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- Section 1: links the previous WHO-UNICEF Joint Study on Alternative Approaches to Meeting Basic Health Needs of Populations in Developing Countries, to the present study.
- Section 2: describes the scope and objectives of the study and outlines the methodology used for its conduct.
- Section 3: reviews the emergence of the primary health care approach, discusses the concept of community involvement in the 1950s and 1960s, as gleaned from the literature, points to the lessons to be learned from these past experiences, and provides reasons for optimism regarding contemporary community participation efforts.
- Section 4: contains summaries of the nine case studies undertaken by national experts with the collaboration of staff of WHO and UNICEF.
- Section 5: summarizes the findings of the case studies and draws conclusions from these findings and from other experiences, and makes recommendations for consideration by the Joint Committee on Health Policy.

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