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World University Service

Introduction

Founded in 1920 as European Student Relief. the organisation aimed to publicise and to relieve the plight of students and professors suffering from the effects of the First World War

During the 1930s its programmes and self-help projects for university members extended in to

the fields of student health, cooperative work and research into the problems of higher e duca-

tion. Following the outbreak of World War II, International Student Service, as it was then call-

ed, helped many thousands of prisoners of war and internees to continue their studies. In response to the expansion of its activities into Africa and Asia, the organisation change d its

name in 1950 to World University Service. During the 1960s WUS shifted its focus from pro

jectsthat essentially benefitted the university community to programmesthat encouraged that

community to serve the society surrounding it. During this same period it also expanded i nto

Latin America. In the 1970s WUS consolidated its presence in the three regions mentioned above and in Europe.

Over the last 15 years a large portion of the WUS programme has been devoted to scholar-ships for political refugees and for individuals denied equal educational opportunities, but it

has also concentrated on linking the human and technical resources of the universities to social and economic development through social action programmes deSIgned to respond to local initiatives and to stimulate selt-reliance among the individuals and groups with wh ich it

cooperates.

WUS Policy

At the 1982 General Assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe there was a major policy review. The Commission appointed to define WUS policy identified three main themes for WUSl future work: Education, Human Rights and Development. Of the three, education was given the greatest emphasis as it was considered an essential element in attaining human rights and meaningful development. Since that time WUSl activities have tended to be focussed increa

ingly in the field of education, taken in its widest sense. This means that apart from the scholar-

ship programmes, the accent has been put on education for refugees, minority and oppressed groups, literacy programmes and adult education, curriculum development in newly independent countries, research into the educational needs of developing countries and the appropriate and concrete action they call for. This focus on education does not exclude a WUS

response to other important development needs, particularly for projects aimed at elimina ting

social injustice and discrimination However, such projects often stem from a basic need f or

appropriate education and are thus linked to WUS objectives in the educational field. At the 1984 General Assembly in Nantes, France, the process commenced in Harare continued. The organisation reaffirmed the importance of the educational component of the process.

grammes it supports, and adopted two important resolutions which will have a positive eff ect

on WUS' policy in the field of women's programmes and academic solidarity and cooperation in the future.

The programmes and activities in which WUS is currently involved are divided into six cat ego-

ries: education and training, scholarships and counselling, women and community develop" ment, human rights and academic solidarity and cooperation.
WUS Programmes

It is the task of the General Assembly, and the Executive Committee in the intervening bi en-

nium, to define policy and, in the light of this policy, to establish programme criteria and adopt

projects for the International Programme of Action. Once programmes have been adopted. it is the responsibility of the International Secretariat in Geneva to apply to a donor for funding.

The major sources of funding for WUS programmes are the Canadian, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish International Development Agencies (CIDA, DANIDA, NORAD and SIDA), the British, Dutch, Finnish and Norwegian governments, the Danish and Norwegian Refugee

Councils, the UNESCO Centre in Amsterdam, the Ford Foundation and many other smaller though important sources too numerous to name. WUS expresses its sincere appreciation to all the donors to its programme for their unfailing support.

Brief descriptions of all projects supported by International WUS which received total or partial

funds in 1983/84 are presented by region and by category in the following chapters, Program-

mes are divided into the following categories:

Education and training

Of the varied actIVIties WUS undertakes, most Importance Is given to this category WUS understands education In Its widest sense and as such recognises the importance of the learning process at all levels and within a very wide range of activnies. Although the ed uca-

tlohal component of eommumty development and women's programmes IS Important, for example, the projects included In this category are more speelllcally tuned to formal or non for

mal education. WUS sees education as a tool for change and endogenous development. Literacy, adult education, alternative education, vocational, technical and trade urneh training

are all Important aspects of WUS' work lh tl us; hold.

Scholarships and counselling

Scholarships for Vletlms of repressuon studylhg either In their own country. or more ofte n lh

ex le, have been a ong-stahdlhg prlorlty for WLJS. The majorlty of WUS scholarshlps are awarded for unverSIty study for refugees from Latin America South Atrlca and Narhlbla. There has, howevet h recent years been a gradual evolution Within the programme away from pt rely academic and lhdIVldual aSSIstahce. WUS IS aware that Innovation IS needed and IS sthying to redef he VS programme Ill the fields of higher education and vocatronal tralhlh q.

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For many years WUS provided financial assrstance to its awardhoiders but gave iittie attention

to other forms of assistance It is now recognised that the counselling component of the scholarship programme is an extremely important one that it is necessary not only to iden tity

scholarship holders as individuals but to be aware of their needs and problems. WUS is therefore endeavouring to provide them with guidance concerning their field of studies, a nd

how these studies can lead to employment either in the country of asylum or in the region or

country of origin. It attaches more and more importance to obliaborating with other non-governmental or governmental structures in this field.

Human rights

Within the field of human rightsthere is much scope for action and WUSi rote is not limit ed only

to extending assistance to victims of political repression. although the needs are very g reat.

WUS understands human rights as being not just for those suttering from political repress ion

but also for those deprived of their social and economic rights. In the struggle for huma n

rights. legal aid programmes for victims of political repression in Latin America and in Southern Africa have been supported by WUS for some time; a recent development is assistance to legal aid programmes for the masses in developing countries to assist them in

understanding and taking advantage of their rights. Another of WUSi concerns 7 freedom of study, teaching and research - was concertised at the 1984 General Assembly by the establishment of a Commission on Academic Solidarity and Cooperation which, it IS hoped will open up a whole new field of activities for WUS.

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Woments programmes

One of WUS' priorities, identified at the General Assemblies m 1982 and 1984. is prolects and

programmes deemed to combat discrimination against women and to encourage their participation at all levels of WUS work. In the programmes WUS sponsors, the accent IS on programmes are considered by the constant of the programmes with the programmes with the programmes of the constant of the programmes with the programmes wi

moting women in their community, asastlng them to become more autonomous, aware of their rights and their potential. Although baSIc health. hygiene, Chlld-oare ahd hutrttto n are

often Important elements In women's programmes WUS also attaches great Importance to education, vocational training and Joocroatlort Ill WUS' VICW. such components are essent ial

ll women are to be encouraged to fully partlclpate ${\tt m}$ the (JCCISIOHimakmg process, whether lt

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Community development

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encourage dependence but rather to put the khow-how and expertlse of the universny at the dlsposal of the local population and to stlmulate a learning process which beheflts not o nly the

recipient group but also the univerSlty community.

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All WUS projects must reflect the aims and objectives of the organisation and be in accor

dance with the criteria which will be applied by the General Assembly and Executive Committee in receiving and approving project submissions.

Aims and objectives

Projects shall reflect the following aims and objectives:

A commitment to social justice, to the self-determination of peoples, and to tackling the underlying causes rather than merely the symptoms of oppression and discrimination, in order to avoid perpetuating the status quo.

The involvement of the WUS committee, jointly with other groups, in working towards a more equitable distribution of power and affluence in a particular national setting. The enhancement of educational opportunities for persons and groups involved in the struggle for emancipation who have been discriminated against. Specral consideration will be given to those persons and groups involved in the liberation struggle. The eradication of discrimination based on colour, race, sex, age, religion and other culture.

ral factors.

Assistance wherever possible should be given directly to WUS committees, groups and organisations working within the country concerned or, where this is not possible, to tho se

outside the country participating actively in the liberation of their fellow countrymen. The promotion of programmes permitting the solution of crises in a progressive direction, rather than contributing to prolonging the status quo by pacitying the situation, a state which impedes any opportunity of a longeterm solution.

The determination to promote programmes for women.

The determination to promote programmes for minority groups.

Criteria

Projects will be examined in accordance with the following criteria:

There should be an analysis of the socio-political situation in the respective country wi

an emphasis on the situation ofthe majority of the people, including such factors as official

policytowards development the participation of the majority in the political and economic structures, human rights, educational provision, income distribution, respect for cultura 1

differences, etc.

The extent to which the project is wanted and controlled by the recipient group and the way in which they have been involved in its preparation.

The ways in which the project will bring about change within the local, regional or natio nal

situation.

The long-term possibilities for the survival of the project.

Projects should be carried out on the basis of local needs, and should promote appropriate technology.

Projects should contain a demonstrable learning process.

The possibility of the projects integration with other programmes and its links with othe r

sectors, or the possibility of it being replicated.

The extent of the research and evaluation of the programme prior to its submission. Whether there are any other agencies or groups involved in the same area and what relationship exist with them.

310 Projects should be of a reciprocal nature. ie, should involve educational gains for b oth the students and staff involved in the project and for the target group of such projects.

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America and the Horn of Africa For self-sutficiency in refugee communities to be achieved

education has to be seen as an essential part of assistance and not a luxury introduced a t ${\tt a}$

late stage and in an ad hoc manner. WUS projects have attempted to reflect this, WUS attaches particular importance to the cooperation it has with many intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). We have been glad to see closer relations develop with UNHCR and UNESCO We have also recognised the importance of col-

laborating with other NGOs both bilaterally and through the International Council of Voluntary

Agencies (ICVA). There is stili plenty of scope for such relationships to be strengthened both

on the national as well as on the international level.

During 1983/84 WUS continued to enjoy the support and confidence of its donors. Our tong-standing and good relations with the Scandinavian countries provide WUS with a large proportion of its programme funds This cooperation now and in the future is essential to the organisation though it has not prevented us from seeking to improve contacts with those who

have not traditionally been major supporters of WUS. We acknowledge our thanks to the larger number of contributors to the international WUS programme in the Finance Report. WUS depends on their support.

Financial constraints have resulted in a closure of the regional offices for Asia and Africa and a

reduction in the Latin American regional office to provide. in the main, coordination in the ad-

ministration of the scholarship programme. in addition to the departure of the three Regional

Coordinators, the Geneva secretariat has been unfortunate and sad to see a number of staf f

members leave during 1983/84 After four years as Gereral Secretary, Klavs Wulff decided n ot

to stand for re-election in July 1984 His dedication and energy carried WUS successfully through a period of expansion and change. Our best wishes go to him and those other staff members who, as part of a small secretariat, have beer expected to give so much of their time

and energy. The special measures agreed by the General Assembly in Nantes to allow for a more extensive search for a new General Secretary wil mean the appointment of a new chief executive in 1985f

The essential ingredient of WUS is its national committees in, at present, 44 countries of the

world. Without its committees WUS would not exist. The fact that a large majority of them are

located in the developing countries means that the organisation is not an agency in the $\ensuremath{\mathtt{m}}$ ould

of many European and North American organisations. A structure which is not centralised provides a richness of potential whilst creating a dynamic which can easily become oontlictive.

The challenge facing WUS is how to overcome traditional relationship patterns between the rich and poor countries of the world, to create an international understanding between dif-

ferent and diverse regions, and to harnessthe points of coincidence between its national oom-

mittees to a programme of positive action aimed at overcoming social injustice and supporting

self-sufficiency and independence.

During 1983/84 this challenge tested us to the full but I believe, at the close of 1984, we can say

that WUS has once again stood the test of time with new, exciting roads ahead, Nigel Hartley

General Secretary

May 1985

t In June 7985, Marco A, Gandasegui from Panama assumed the position of General Secretary of /nternationa/ WUS.

WUS International General

Assembly and Workshop, 1984

The 66th International General Assembly of WUS, hosted by the WUS nationat committee of France, was held at the University of Nantes in July1984, 130 participants from 50 countries in-

cluding speakers, observers and statfy attended this event, Held every two years represen

tatives from each WUS national committee meet at the International General Assembly to revrew the organisation's progress and to determine future policy, The busmess part of the

Assembly was preceded by a tiveeday workshop on the theme HArd and Development In Crisrs 7 What Role for Education'?".

The Workshop

The main theme was addressed by two keynote speakers Dr. Lurs Matra, a former member of the Allende Government In Chile and a renowned polttrcat screhtlst. put particular emphas is

on the CHSIS In aid and development. Dr. Satlsh Chandra of the United Nations University,

distinguished lhdlah academic, spoke on 'the role of educatron'.

In the background paper prepared by WUS for the workshop, the role of the Urwersrty In th

different srtuatrons was snngted out for specrfrc study; as a catalyst for sootal change:

for academic sotldartty and cooperation; and Its responsibility to oppressed groups With em-

pha3ts on women and refugees. Followrhg the keynote speeches. three working groups were set up. each Introduced and ted by several resource persons. Ah tldeas Into actton' sesst oh.

armed at tormulatmg practical proposals. was addressed by Humberto Lopez. Rector ot Ntcaragua's Autonomous University, Guy Prim, head of UNHCR's NGO Llatsort Uhtt. and William McNeIII. Executive Director of WUS Canada. The firtal plenary provided a forum to r

reports from each working group and dlscussiOh of their conclusions.

The workshop provnded a perrod of Intense reftectlort on a number of themes ot concern to WUS. details of whrch are provnded m a separate report on the event. The concluswhs ot the

working groups were to play an important role to the consideration of programmes and polic \mathbf{y}

durthg the Assembly.

Workshop parttCtbahts after the openmg ceremony In centre toreground JearrMarle Schwart/General Secretary

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The General Assembly

The work of the Assembly itself consisted of reviewing the activities of all WUS national commit-

tees and contacts and deciding on their status for the next two-year period; reviewing the

organisation's ongoing programmes and approving new ones; considering amendments to the statutes and structures of WUS; looking into the finances and receiving the reports of the

General Secretary and the treasurer. One of the main concerns before the General Assembly was the election of a replacement for Klavs Wulff, General Secretary since 1980, who had decided not to stand for re-election. Only one candidate had been identified, and in view of the

short time between Klavs Wulffls decision and the General Assembly, a holding arrangement was agreed and Nigel Hartley, General Secretary of WUS (U K) was elected General Secretary ν

for a limited period while the position was re-advertised. The Assembly elected a new Exe Cu "

tive Committee with Professor Harunur Rashio from Chittagong University Bangladesh as President.

The Assembly adopted unanimously a series of resolutions in solidarity with Turkish univer-

sities, El Salvador, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, the Autonomous University of Guerrero, Mexico,

and the Struggling People of Southern Africa. Support was also agreed for a Tour of Rectors of

the Central American Universities to Mexrco, USA and Canada, for Cooperation between the University Communities of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and for a Conference on the Education Crisis in Central America from the European Perspective, Two recommendations made by the Workshop # on Academic Solidarity and Cooperation, and on Women _ were passed unanimously by the Assembly and will affect WUS' policy in the years to come.

At its closing session the General Assembly paid tribute to Klavs Wulft, the outgoing General

Secretary and thanked him for all he had done for the organisation during his toureyear t enure.

His hard work, creativity and commitment to the organisation were underlined In his response, Klavs Wulff stated that although many divergent opinions and views had been debated, genuine, solid unity had emerged which augured well for the future of the organisa-

tion. Professor Mathur, an outgoing member of the ExCo and chairperson of the final sessr on.

concluded by saying that he felt confident that under its new leadership WUS would continue

to activate university staff and students for solidarity, for excellence and for the cont inuing fight

for social, economic and political justice all over the world.

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IN CRISIS:

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International WUS and its relations

with other organisations

World UniverSity Service has consultative status With the Economic and Social Council of the

United Nations (ECOSOC) and with UNESCO. It maintains regular contacts with a number of UN organisations and particularly with the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugee

(UNHCR). It is a member of the ECOSOC NGO Conference. the UNESCO/NGO Standing Committee, the UNESCO/Youth NGOs Consultation and the Geneva Informal Meeting of Youth NGOs,

Through its mGTTTbCrShIp On the Goveriiing Board Of ICVA (the international Council of Volun-

tary Agencies) WUS has intensified its partimpation Within this particular network in a number

Of areas of interest to WUS Through the iCVA network. WUS was one Of several NGOs to inihate the establishment of the Standing Committee on Education and Training of Refugees in Africa. The Chairmanship 01 the Stahding Committee is held by the OAU (Organisation Of African Unity) and WUS acts as its Secretariat. The Standing Committee deCided, in February

1983, to update the 1979 IUEF (International Uriversny Exchange Fund) publication "Educae tiona! Opportunities for African Refugees" and WUS as a member of the editorial board was nominated to coordinate this project. This type of cooperation and its involvement in several

other working groups 01 ICVA have allowed WJS to improve its informal contacts With like minded organisations and to eXpIOIe avenues for future cooperation.

In both 1983 and 1984 WUS took ah active part in several other iritiatives organised under r

ICVA auspices One was a consultation of voturtary organ satiOhs)OlTTUy sponsored by ICVA and UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) in 1983 aimed at promoting closer collaboration corcerhing the bressmg problems of protection and asSIstahce for this particularly vulnerable group. Another was a Voluntary Agency Comsultahon Oh Refugees and Displaced Persons in Central America and MeXIco in January 1984 which drew together 75 particIpants from irtemational and Central American voluntary agehoes. The Consultation emphaSised the need to improve coordination between UNHCR and NGOs and called for more effective cooperat on amo 9 NGOs themselves and greater support for local voluntary agehCIes in Central America.

At the end of 1984 the General Secretary and members of severa WUS Central American committees took part in a VISIT t0. and meetings in the regior organised by iCVA to folto w up Oh

the Consultation. The process effectively improved the understanding of conditions in the 10 SiliVilHthHthTltitilltNVHHHVf'1HH11)Mttmi(iTiHHjtTIUHYHHHHUHilthilS)

region for those from NGO headquarters and enabled those working in the field to share $\operatorname{\mathsf{ex}}$

periences and participate in discussions which brought together both policymakers and fie ld-

workers.

WUS is now an active member of the lCVA sub-group on Central America and Mexico. This group will organise, in 1985 and 1986, a series of seminars in the Central American region con-

cerning the work of NGOs and UN agencies with refugees and displaced persons from El Salvador and Guatemala.

WUS also took an active part in the Sub-Group on African Refugees which was set up within ICVA in March 1983 to look into preparations for the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa (ICARA 11) and follow-up to the meeting between the Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and Voluntary Agencies held earlier that

month in Arusha, Tanzania and which WUS attended.

In addition to participation in the ICARA ll Conference, WUS showed its commitment to the decisions reached by engaging Klavs Wultf as a consultant with special reference to lCARA ll,

once he ceased to be General Secretary of the organisation Through its national committee ${\tt s}$

in Canada, Denmark and the UK, WUS has become involved in ICARA ll projects in Angola, Botswana and Sudan. WUS also participated in the country review meetings held in Geneva, London, Brussels and Oxford.

WUS was present at the meetings of on a number of projects particularly the updatin g of

the Handbook on Educational Opportunities for African Refugees and education programmes in Djibouti and Ethiopia

WUS has also established closer links with the Commonwealth Secretariat _ specifically with

regard to educational assistance for Namibian refugees. A similar link was established wi

United Nations Education and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA) regarding scholarship programmes for South African refugees.

Among the international meetings and conferences attended by WUS during the period under review were the 1983 International Conference on the Question of Palestine, the 198 3

Assembly and Symposium of the World Federation of UN Associations, the 39th and 40th sessions of the UN Commission on Human Rights, consultations on preparations for the 1985 International Youth Year and the 1985 World Conference of the UN Decade for Women and regular attendance at the Geneva Informal Meetings (GIM) and Consultations of Youth NGOs in consultative status with UNESCO

National committees

Although WUS has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, its policy-making and programme implementation are not just geared towards the Third World, but are also formulate d

there.

At the end of 1984 WUS was composed of 44 tully-recognised national committees, of which 18 were in Latin America, 10 in Asia, 9 in Africa and 7 in Europe and North America. Its consti-

tuency also included two corresponding committees 7 one in Africa and one in Asia, as well

as 5 contact groups in Africa, 5 in Asia, 6 in Europe and one in Latin America. The natio nal

committees draw their membership for the most part from the university community _ both students and staff 7 or from other institutions of higher learning.

WUSl basic policy, priorities, programmes and activities are decided upon at the General Assembly which meets every two years Each fully recognised national committee has one vote. In view of WUS' constituency as described above, Third World committees have an over-

whelming majority voice in decision making. Similarly, the WUS Executive Committee, elect ed

at the General Assembly, traditionally has a majority representation from the Third World $_\ 9$

out of 12 members

The majority of WUS programmes and projects are first conceived in the Third World, discuss-

ed and approved by national committees and presented to the Assembly or the Executive Committee for approval or rejection in keeping with WUS criteria. If funding is obtained, it is the

responsibility of the national committees to supervise or implement the programme in coor

dination with the relevant regional office and the Geneva Secretariat,

The structure of WUS is therefore uncommon among secular international development organisations in that the Third World. through the national committees, has a majority say in

policy decisions and has the most immediate responsibility for programme design and imple

mentation.

Regional Coordination

Strengthening and consolidating existing national committees and assisting in the establi sh-

ment of new ones were of particular concern to International WUS in 1983 and 1984. There were some encouraging results, as well as some disappointments.

Preceding years saw the establishment of regional offices in Latin America. Africa and As

and the appointment of regional coordinators in Europe although no regional office was se ${\sf t}$

up a member of the staff of WUS (UK) was nominated part-time coordinator Regional coordinators, it was hoped, would facilitate contacts between national committees in the region.

reinforce links between the region and the Secretariat. up-grade project preparation. im. plementation and evaluation, strengthen existing committees and stimulate the establishme nt

of new ones. To a certain extent this occurred. but the regional offices proved to be a h eavy

financial burden on International WUS' resources and were not able to promote the develop

ment of sufficient financially viable projects to offset the large investment necessary. When. in

the course of 1983, all three regional coordinators left the organisation, it was felt opportune to

reconsider the pros and cons of maintaining regional offices

Although the principle of regional offices and coordinators has not been abandoned, atten

tion has been diverted towards strengthening national committees directly. Selected natio

committees which had shown potential and enthusiasm for programme development and implementation but which operated on a voluntary basis with little or no financial resource s. have

been provided with small grants thanks to CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency, to assist them in improving their effectiveness and infrastructure. During the co

urse of

1985. the whole question of regional coordination will be studied in depth.

In spite of the above, it must be recognised that the coordinators in all the regions did much to

strengthen national committees, ensuring that they were representative of their academic and

national context. The coordinators travelled widely, visiting committees and programmes, and

providing assistance to the committees in the preparation of projects and evaluation prior to

during and after implementation, which proved useful to the International Secretariat whe $\ensuremath{\mathbf{n}}$

reporting to donors.

L iUILl Pu'erViiii mm The regions Africa National Committees At the end of 1984 fully-recognised national committees were to be found in Botswana, Lesotho, Nigeria. Rwanda, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda Zambia and Zimbabwe, There is a corresponding committee in Kenya and contact groups in Cameroon, Ghana, Mauritius. Sudan and Zaire. Of the above. Tanzania and Nigeria obtained fully-recognised status during the period under review, and the com mittee in Kenya, although not yet fully-reoognised. was set up. In relation to the size and difficulties of the African continent. the WUS regional constituency is small and many of the national committees need strengthening. In spite of all the problems facing Africa today 7 economic recession. drought, refugees and others 7 there is great potential and immense human resources both within the universities and the community which could be tapped by WUS national committees. But the numerous problems of development in Africa compounded by the lack of qualified manpower, ap" propriate technology and materials. and lack of financial resources, also affect national com. mittees in the region and hinder development and expansion of their activities. Committees implementing internationally funded programmes particularlythe administration of the scholarship programme in Africa on behalf of international WUS, do receive some fi nancial assistance for the administrative work involved. In 1983/84 national committes in in dustrialised countries also provided some assistance. for example, typewriters for nation committees in Rwanda, Uganda and Botswana from the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada. Several African national committees also received seed funding from WUS (UK): Rwanda used the funds to establish a local committee on the Rehengeri University campus: Uganda, with the addition of funds raised locally, used its grant to open an office and e ngage a secretary. to run a national project workshop and to Visit programmes supported by loca committees. But the majority of the committees are run on a voluntary basis by students a staff with no outside financial assistance,

South African Advisory Committee

For many years how WUS has had a programme of support for projects mSIde South Africa. They form not only an important part of WUST Programme of Action but the executors and beheftclartes are a part of WUS' constituency. WUS' inability to form a national committee In

South Africa makes the partICtpatIOh of the projects to WUS poticy-making difficult. To he lp

overcome thts problem, and to ensure the lack of direct partielpattort does hot work against the

Interests of the protects. ah AdVIsory Committee was set up by the Executive Committee th $00\,$

tohor 1984 to adwse the General Secretary who has overall responsiblttty for the programm e.

Dtthhg the pertod under rewew WUS support for these programmes has almost doubled, Regional Coordination

In 1988/84 several ttetd trips were undertaken by Pamwett Mohatamba. the regtohal coori ttthtttor and George Mayatsa. the Assocmto Secretary tor Atrtea, Courttres VISIted thelu ded

Botswaha. Kenya, Lesotho. theha. szmda, Swa/Ilamt Tah/ahta. Ugahda, Zambia ahd Ztmhabwe, The Vtsns prowded the WUS stzttt wnh opporttmttlos to dlSCLJSS a variety of tss ues

with the national commtttoes, to ytstt projects amt undertake evaluations where necessary

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needs

Improved eommtthtcztttohs (mt eohtacts

a balance betwehh support tor national (:ommtttees and for schotarshtp awardholders.

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Regional Workshop

to June 1984 a regional workshop was hetd to Rwanda, hosted by the hattOhal committee at the Butare campus of the Nattohal Uhtversityv It was attended by WUS members from Botswana. Kenya. Lesotho, Swazttahd. Uganda. Zambia and Ztmbabwe and an observer from the YMCA to Nigeria whteh administers the WUS scholarship programme In that country. The wlde-rahgthg dISCLtSSIOHS covered Issues such as the development of WUS In Africa and the speelftc problems to faces. relations between hat10hat committees. scholarships and pro-

grammes. Part of the workshop was also devoted to discussion from a regional Viewpoint of the theme "Atd and Development In CttStSr , What Role for EstCHIIOHH (chosen as the subject

of the International workshop held a month later In France)

The following points were among the recommendations approved at the meeting: that the WUS constituency should be widehed and strengthened to Africa In order to spearhead innovative educational and development action aimed at guaranteeing basic Putin thtt,uw,

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ParttCtpahts at the Atncan Regtonal Workshop Rwanda t984

human rights, education, security and self-determinatton and redressing the imbalance between the elite and the masses;

7that the regional office should be reinstated and that national committee development should be considered a complement rather than an alternative to the regional office:
7 that the membership of national committees should be broadened to encompass members from other institutions of higher learning than universities, and that they should

be encouraged and assisted to set up national offices to ensure more reliable sethces and to publicuse WUS work;

7 that aid should be seen as a complement to Iocat tnlttatives and as a means of promotin

sett-reltance:

7that WUS in Africa should inttiate Innovative development processes which are geared towards a new order:

7 ha education should aim at creating a spirit of self respect, critical awareness of hum an

rights and the means to attain and defend them, and abtlity for selt-determination: 7that the WUS scholarship programme should endeavour to respond to the needs of refugees from Independent African countnes and not only those from South Atnca and amibia:

7 that the annual group counselling seminars for sohotarshtp administrators and sponsees should be continued. and that the sohotarshtp programmes must be seen as only one aspect of the contribution WUS makes to the education and training of refugees; 7 that regional workshops be held annually to coincide this a work camp designed to combine theoretical discussion with practical work on a WUS project 15

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WUS programmes in Africa

Education and training

Africa regional _

- Handbook on education for refugees: opportunities in Africa

The Standmg Committee of Organisations Involved In Scholarships for African Refugees, of which WUS is a membet decided to up-date the 1979 IU EF publication on educational opportunities In Africa. WUS 18 a member of the editortal board and assumed the responsibility for

the coordination of this prOJect. A researcher was appointed m 1984 and publication of the Hahdbook IS planned for 1985.

Botswana

- Naledi & Molepolole nursery schools

Pre-schoot education 1s prox/Ided tor chttdren from poor tamlltes 1h Gaborone and hetghbo w-

 \mbox{mg} commumttes. The nursery schools atso provtde welfare SGFVTCGS. le. food and heatth car e.

Diibouti

- Education and training in refugees camps

Thts programme was deSIgned to prOVIde teacher-trathmg. particularly the up-gradmg of English teachthg abttlty. to refugees m the camps. WUS (U K) has acted as InternatTOhal W US

Implementing partner In thts programme, The programme IS run m collaboration with UNHCR and ONARS and tholudes support for primary education HT the refugee camps Ethiopia

- Amharic literacy integration programme

Designed to tottow up Oh the DJII'XXJTI Education and Traththg Programme m Refugee Camps. 1h18 programme has set up classes In EthtOle for refugees returning from Djtboutl. which ha

resulted m better Integrattort of refugee Children Into the school system Namibia

- Namibia literacy programme

Ugigradmg of education for Namlhtahs. particularty 1h the context of the South Atrtcah oc

cupation of the country. IS the ObJeCIIVG ot thts prOJect. Courses are prowded at baSTC titeracy.

primary and secondary levels. The NLP subscribes to full pamCIpaIIOH of learners through dialogue. seltevaluatton. etc. An evaluattOh of the prOJeCt Will take place In early 1985

- Namibian extension unit

Developed from' a distance education programme funded by WUS. this programme provides educational assessance and materials for Namibian refugees in camps in Angola and Zambia. Curriculum development is also fostered through this programme. South Africa

- Adult learning project

Set up in tour black townships in the Cape Town area. this programme provides literacy courses in Xhosa and English to approximately 60 learners. Training is provided tor the coor-

dinators teaching materials have been produced. and literacy courses are designed to serv ϵ

as a channel of information on matters and problems of concern to the learners in their d aily

lives.

- Education resource & information centre

ERIC was set up under the auspices of the Students Service Centre to provide resources for r

students to develop their own alternative education programmes, in view of the inadequacy of

the education system and the closure of schools for black students in the Cape Peninsula It

has since evolved into a serVIce organisation. providing resources to a variety of other organisms

- Learn & Teach adult literacy programme

This literacy programme is devoted to promoting functional literacy and raising conscious ness

in the most exploited and neglected sector of the black population - migrant and domestic workers In addition to running literacy classes, it produces educational materials for workers

and unions and publishes a series of booklets on South African history for new literates and the

only magazine in simple English for adults llLearn and Teachli

- South African committee for higher education

SACHED is one of the longest standing organisations supported by WUS. it provides bursary and tutorial assistance to black students studying through correspondence courses. It dev

lops its own correspondence courses, publishes educational supplements, a newspaper for new literates, a children's magazine and also undertakes research and development of new programmes. WUS has a contract with SACHED tor the production of educational materials and programmes.

- South African medical scholarship trust

SAMST provides loans for black medical students which are written oft in exchange for ser vice

in rural areas after graduation. It also assists in the training of nurses. It runs a vil lage health

scheme involving the training of health auxiliaries in rural areas and promotes the devel op-

ment of appropriate forms of medical training for the black population.

- South African prisoners education trust

SAPET provides educational grants and/or loans for serving or released prisoners and restricted persons and their dependents, Studies range from primary to university level

- South African students education trust

SASET'S assistance is given to students who intend to teach or who are attempting to improve

their professional skills, with the ultimate objective of improving the overall quality of education

for blacks in South Africa.

- The Open School

The Open School is run in the context of the youth programmes of the South African instit ute

of Race Relations. It provides professional training for black students in drama. art, mu src.

dance and creative writing and promotes community art programmes

- Zingisa education scheme

Zingisa is an educational programme run entirely by black South Africans in King Williams Town and the Eastern Cape. It provides educational assistance to black students in the form of 17

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seholarshtps. a resource centre containing books, fllms and stldes. ahd runs vacatton sch

which are seen as an Important supplement to the Hoffleial.' educational system avarlable

black students In South Africa.

Sudan

- Southern Sudan refugee resource centres

WUS (UK), as InternattOhal WUS' Imptemently partnet to helping to prOVIde secondary education faellmes m southern Sudan which WIH serve both the Ugandan refugees and the toeal poputation. FEiCtltIIOS IHClUdC a tlbrary at Yet teh mthlrllbranes m the settement st teachers

ahd resource persons.

Tanzania

- Refugee language training

Thts programme IS dOSIgHCd to prewde Ehghsh tahquage tralhlhg t0 Rwandan traheophOhe refugees Ih Tah/ahta. m eoltabomtteh Wlth UNHCR

- Kitagwenda rural mixed secondary school

WUS has prowded $\mbox{HSSISIEWCC}$ tor $\mbox{f(HJLJHdtHg}$ and equtpplhq ctassrooms at the sehoet Ah Important component Of the etmteuturh IS vocational trattnhg tor both boys and gtrls $\mbox{Zimbabwe}$

- Ex-combattant farm project

In eollaboratton With the Mlhtstry of Education. WUS devtsed a programme for the educatto ${\bf n}$

of former combattahts who had been unable to complete thetr education, and the Mupfure Selt-Help Welfare Trust was set up. Ah thtegrated programme of aeademte and vocational training on a 960-acre farm t8 plahhedt The programme WIII also prevnde Ih-serVIce teacher

training for education with production and research,

Scholarship and counselling programmes Mozambique

- Scholarships for Zimbabweans

At the request of one of its donors, this programme was taken over by WUS in 1981 and wil 1

be phased out in the next few years. In 1983 11 Zimbabwean students were studying at the Eduardo Mondlane University, at a per capita cost of SF 7500. At the time of Zimbabwe's independence, it was considered preferable for the students to complete their studies in Mozambique ratherthan to return immediately to Zimbabwe. The programme IS administered with the assistance of WUS Denmark and its local contacts Zimbabwe

- University scholarships

From the early sixties until 1983, WUS supported Zimbabwean students at the University. Since independence the Government has taken over the responsibility of educational assistance and WUST programme was phased out. The last WUS-supported students concluded their studies during the 1983 academic year. A follow-up evaluation is planned. Regional

- Scholarships for refugees from the Horn of Africa Initiated in 1981, this programme placed Ethiopian and Eritrean students in universities

Egypt, Sri Lanka and Fiji. It was hoped to expand the number of students but the programm

has remained stable so far. The seven students assisted under this programme are expected to complete their course in 1985, WUS (U $\rm K$) administers the programme on behalf of Intern a-

tional WUST

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- Scholarships for refugees from independent African countries
At the time of the take-over of this programme from iUEF, it was intended to gradually ph
ase it
out. Howeven given the enormous demand for assistance from Africa, WUS has since
endeavoured to find to nding for expansion, so far without success The majority of studen
come from Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia and Lesotho.
- Scholarships for South Africans and Namibians
The programme is designed to assist victims of discrimination to obtain qualifications wh
can be used to further development of their country of asylum and, when they are able to
return, in their country of origin. The majority of the current students are South Africa
have fled apartheid. The largest groups are in Botswana. Lesotho, Swaziland, Nigeria, Ken
ya,
Zimbabwe and the UK The usual level of study IS undergraduate or vocational/technical,
although two ex-IUEF school programmes now form an integral part of the WUS programme.
WUS local committees and contracted agenCIes are active in selection, administration and
counselling. A detailed evaluation took place in early 1985,
- Counselling for WUS scholarships holders
In 1982 WUS first obtained funds torthe counselling of African awardhoiders on its scholar
programme Through its committees, contracting agencies and officers. WUS has
endeavoured to provsde goidance and support to awardholders at various levels: pre-
selection adVIce on appropriate courses, assistance with obtaining placement and fee
waivers, followup on course progress, employment counselling, etc. WUS International staf
have also visited certain countries to meet students personally. Seminars for awardholder
s in
some key countries have also taken place.
South African and Namibian Scholarship Programme
Breakdown of type of study according to level of study
Post-Secondary, Voc/Tech.
Type Of Study Botswana Egypt Ethiopia Ghana India Kenya Lesotho Nigeria waziland Tanzania
UK Zambia Zimbabwe Total
a 4 A e 1 J 4-
Chemicai Engineering, 1 3 1 5
Pharmacy, Microbiology,
Laboratory, Technology,
Chemistry 1
Business Accounting, 8 5 1 t 2 1 17
Administration, Management,
Secretariat. Bookkeeping
1 1
Mechanics, Welding, 5 2 6 1 15 29
Mechanicai Engineering,
Machine Repairs, Carpentry.
Engineering Electronics
7 , T k 5
Agriculture, Animal Health 4 3 7
Languages 1 1 2
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Dressmaking, Tailoring 3 7 7- 3
77 7777'_' 2 7 ' & 7t, 7 r 7 7 i 2 2 4 # A ,7
Scaence tA' Levels 1 1
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Photography, Journaiism 1 1 2
Unspecified ' V 7 80A V 1 81
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Total 18 _ 1 1 2 10 7 10 80 a 9 20 - 149

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South African and Namibian Scholarship Programme
Breakdown of type of study according to level of study
University
Type of study
Biology, Chemistry, Physics,
Mathematics, Geology,
Engineering (Chemical,
Mechanical, Mining, etc.)
(BS)
Pharmacy, Medicine
Agriculture, Veterinary
Sciences
Botsvvana
Egypt
mapm
Ghana
{\tt Indm}
Kenya
Lesotho
34
r
Nigena
1
vaazHand
12
Tanzanm
UK
Zambla Zimbabwe
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52
Humanities (History,
Geography, Languages,
Literature, Philosophy, etc.)
(BA)
11
29
Social Sciences (Sociology,
Anthropology, Politics, Eco-
nomics, Finance/Education/
Social Sciences (FESS),
Home Economics) (BA)
15
Legal Studies
12
32
Education Sciences
Development Studies
Accounting, Business,
Administration, State Public
Admin. (B. Comm)
Pre-University Studies
Total
18
88
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2
174
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South African and Namibian Scholarship Programme
Breakdown of country of study according to country of origin
Academic year 1983/84
Country of study Total No students South Africa Namibla Others
1, Botswana
- University 18 16 7 2(Basothos)
- PostSecondary 18 16 1 1 (Basotho)
7 Schools 12 6 6
2- Egypt
7 University 6 6 7 7
3. Ethiopia
7 PostSecondary 1 7 1 7
4. Ghana
- PostSecondary 1 1 7 7
5. India
7 University 2 2 7 7
6. Kenya
- Universny 1 1 7 7
7 Voc/Tech 10 8 2 7
7, Lesotho
- University 88 84 4 \_
- Schools 20 20 7 7
8. Nigeria
- University/PostSecondary 11 11 7 7
- Schools 4 4 \_ \_
9. Swaziland
- University 41 40 1 7
- Voc/Tech 80 80 7 7
7 Schools 449 216 7 233 (Swazis)
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101 Tanzania

12, Zambia

13 Zimbabwe 1 7 Universny 9 g 7

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11. United Kingdom

1 - Universny 4 4 2 2 7 PostSecondary 14 , 14 7 - Development 6 2 4 7

Total 814 536 44 234

- Univ.Voc/Tech Schools 18 9 9 4

mums

Human rights

South Africa

- Legal resource centre

The LRC is a nonprofit law centre in Johannesburg. It advises clients and represents them in

court without charge and gives assistance to those who cannot afford commercial law services which, in effect, means the majority of the black population. Because of its iimite d

resources the LRC only takes on cases which raise issues of importance to the community, and where a favourable decision will benefit persons beyond the individual plaintiff. In addition

to work on cases, staff from the LRC run teaching clinics for students to improve their c om-

petence in areas of law affecting black people. Four students are given fellowships each year

which enable them to work and be trained at the Centre,

Tanzania

- Legal aid services

The Legal Aid Committee was established in 1967 to provide legal assistance to the poores t

sectors in Dar-es-Salaam. Since its inception it has registered some notable successes an ${\tt d}$

expanded its work. which involves mainly civil cases Weekly counselling sessions a legal literacy programme through its locally produced newspaper and a correspondence programme for people resident outside the city are examples of the services provided Funding is

sought to extend its legal aid services to two other districts within the Dar-es-Salaam a rea.

Women 3 programmes

Lesotho

- Roma Valley tie & dye group

Originally set up in 1977 for unemployed women, the group has grown over the years The women have exhibited and sold their material, or the clothes made from it, but in order to im-

prove production and reach the tourist market, funding for a workshop and better equipmen t

was sought. Instructors are also needed to improve their tie and die and dressmaking techniques.

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Community development

Lesotho

- Theatre in community development

A host of problems, potentially resolvabte through self-help schemes, remain unaddressed $\ensuremath{\text{Tn}}$

many dISIFICIS of Lesotho. These Include water-retated problems and needs. sanitation, he alth.

poor road networks. and farming, for example. Followmg a successful pllot prOJeCt. WUS ob

talhed funds to support a theatre protect Initiated by Staff and students at the National UTTlverStA

ty of Lesotho. Theatre has been used to transfer tntormatlon stimulate debate. enhance awareness and promote self-help action m rural problem solvmg.

Rwanda

- Sobaki cooperative

The SobaktCooperatIx/e, momstencesmce1972.g; roups about thirty tamlltes m an aghcultural and small husbandry cooperative With asszstahco from the WUS national committee It 21th to

prowde examples of modem agrlotlttuml methods for other farmers Or cooperatives Ih the area

- Workcamps

For over ten years. tHTIVOtStty students have worked om a votuntary baSIS at summer workoamps deSIghed to htnld sotldarlty hotvveen the academic and rurat poputatiom. atlow practical apoltcation of academic expertence and demonstrate that agricutturat developme nt

IS not dependent on costly tmported tochhtques The aCIIVIIIGS have centered on agrncuttur

cooperatives where the accent is on market gardening. smalt-soale breeding. Improved hygiene and sanitation. and construction where necessary. South Africa

- Environmental & development agency

EDA S a cooperative organisation engaged primarity in rural development its math atm is to α

develop democratic structures In rural areas of South Africa and to asset the prOJeCts th ey set

up. usmg appropriate technology. The central organisation prowdes resources and traththg for ftetd workers thtormatlort on community development and approphate technology to othe ${\bf r}$

organisations. groups and tHdtVldLJalS thvolved in Similar actIVItles. It publishes a bimOhthiv

magazme, runs a resource centre, produces educational posters and pamphlets. researches and produces ttteraoy material, and has established a popular theatre workshop - Health care trust

Set up In 1979 the HCT aims to develop alternative modets tor the promotton of health In South

Africa. wtth a particular focus on the needs of the rural population. The work of the Tru st In the

perlod under reVIew fell Into three categories: the Village Health Worker programme. Indu strial

Health. and a Community Health Programme Including a health Information centre and community research unit. Through Its work. the Trust aSSIsts not only in promoting better he alth, but

also th gtvmg peopte an Issue Wlth which they can tdehttty and around Wthh they can devet op

community organisation.

Asia/Pacific National Committees

In Asia as in Africa, the WUS constituency is relatively small when one considers that the region stretches from the Near East to the Paorfio The vast distances and wide disparities of language, culture, social and political conditions inevitably render the establishment of a common policy and coordinated activities. and even common views on WUSV role, problematic. A basic statute of the organisation is that national committees in all parts of the world are made up of volunteer members, mainly students and staff in institutions of higher learning, Many committees in industrialised countries maintain secretariats with professional staff. In the third world very few committees can do this and have to rely on university facilities which are not always available to those motivated teachers and students involved in WUS project work and activities. In Asia this is very much the case and adds to the problems mentioned above.

Next to WUS committees in Europe and Canada, the Asia/Pacific region has some of the oldest committees in the organisation, going back to the years immediately following the Se-

cond World War. During the period when WUS was specialising in university assistance and student welfare activities, these committees had the blessing of the official university set-up

because their activities directly benefitted it. Current activities which aim to promote a link be-

tween the university and the community have only indirect benefits for the institution, such as

increasing its prestige where WUS is active, and the committees can count on little or no direct

support from the university establishment.

In 1983/84 there were ten fully recognised committees in Bangladesh. Hong Kong, India, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand

one corresponding committee in Australia, and contacts in Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysi a

and New Zealand. Of these, Papua New Guinea obtained fully recognised status, and Fiji an

Indonesia were downgraded to contact status, in January 1984. Nepalls status was suspended due to a brief discontinuation of their activities, but has now been reinstated. Anu Bose. the Regional Coordinator vrsrts a programme in Bangladesh. 25

Regional Coordination

During the period under review, Anuradha Bose regional coordxnator for Asia, was based In Sn Lanka until late 1983 when she left WUS to pin the World YWCA. In collaboration with 8 mon Weerasuriyal the Assomate Secretary for Asua/Paleic at the Geneva Secretariat, she rade considerable efforts to encourage eommuntcatton and protect development in the region and visited a number of national committees to dlSCUSS their activities and prowde g ndance on programme preparation, Implementation and evaluation. But the experience of ecordtnat on In the region tended to show that the ethtence of a regional office and coor

d nator cannot ir itself ensure a strengtherung of natlonal committees or an Improvement in

protect elaboration and followup

Ir spite o' the ettorts of the stall, eomrnlttee and preject development over the penod \boldsymbol{w} as

rather slow but the erllhllSl'dSm displayed by a number of committees at the General Assembly

it 1982 dld lead 0 more aettve Involvement 1n the International programme 01 action with the

presentat on 01; number 01 good protects the was particularly the case in Bangladesh. for example and the development of an energetic and enthUSIastIC new committee In Papua lxew Gun ea In anuary 1984 CIDA prowded a twoiyear grant to support committee development In ASIa Th 8 lntttatlve reflects the organisations eontlnued efforts to convmee donors of

 ${
m tl}$ 0 need to support not only successful WUS protects but also national NGO structures In the

developing eourtries

COFIBIH dlfflCLllthS were experienced by the Secretanatlnfund-raISlngtorprOJeets at the I nter-

national level Nevertheless some progress was made and the overall plcture of this penod 18

one of gradual development of ASIan regional acthItIes.

Activities

ln splte of the disparities In the region. vanous trends have emerged ln the fields of ed ucation.

refugees. human nghts and liberation. WUS policy has been not only to channel ad to court

tnesthrough projects. but also to Involve commlttees to development and human nghts tSSUS S.

Commlttees have been encouraged to onent their activities to accordance with current Inter-

national WUS policies outlined at the General Assemblies of 1982 and 1984

At the International level a number of interesting initiatives took shape, notably in the form of

protects for educational support tor Palestinians In the oeeupsed territories and education al

development In the Maldives,

in 1984 there was a definite improvement in communications between the region and the Secretariat and a number of new projects were put forward for approval at the General Assembly by national committees in Bangladesh, Philippines, India, Sri Lanka. Pakistan and

Papua New Guinea. At the same time most committees were engaged in locallyefunded pro-Jects or solidarity activities. Some examples include:

- _ Demonstrations and campaigning in favour of human rights (Bangladesh, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines)
- Flirticitljation in the establishment of an autonomous peoples campus in Kathmandu $\ensuremath{\mathsf{epa}}$.
- Assistance to students and refugees (Papua New Guinea, Philippines Sri Lanka).
- Educational programmes (Papua New Guinea Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka).
- _ Para-medical services in rural ahd/or urban communities (India, Philippines, Thailand).
- $_$ University bookshops run by local committees (Bangladesh, Sri Lanka) and a printing press as a service and income-generating venture (Bangladesh),

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No workshop was held in the region during the period under review, but delegates from all the

Asian fully-recoghised committees except for Nepal were present at the General Assembly and were able to hold a number of regional consultations on that occasion A regional workshop is planned for 1985.

New Associate Secretary for Asia

Much to WUSl regret, Simon Weerasuriya, Associate General Secretary and Associate Secretary for Asia, left the organisation in March 1984 The loss of this valuable colleague was

strongly felt both at the Secretariat and in the region, and his invaluable contribution to \mathtt{WUS}

work will long be remembered, in July 1984, Laksiri Fernando from Sri Lanka was appointed his successor and took up his position in Geneva in October. 27

WUS programmes in Asia/Pacific

Education and training

Bangladesh

- Rural manpower training

This protect IS atmed at providing technical training to about 90 unemployed rural youth, usmg

the resources at the Bangladesh University of Ehgtrteerthg and Technology. Sta-rted th 19 81. a

workshop has been set up In a rural area OLtIStdC Dhaka where traththg courses In gas and arc

welding are provided to setected traihees. The SOCOHd phase of the protect Will Include 1 athe-

operattOh, drlltthg and grihdthg courses. Tmthees are awarded certificates on graduatton and

Cheettraged to form production groups or cooperattvee ${\tt Malaysia}$

- Basic needs education

Intttated by the Consumers; Assomation of Pehang. prOJect actives are aimed at sehsmsmg farmers ftshermen. market gardeners, estate and industrial workers. students. youth. women

and educators in Malaysia and raising awareness ot issues related to baSIC heedst Itvmg c on-

dIItOFtSt consumer rights potlution and enwronmehtal problems. Food and nutrttton. health and sahttattort. housing, pollution, unfair business practices sale of dahgerous foods an d

drugs occupational health and working condittorts are the subject of traththg seSSIOhs. seminars. talks. discussions, exhibitions, publications and arttcles in the mass medta. Maldives

- Educational planning and development

WUS IS collaborating with the Maldives Mintstry ot Educatton m Its ettorts to untversalts

education throughout the country and to tackle the mam problems Wthh affect the Maldives educattort system. Le. lack of adequate numbers of well-trained teachers and teacher trat hers.

tack of textbooks and teaching materials at alt levels of education. and dependence on ex pa-

trtate personhet. WUS has tdehtltled a number of programmes for combattmg the problems These thatude providing. as a shortiterm solution. a number of expatriates to tram locals as

teachers. teacher trathers. and sending locals abroad for training.

Nepal

- Literacy activities

Thts programme spans nearly two years. Ihttlated Ih Aprtt 1984 and Imptemented by the EdtJeattOh tor Rurat Development th Sett Zone Protect, Ih tar west Nepat. It has two math

ttymee About 55 Village readthg centres are bethg constructed ahd/or equtpped and provude ed With readtng matter. Emphasns IS on the mamtehahce of literacy SKINS ahd provIdihg a struci

ture tor eommumty development actives. Three committee members from each centre are given a refresher OfletTaItOtt programme. The second aetIVtty IS a 357 day trathnhg course In

ltteracy. numeracy and development aetwittes for 24 adutt education teachers.

Community development

Bangladesh

- Rural poultry development in Mymensingh

Oh-gOing since 1976, this project was developed to combat the chronic food deficit. particular-

ly in animal protein, suffered by the rural population and to promote income generation, In

cooperation with the Agricultural University at Mymensingh, an improved strain of poultry was

bred. The new strain which is adapted to local conditions and resistant to disease has no \mathbf{w}

totally repiaced the prevtous stock in the Mymensingh area.

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- Rural health and sanitation

Poverty, but also lack of awareness about proper hygiene and sanitation are major factors contributing to poor health in rural villages. The WUS committee of Gujarat Vidyapith has initia-

ted a programme to promote public hygiene and sanitation, construct sanitary facilities. organise educational programmes on preventive health and encourage villagers to seek collective solutions to community health problems in an area comprising eight villages Sri Lanka

- Winged bean project

Protein deficiency in the diet of many rurai Sri Lankans is widespread. All parts of the Winged

Bean - pods seeds, leaves and tubers are rich in protein and vitamins. Already grown in S ${\tt n}$

Lanka, its cultivation is being encouraged among the rural population, initially in the M atasa

district, as a means of increasing the protein content of their diet. This project aims to develop

better varieties of the plant and disseminate information on its potential as a home gard en crop

and its varied utilisation as human or animal food.

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Latin America / Caribbean

National Committees

1983/84 was a period not only of consolidation of national committees but also of expansion. Four new committees were established and obtained fully recognised status at the General Assembly in 1984. They were Argentina, the Dominican Republic. Mexico and Uruguay, and their establishmentduringthis period wasadirectresultofpolicy outlined in 1982, and, in the case of Argentina and Uruguay, a reflection of the democratic openings presently taking place in the Southern Cone.

In spite of the political difficulties still obtaining in a number of Latin American and the majority of Central American countries, there is nevertheless more homogeneity within the region than is the case in Africa and Asia A common language and culture. political awareness and solidarity have been positive factors in the development of WUS in Latin America srnce 1979

Thanks to a grant in 1979 from CIDA. the Canadian International Development Agency, it was

possible to set up a regional training programme and open a regional office in Quito. The presence of a regional coordinator undoubtedly assisted the process of development and strengthening of exrsting WUS committees and stimulated the birth of new ones.

In 1984 there were 18 tully-reoognised national committees in Argentina Bolivia Brazil. C hile,

Colombia. Costa Rica, Dominican Republics Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Hondurasl Mexico. Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico and Uruguay, and one contact in Jamaica.

The composition of national committees in Latin America differs to a certain extent from those

in other regions. To a far greater degree Latin American committees include in their memb

ship not only members of the university community but also representatives of local non-governmental organisations involved in a wide spectrum of activities, for the most part related

to education in its widest sense. This is explained by the repressive nature of many gove ${\rm rn}$ -

ments in the region which has serious repercussions on the university sector ${\tt In}$ a number of

cases this has meant that WUS national committees are obliged to operate outside the form al

university structure A major concern in the region has also been to ensure that WUS natio

committees are as representative as possible of the democratic and progressive forces at work in each country.

As in other regions, national committees have suffered from the lack of financral support

maintain even a minimum administrative structure as well as he lack of funding for the projects

they are involved in. A number 01 committees have been closely involved in the administration

of the scholarship programme ir their country under the guidance of the regional coordina

for scholarships, Matilde Quintero, and for this work the national committees concerned receive a fee, but this is not of course sufficient nor destined to provrde support for the develop

ment of new projects and commrittee activities on a permanent basis Activities

In the period under review the rrain focus of national committee activity has been centre d on

programmes related to community development at the grassroots level. human rights, women's projects and education at various levels. The enormous potential of national comm it-

tees in fields such as support to Jniversities, grassroots organisations. labour unions a nd like-

minded groups has not been tapped as much as could have been the case. mainly due to lack of funding. A Significant number of WUS activities in Latin America are geared towards scholarship programmes. enabling many refugees to pursue their studies and providing support to exiles returning to their country of origin

In the fields of community development, education and training, committees have geared

their programmes towards the support of minority populations in rural and urban communities. peasant and urban workers and settlers, democratic student movements, union training.

health care and prevention, literacy and non-formal education. WUS also supports projects that centre on human rights violations, refugee and womens programmes oriented particular

ly towards education and training. Several snnall-scale protects were supported through a

established with the assistance of DAN IDA, and some women's projects were funded through CIDA.

Regional Coordination

One of the roles of Sergio Septilveda, the regional coordinator, was assistance to nation al

committees in the preparation of projects and their evaluation In 1983/84 evaluations wer

undertaken of 5 projects in Brazil, 6 in Bolivia, 3 in Peru. 6 in Chile, one each in Ecua dor

Panama, Colombia, Argentina and Costa Rica. These evaluations were important tor severai reasons: they provided national committees with a better understanding of implementation and reporting requirements necessary either to obtain funding or to maintain it, and the Inter-

national Secretariat with the detailed information required to apply for tunding or to re port to

donors on the programmes supported.

New Associate Secretary for Latin America

A set-back during 1983 was the departure of first the Associate Secretary for Latin America,

Marco Gramegna, mid-year, and that otthe regional coordinator, Sergio Septilveda. at the end

of the year. Their contribution to the development of WUS in Latin America was significan t and

their departure was sorely felt in the region. A new Associate Secretary, Carole Schwartz from

El Salvador, was appointed in early 1984 and took up her position in March In spite of these

staff Changes and the attendant difficulties, the momentum of national committee development continued, with the assistance of the remaining staff at the Secretariat and at the regional

office in Quito.

Regional Workshops

Regional workshops were held in both 1983 and 1984. The 1983 workshop in Nicaragua analysed first the situation and activities of WUS in Latin America and identified a common policy

in the region. The second part of the workshop, which was attended by participants from NGOS and like-minded organisations from the region and from Europe, looked into the Situa

tion of the sub-region of Central America and the Caribbean. A number of resolutions expr

ing solidarity with various Central American and Caribbean countries were adopted unanimously,

The 1984 Panama regional workshop in preparation for the international workshop and general assembly of WUS held a month later in France, formulated detailed proposals regard

ing policy within the region and in relation to the rest of the WUS constituency. Delegat es

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stressed the importance of coordination within the region, and closer relationships with com-

mittees in other regions which would lead to a better mutual understanding and to the ado p-

tion of common policies which took into account the realities and needs of each region. I t was

also agreed to promote a policy of regional programmes, particularly in the fields of hum an

rights. solidarity with national liberation struggles, and womens programmes. Furthermore

the importance of support at regional level for the university infrastructure, scholarshi ps at

technical level for peasants and workers, extra-university research and popular education was

stressed. It was also recognised that although each WUS committee reflects the diverse so cial

sectors in its country unity and common aims within the region serve to strengthen WUS as a

whole

WUS Programmes in Latin America/Caribbean

Education and Training

Belize

- Workshops for adult education training

Approxuhately 10000 refugees are currently in Belize. of which the majority are illiterat e and

nOl'irEngllSh speaking. This prOJect prowdes preparation and training to local primary teachers in adult education skills and the teaching of English as a second language, it is also

assisting the integration of refugees in Belize and preparing them for their return to El Salvador

when this becomes possible. WUS (UK) acts as International WUS' implementing partner and works in cooperation with the Belizeah Ministry of Education and Salvadoreah teachers. Bolivia

- Cepromin

CEPROMIN. an autonomous organisation working for SOClal development in the mining areas informs miners ori union and 8008' problems and prowdes training and adVIce in the state private and cooperative sectors. Basic prihCIples of trade unionism. minimum wages. partiCIpatory management. the mining industry and other similar subjects which foster SOC lal

awareness and encourage the miners to find ways to solve their work. union and community problems are imparted through short courses. seminars. debates and a monthly news bulletin.

Costa Rica

- Resource centre on adult literacy

Literacy work is on-gomg in Costa Rica among the refugee population. There are enough teachers but resources, infrastructure and materials are lacking. This project developed by

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WUS Costa Rica and WUS UK has established a resource centre where teaching materials. duplicating and photographic equipment are available to the teachers. thus reinforcing the

adult education work for Salvadoreah refugees Literacy courses for adults are also being

in the Centre.

Ecuador

- Production of training materials and courses

To allow an exchange of points of view between the various popular sectors of the populat ion

on the current situation in Ecuador, CEDIS (Centre for Social Studies and Distribution) s ought

funds to publish four bulletins and four audiovisual packs per year on a variety of subjects of

national concern. Six courses for trade union members and community leaders are included in the project.

El Salvador

- Reconstruction of the university of El Salvador

In 1981 the University of El Salvador was occupied by the military and much of the university

equipment was either destroyed or removed. Restored to the University authorities in 1984

reconstruction needs are enormous. Funds received for this programme are being used to provide assistance to the Faculty of Pharmacy and Chemistry for equipment and infrastructural needs.

- AGEUS educational assistance

AGEUS, the AsociaciOn General de Estudiantes Universitarios Salvadorehos, prowdes educational assistance and short-term scholarships to Salvadoreah students in need.

- AGEUS student press

AGEUS produces a number of student magazines Funding was provided to assist in the purchase of an electric typewriter, a camera and with printing costs.

- Labour and social workshop

Designed to look into and respond to the poor working conditions of the workers in Panama

this project conducted three seminars on public health and labour issues. A report on the find-

ings and results of the seminars will subsequently be published.

Puerto Rico

- Workshop on threat to peace in Central America

A workshop to study US involvement and the militarisation in Central America was organise d

in October 1984

Scholarships and counselling

Argentina

- Returns programme

With the return of a democratic government a number of exiled Argentinian academics are returning to their country. Modeled on the Chilean Returns Programme WUS assisted Argenti

hiah academics to return by providing them with a one-year scholarship for research. soci al

action and conclusion of their studies in independent institutions of higher learning Fift een $\ensuremath{\mathrm{ex}}\xspace$

political prisoners were also granted scholarships.

Bolivia

- Returns programme

During the years of military dictatorship one of the main victims of repression was the U hiverSI- $\,$

ty and many Bolivian academics, staff and students, were obliged to flee the country. With the

re-establishment of a democratic government, numerous Bolivian academics decided returns. This programme was designed to enable them to do so by providing a one-year scholarship to 33

qualified protesSIOhats as welt as students to return to their tmlversmes or to undertake speeltic

aetlylttes In different seelat sectors.

Chile

- Returns programme

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- FASIC scholarships (Ex-IUEF)

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- San Pedro & San Pablo scholarships

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- Internal scholarships

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aeademte sectors and the popular and seltdartty orgahtsatuons around a dtverse range of p ro-

tects for reflection. aCItOtT eutture and training.

- Counselling for WUS scholarship holders

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- Latin Americans in Latin America

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tteutt seeto-polttteal snuattom m this area.

- Latin Americans in Europe

Begun in 1980. this special programme provzdes support for Latin American refugees who have sought asylum in Europe and wish to pursue their university studies. During the period

under reVIew scholarships were awarded in Austria Belgium, Denmark. :rance. Germany. Italy. Spain, Switzerland and the UK.

- Coordinator for WUS scholarship holders

lh'1982, in view of the expansion of the scholarship programme In Latin America, WUS applied totr and obtained funding for counselling of awardholders and appointed a coordinat or.

Based ih Quito, Ecuador, the coordinators rote consists of counselling the students and a

ministrative structures in the various countries, partielpating in the selectIOh of new a ward

holders, and overseeing the financial aspects of the programme.

- Evaluation of Latin American scholarship programme

in May 1984 an evaluation of the Latin American scholarship programmes in Latin America and Europe took place. On the basis of the evaluation administrative and financial management procedures were improved.

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Human rights

Colombia

- Humanitarian assistance for political prisoners

Research into martial law between 1976 and 1980. the denunciation ot arbitrary detentiOhs

torture, etc, and legal and economic assistance to political prisOhers and their tamilies are the

three main objectives of this programme.

Chile

- Emergency programmes

This fund is destined to aid students and scholarship hoiders as weil as committee member s

who are victims of repression in Chile.

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Scholarship P_rogramme for Latin Americans, Central Americans in Latin America and Europe
(Including Chileans returning to Chile)
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France 13 3 25 5 1 1 1 3 9 61
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Women,s programmes

Bolivia

- Promotion and training of women in Cochabamba

Women ltvihg In the underprtwleged areas of Cochabamba are exploned and discrtmtnated aoathst at the economic, editicational legal and health levels This protect set up three Wometts centres which otter trattithg programmes Ill organisations. monitormal education and

production. Those programmes are (1CSlgllGd to promote and support the organisation of women and thrcease their somal awareness.

Brazil

- Grajau womenls centre

Sttuated ll'1 the bamo ot Gratau. a slum area on the outsktrts of Sao Paulo. thts women's centre

serves as a meetthg place tor ${\tt dtscusst0h}$ groups. psychological atd and traththg, sewmg an d

cookthg courses and children's actIVtttes, The discusstorts have centred on health and so oal

problems laced by women and It IS planned to establtsh a gynecological olthtc tn the future

Chile

- Service & promotional centre for women (DOMOS)

The Centre otters speCIftc ortentattort and trathtng tor thdIthual women and women's groups

trt poor sectors of Sahttago. It prowdes counsellthg and support sethces. legal and preve httve

health adwoe and organisationtal trathing workshops, Trathing tor leaders of women's groups.

a meetthg place and documentattort are also avatlable. A day-care nursery tor the chtldre

womeh usthg the Centre ts also provtdedt

Ecuador

- Womenls centre for action in Guayaquil

The WCA ts a women's orgatttsattom thvolved to popular acttort work to a number of bamos of

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- Womenls programme in Puengasi

In early t982 a women's group was set up to the area of Puengas: Ih Qtttto, but malty wom en

had dttttculty parIICtpatthg th the acttVIttes due to lack ot tune and adequate chtld-car e taCtltttes.

as well as thotr husband's negative attitudes In an eltort to overcome these problems. a women's centre Wllll ClllldrCEilC taCtltttes artd meetthg rooms for educational and trath tng

courses was set up. Through these courses. organised at times convenient to the partICtpa hts.

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Community Development Brazil

- Catumbi consumers, cooperative

Run by the Neighbourhood Association of Catumbi, a suburb of Rio de Janeiro. this programme was deSigned to enable the inhabitants of the area to obtain cheaper food supplies through cooperative buying directly from the producers, thus bypassing wholesalers, super

markets, etci

Chile

- Small scale programmes

Over eighty very smali-scale projects supported by the WUS committee in Chile have been selected in the context of a fund designed to help solidarity. human rights and youth organisa-

tions as well as artisans, women and poor sectors engaged in community development activities in the country.

Colombia

- Health assistance and preven tion

This programme provides health services in e poor district of Bogota. The medical assista nce

covers infectious diseases, pre- and postnatal care, infant malnutrition and oral rehydra tiori,

and dental care. Health related projects $_$ digging of sewers, provision of potable water and

health education 7 also form part of this programme.

El Salvador

- Emergency programmes

Emergency support provided to internal refugees in the context of this programme included assistance for the production of basic grains in war areas, the establishment of a home for war

orphans, a peoples clinic and a women's training project. Peru

- Fish farm in Allpachaka

Designed to encourage fishvfarming among the peasant communities of the Ayacucho region, a trout farm was built on land belonging to the University of San Cristobal de Huamanga, The physical infrastructure was completed in 1983.

Europe and North America Regional Coordination

In August 1982 the WUS European committees and contacts agreed that they should have a mechanism for coordinating their work and improving communication. It was decided to nominate a committee to act as a secretariat, With a specific person responsible on a part-time basist WUS (UK) agreed to take on this responsibility and Nigel Hartley was named coordinator. A year tater when the situation was revrewed, it was agreed that on the whole the experiment had been a success and should be continued. Two of the main aims identified were the develop-

ment of the WUS constituency in Europe and the development of mm campaigns and project work,

One of the methods employed for improving coordination within the region was to organise meetings at regular intervals In 1983 representatives of European committees met in Oslo and Copenhagen, in 1984 in Vienna. London and Mittelwihr, France. These occasions prowded an ideal opportunity to learn more about the work of the committee hosting the meeting, to

discuss ways in which to promote WUS work in the European region, and to coordinate national committee Involvement in and development of international programmes. National Committees

During the period under review, considerable progress was made in promoting the development of the WUS constituency in Europe. New committees in Austria and ireland and new contact groups in Italy and with exiled Turkish academics in France, were established. At the

end of 1984 there were tully-recognised national committees in Austria (January 1984). Canada, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland (July 1984) and United Kingdom. and contact groups in Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey and Yugoslavia, Closer cooperation between the national committees also enabled them to identity and develop those areas that they have in common This resulted in a greater sharing of inform a-

tion and resources, and also in the development of collective thinking. Some specific results of

increased cooperation included the organisation of a European tour for the Rector of the University of El Salvador in November 1983, and collaboration between several committees on a solidarity campaign for the University of El Salvador; the development of a series of ac-

tivities centred on the repression of academics in Turkey which included internal program mes.

information work and publications in Europe, scholarships and placement of exiled student \mathbf{x}

and academics, and the organisation of a European tour for a Turkish academic in late 198 4:

and the coordination of programmes and information work for Palestinians and Namibians. Activities

The European/North American committees do not see their role in any way as solely devoted to fund-raisingt Many of them have a wide variety of activities ranging from development education and solidarity campaigns and support for programmes in third world countries, t

support for refugee and third world students in their own countries. Nevertheless a number of

them have played a major role in assisting International WUS in fund-raising tor prOJects in third

world countries and in facilitating contacts with donors, particularly in Scandinavia. On ${\sf e}$ im-

portant development promoted by the coordination has been the elaboration of a strategy f

approaching new European donors, for example the Commission of the European Economic Community and also, through the establishment of new national committees, governmental donors in Austria and Ireland. At the end of 1984 the first results of of this strategy were beginning

to make themselves felts

Several European committees have also been actively involved in international WUS project \mathbf{c}

as the organisation's operational partner in the field. Others act as administrators of the

scholarship programmes for International WUS in their respective countries

ThatWUS in general, and the European/North American committees in particular, have an important role to play as an effective force against social injustice and repression through the im-

plementation of practical programmes both within the region and in third world countries is

fully recognised and reflected in the various activities they undertake.

Information and publications

During 1983 and 1984 WUS' main channel of information was WUSNEWS, produced on average everytwo months in English, French and Spanish. This publication centred above al

on information from the Secretariat and the various regions of the WUS constituency, but also

included from time to time reports on issues of particular concern to the organisation, s uch as

refugees or human rights, particularly in the academic community.

In 1983 WUS published the report of the International Workshop on Education, Human Rights and Development held the previous year in Harare, Zimbabwe, in the context of the General Assembly. It was prepared by Clive Nettleton, coordinator of the workshop and former Associate Secretary for Africa at the International Secretariat in Geneva. The report of the

workshop on HAid and Development in Crisis: What Role for Education" held in Nantes in July

1984 has been commissioned from GUndUz Vassaf, a Turkish academic who acted as a resource person at the workshop, and is due for publication mid.1985,

WUS Action1983-84, published at the end of 1983 in English, French and Spanish, and which describes the programmes WUS is currently involved in as well as those adopted for inclusion

in the international Programme of Action for which funding is sought, appeared in a new for-

mat. Programmes were presented in six different categories: Community Development, Education and Training, Women, Human Rights, Scholarships and Counselling, designed to give a clearer overview of WUS' involvement in these fields

In 1984 work began on a new information leaflet about WUS, to be produced in the three of

ficial languages of the organisation. The publications department of WUS (UK) was commissioned to prepare this document, due to appear in 19851

With funds provided in 1984 bythe Co-Action Programme of UNESCO, WUS also initiated the publication of a leaflet on education programmes in Latin America, which appeared in English, French and Spanish in early1985.

With limited resources 7 both in financial and personnel terms 1 the International Secret ariat

was not in a position to maintain a large publications programme during this period. Much of

the Assistant Secretary for information and Publications time was taken up with more gene

information and administrative tasks, Nevertheless, WUS was able to provide assistance, financial and practical, to national committees and other agencies, for publications on i ssues

of concern to WUS. For example, in 1983 the Unit coordinated with WUS (UK), and made a financial contribution to the publication of the April '83 issue on education of the New /nterna-

t/ona/ist, a British development magazine. It also contributed financially towards resear ch for

the Education and Repression series published by WUS (UK) of which reports on Namibia and Education for Palestinians appeared during the period under review.

A report on the educational needs of refugees, resulting from a study originally funded b

WUS, was published by the international Extension College (UK) at the end of 1983. In 198 4

the IEC produced a study on the educational needs of Central American refugees, also partially financed by international WUST

In the context of ICARA ll WUS contributed to two publications prepared by ICVA: the fift h edi-

tion of the compendium on Assistance to African Refugees by Voluntary Organisations and a public information booklet entitled Timely Solutions: 1/o/untary Agencies and African Refu-

gees

During the two years under review the Information and Publications Unit contributed artic les

on WUS and specific aspects of its work for publication in UN or NGO papers or magazines, The Unit also responded to numerous enquiries and requests for information about the organisation or its programmes, as well as representing WUS at various UN and NGO meetings, workshops and conferences

Financial report

1983 saw a decline in income for WUS of 10%, and a return to a deficit similar to that of 1980.

before the substantial increase in income as a result of the take over of some of the for mer IUEF

programmes strengthened its financial position. In 1984 income was restored to the 1982 l evel

and the 1983 deficit more than halved. It is important that WUS eradicates its deficit in 1985.

The following table shows income and expenditure for the five years 1980-1984:

YEAR INCOME EXPENDITURE

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1980 8.9 million 9.0 million

1981 14.3 million 13.9 million

1982 13.4 million 13.6 million

1983 12.1 million 12.3 million

1984 13.8 million 13.9 million

Programme income for each region of the world IS broken down in the two years under revie \mathbf{w}

as follows:

1988 1984

SF 0/0 SF 0/0

Africa 5.47m 52.9 6.02m 51.6

ASia 0.08m 0.8 0.33m 2.8

Latin America 4.76m 46.1 5.31 m 45.6

Other 0.02m 02 7 A

10.33m 100 11.66m 100

The following table shows the source of programme income according to the various donors as a percentage of the total:

Donor 1983 1984

0/o 0/0

Sweden 6478 62.34

Denmark 22.86 22.23

Norway 523 7.27

Canada 346 2.88

Finland 156 1.05

Netherlands 096 0.63

Austria _ 0.63

UNHCR 0,69 0.88

Ford Foundation _ 1.04

WUS Committees 0.33 0.39

Other 0.13 0.66

1000/0 100%

There is a 9% increase in income between1983 and 1984 from our two major donor countries compared with a 18% increase in income from all other sources. Thus the proportion of income from Sweden and Denmark slightly decreased in 1984 as compared with 1983. The contribution to WUS income provided by its own constituency continues to be very low and must remain a matter for concern and attention in the future. Our thanks go to all those who

supported WUS programmes during 1983 and 1984.

These tables only reflect the financial transactions that occur through International WUS

counts. They do not reflect the (often sizeable) financial and voluntary activities of na tional

committees around the world.

How WUS spends its income: 0.53% Evaluation 096% Community 4.77% Development 5.65% International Expenses& 759% Regional offices 7.33% Personnel and 983% Administration 9.06% Education, Training & 19.40% Human Rights 19.62% Scholarships & 57.88% Counselling 57.38%

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