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CHAPTER XV

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)

The UNICEF Executive Board held three sessions in 1954: from 1 to 9 March; from 9 to 17 September; and on 17 December. (For members of the Executive Board and subsidiary committees for 1954, see under APPENDIX II.) During the year the Executive Board approved allocations totalling \$17,138,175 as follows:

	Long-Range Aid	Emergency Aid	
Africa	\$1,463,400	\$ 120,000	
Asia	4,874,710	1,822,400	
Eastern Mediterranean	1,413,140	494,300	
Europe	927,600	_	
The Americas	2,983,885	115,000	
Assistance benefiting			
more than one region	315,000	_	
-	\$11,977,735	\$2,551,700	
Total project aid	\$14,529,435 1,092,870 1,515,870		
Operational services			
Administration			
Grand Total	\$17,138,175		

Approximately 33 per cent of the aid approved in 1954 was for mass health programmes, 25 per cent for maternal and child welfare, 25 per cent for feeding and milk conservation and 17 per cent for emergency aid. Project aid was distributed among the various types of programmes as follows:

			Per
Long-Range Aid			Cent
Maternal and Child Welfare		\$ 3,708,091	26
Mass Health		4,566,944	31
Malaria/typhus control	\$2,213,600		15
Yaws/syphilis control	399,200		3
BCG vaccination and TB control	839,044		6

Long-Range Aid		Per Cent
Production of sera, antibiotics, vaccines 630,700 Other communicable		4
disease control 484,400 Nutrition 484,400 Milk conservation 1,540,800 Long-range feeding 2,161,900	3,702,700	3 26 11 15
Total Emergency Aid	\$11,977,735 2,551,700	83 17
Grand Total	\$14,529,435	100

For each dollar allocated by UNICEF in 1954, the assisted countries spent or committed on the average \$1.97, as compared with \$1.57 in the previous period.

The percentage distribution of long-range aid among areas was as follows: Africa, 11 per cent; Asia 46 per cent; Eastern Mediterranean, 13 per cent; Europe, 7 per cent; The Americas, 21 per cent; and projects benefiting more than one region, 2 per cent.

Geographic coverage of UNICEF aid was further expanded in 1954 with the approval for the first time of aid to 13 countries and territories, of which five are in Africa. At the close of the year the Fund was aiding 252 programmes in 88 countries and territories as follows:

	Countries	Programmes
Africa	20	31
Asia	21	79
Eastern Mediterranean	11	42
Europe	7	23
The Americas	29	77
	88	252

Of the 252 programmes, the largest number, 114, were mass health programmes, including 34 for tuberculosis prevention, 31 for malaria and typhus control, and 21 for yaws, bejel and syphilis control. Sixty-nine were maternal and