.F. plan of operations.

Plan of Operations

Further supplementation of the ration for foundling homes, orphanages, and poor mother messes.

4. As the increase in I.C.E.F. allocations permits a vaster and more complete assistance plan for foundling homes, orphanages and poor mother messes, the following proposal is put forward:

- (a) to increase the number of persons assisted in the three categories contemplated in the previous plan; this increase may be realized both for the increase in number of persons assisted in institutions already working owing to larger allocations which can be made to these institutions, and for the estimated requests of new institutions which are gradually equipping themselves in order to resume their work, which was interrupted during the war;
- (b) to complete the fat and milk rations already considered in the previous plan with distributions of meat or fish and cod-liver oil.

Therefore the following assistance plan for the three categories is put forward for implementation:

/CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES	No. Assisted	Daily rations in grammes					Daily Rations in Calories*
		Whole Milk	Skim Milk	Fats	Meat or Fish	Cod-liver Oil	
Foundlings Homes	25,000	45	-	-	-	-	223
Orphanages (inside people)	250,000	-	40	10	40	5	344
Mothers' messes	110,000	-	40	10	50	-	317

5. The above mentioned rations will be supplemented by the Italian Government with distribution of flour, pasta and sugar as follows:

CATEGORIES	I.C.E.F. ration calories	It. Govt. Assistance ration calories	It. Govt. basic ration calories	Total Calories
Foundlings Homes	223	180	1,081	1,484
Orphanages (inside people)	344	417	1,067	1,829
Mothers' messes	317	546	1,054	1,917

Details of the quantities given under the Italian Government ration scheme are attached as annexure "A".

Extension of the plan of operations to include further categories in the I.C.E.F. assistance plan

6. The increased allocation enables the Italian Government to include further categories which are as needy as those already selected for assistance.

7. It is desired therefore to include the following new categories in the plan of operations:

(a) Asili Nido

These institutions take abandoned children and orphans from the foundling homes when they reach the age of one year and keep them until they are three or four years old. The children are then passed on to orphanages or similar institutions. These institutions also give day nursery care to children aged one, three or four from

* As a basis calculation for calories the following figures have been considered in relation to 100 grammes of the commodity; whole milk: 496; skim milk: 359; fats: 789 (average between lard and margarine), meat or fish: 188 (average between canned horse meat (30%); dry cod fish (30%) and canned fish (40%)). The caloric value of milk and fats has been taken from: Tables of Food Composition of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For meat and fish, as the caloric value of each kind considered is not available, the value for beef and gravy (188), codfish (164) and sardines drained contents (207) has been considered. For cod-liver oil a value of 900 calories has been considered.

/poor families

poor families whose mothers are out at work all day and therefore cannot care for their children.

(b) Orphanages (Outside people)

Several of the orphanage and similar institutions also maintain a day nursery for poor children aged three to six years. These children all come from the neediest families and represent one of the neediest sections. Inclusion of this category is advisable in order to obviate the situation whereby some children in an institution are in receipt of assistance and others are not.

It is desired to give the following rations to the two new categories:

CATEGORIES	No. Assisted	Daily rations in grammes				Daily Caloric Value
		Whole Milk	Skim Milk	Fats	Fish & Meat	
Asili Nido	25,000	45	-	10	-	302
Infants kindergarten att. to orphanages	140,000	-	40	10	30	303

8. The above mentioned rations will be supplemented by the Italian Government with a distribution of flour, pasta and sugar as follows:

CATEGORIES	I.C.E.F. ration calories	It. Govt. Assistance ration calories	It. Govt. basic ration calories	Total Calories
Asili Nido	302	379	1,081	1,762
Orphanage (Outside people)	303	379	1,081	1,763

Details of the quantities given under the Italian Government ration scheme are attached as annexure "B".

SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENTIRE I.C.E.F. PROGRAM*

9. In order to carry out a six month programme of distribution of I.C.E.F. rations, as per point 4 and 7, the following quantities of foodstuffs are

* Only for Cod Liver Oil is the distribution considered for a three months cure period.

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required: (Details as at annexure "C").

Available Commodity		Commodities to be purchased			
Commodity	Quantity (Ton)	Commodity	Tons	Price in \$ per ton	Cost in \$
Whole milk	420	Horse meat	1,000	375	375,000
Skim milk	3,780	Dry baccala'	1,000	397	397,000
Lard and Margarine	945	Tinned Fish	1,400*	272**	380,800
		Cod liver oil	112	793	88,816
					1,241,616

* Of which 1/3 Herrings, 1/3 Pilchards, 1/3 Haddock.

** Average price of the three qualities of tinned fish.

Annexure "A"

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RATIONS
Assistance Ration (free distribution)

CATEGORIES	Daily Rations in grammes				Daily Caloric Value
	Sugar	Flour	Pasta	Dry Veg.	
Foundling homes	15	33*	-	-	180
Orphanages (Inside people)	5	50	33	30	417
Mothers' messes	10	84	30	30	546

BASIC RATIONS
(Purchased by ration cards)

CATEGORIES	Explanations. (Rations provided to all)	Daily ration in grams.				Daily Caloric Value
		Bread	Pasta or Rice**	Fats	Sugar	
Foundling homes	Children under 8 years of age	235	66.6	10	16.6	1,081
Orphanages (Inside people)	People from 9 to 18 years of age.	235	66.6	10	13.3	1,067
Mothers' messes	People from 19 to 65 yrs. of age	235	66.6	10	10	1,054

* Semolina or flour.

** In case of shortage of pasta or rice the real ration is of 1 Kg. a month (33.3 grs. per day) and the daily caloric value of the total ration decreases by 130 calories.

/Annexure "B"

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RATIONS
Assistance Ration (free distribution)

CATEGORIES	Daily rations in grammes				Daily Caloric Value
	Sugar	Flour	Pasta	Dry Veg.	
Asili Nido	5	42	30	30	379
Orphanages (outside people)	5	42	30	30	379

BASIC RATIONS
(Purchased by ration cards)

CATEGORIES	Explanations	Daily rations in grammes				Daily Caloric Value
		Bread	Pasta or Rice*	Fats	Sugar	
Asili Nido	(Rations provided to all children under 8 years)	235	66.6	10	16.6	1,081
Orphanages (Outside people)						

* In case of shortage of pasta or rice the ration is generally cut down to 1 Kg. a month (33.3 grams per day) and the daily caloric value of the total basic ration decreased by 130 calories.

Annexure "C"

SIX MONTHS DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR I.C.E.F. SUPPLIES

CATEGORIES	Number Assisted	Six months requirement (in tons)				
		Whole Milk	Skim Milk	Fats	Meat or Fish	Cod Liver Oil
Foundling homes	25,000	203	-	-	-	-
Asili Nido	25,000	203	-	45	-	-
Orphanages (Inside and similar people)	250,000	-	1,800	450	1,810	112
Institu- (Outside tions (people)	140,000	-	1,008	252	760	-
Mothers' messes	110,000	-	792	198	830	-
TOTAL	550,000	406	3,600	945	3,400	112
