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and
COLOMBIA**

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No. 1417. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA CONCERNING A NATION-WIDE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST WHOOPING-COUGH AND DIPHTHERIA. SIGNED AT BOGOTA, ON 5 JANUARY 1951, AND AT WASHINGTON, ON 21 FEBRUARY 1951

The Government of Colombia (hereinafter called "the Government"), represented by Dr. Alonso Carvajal Peralta, Minister of Hygiene; and

The World Health Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization"), represented by Dr. F. L. Soper, Regional Director,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS :

Part I

PLAN OF ACTION

A. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the nation-wide vaccination campaign against whooping-cough and diphtheria shall be :

- 1.1 To control and prevent the spread of whooping-cough and diphtheria in the Republic of Colombia; and
- 1.2 To reduce the number of deaths, especially among children under five years of age.
- 1.3 To produce an effective combined pertussis-diphtheria vaccine in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements of this immunization programme.
- 1.4 To determine and establish adequate technical standards and procedures for organized large-scale immunization operations which may be observed and utilized by other countries.
- 1.5 To evaluate the results of the vaccination programme in terms of the number of children who have completed their vaccinations, and in terms of the specific morbidity and mortality rates for whooping-cough and diphtheria.
- 1.6 To determine the biological activity of the vaccine used in the programme and the duration of immunity, by means of specific laboratory methods and/or comparative studies of incidence in vaccinated and non-vaccinated groups.

¹ Came into force on 21 February 1951, in accordance with the provisions of part VI.

1.7 To train professional and auxiliary personnel from Colombia, and, as far as possible and on request of their governments, similar personnel from other countries in mass immunization methods and techniques.

1.8 To assist the Ministry of Hygiene (hereinafter called "the Ministry"), on request, and to the extent compatible with the attainment of the above objectives and the availability of personnel of the Organization for the projects, by giving expert advice on related problems.

2. NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

2.1 The project shall comprise :

2.1.1 The preparation of a detailed plan of operations for the campaign;

2.1.2 Operation of a programme on a wide scale to immunize children against whooping-cough and diphtheria;

2.1.3 A concurrent intensive health education campaign integrating the vaccination programme;

2.1.4 An evaluation of the effectiveness of the techniques and methods employed.

2.2 The programme will consist, basically, of the vaccination of the maximum number of infants over four months of age and pre-school children in five selected demonstration areas of Colombia. The programme will be supplemented, wherever practical, by other preventive measures normally available through the established health facilities in Colombia. The vaccinations will be administered in all official, semi-official and private institutions in Colombia concerned with child welfare. Provision will be made for supplying vaccine, without cost, to private physicians and institutions who wish to participate in the programme, as soon as Samper Martínez Laboratory is ready to produce it in sufficient amount.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

3.1 A detailed plan of operations for the project shall be prepared by the Minister of Hygiene in collaboration with the technical consultant of the Organization and shall include :

3.1.1 A specification of vaccine to be employed for maximum effectiveness;

3.1.2 Selection of age groups;

3.1.3 Indication and counter-indication of vaccination;

3.1.4 Administrative procedures designed to achieve adequately the stated objectives;

3.1.5 The regions in which the programme will be initiated and conducted in accordance with the epidemiology and higher incidence of the diseases;

- 3.1.6 The health education techniques to be employed;
- 3.1.7 The number and type of personnel to be employed on the programme;
- 3.1.8 Methods to be used for the evaluation of results;
- 3.1.9 Equipment and supplies required;
- 3.1.10 Budgets and fiscal procedure for the project;
- 3.1.11 Duration of project and plan for expansion and continuation of the programme beyond the termination of this agreement.

This plan of operation shall be annexed to this agreement.

- 3.2 The project shall be conducted and operated under the responsibility of the Government with the technical assistance of the Organization.
- 3.3 The immunization programme will be carried out under the immediate direction of the Medical Officer designated by the Ministry of Hygiene in collaboration with the technical consultant of the Organization.
- 3.4 The technical consultant for this project will be under the administrative direction of the Zone Office of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the Organization, located in Lima, Peru.
- 3.5 The Ministry will provide the personnel to carry out the programme, utilizing any personnel, institutions and other facilities which the Minister of Hygiene deems advisable.
- 3.6 The Ministry will designate a medical officer to be in charge of the overall programme, and such additional personnel including doctors, nurses and other professional and non-professional personnel, as may be required to conduct a country-wide campaign.
- 3.7 Production of vaccine by the National Laboratory, Samper Martínez, will be increased with the aid of material and equipment furnished by UNICEF, and the vaccine produced by said laboratory will be submitted to international technical authorities for examination and approval before being utilized in the programme.
- 3.8 All the health agencies and other institutions, public or private, participating in the programme, will be furnished, without cost, with adequate supplies of vaccine and educational material. The vaccinations of children administered during the course of this programme shall be free of charge.
- 3.9 A complete record system will be installed and maintained at a central registry which will provide for the regular collection of information on vaccinated children by registration and tabulation of pertinent data. Appropriate certificates will be issued and statistical charts will be maintained in order to provide significant data for future research and studies related to diphtheria-pertussis vaccination.

3.10 The immunization programme will be integrated with other maternal and child health programmes in Colombia which are already in existence or which may be established in the future.

3.11 The Ministry will notify the local health authorities of the existence of this project and insure the co-operation of the local authorities for carrying out its objectives.

4. PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

4.1 The Ministry will encourage publication, both national and international, of the results of this project, so as to facilitate as wide an acquaintance as possible with the results.

4.2 The Medical Officer, Director of the programme, will prepare regular monthly reports on the progress of the project, copies of which will be transmitted to the Minister of Hygiene of Colombia, to the technical consultant of the Organization and to the Organization, through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office for the Americas.

4.3 At the completion of the project, a final report on the entire operation of the project shall be jointly prepared by the Medical Officer in charge of the project and the technical consultant of the Organization, copies of which will be transmitted to the Minister of Hygiene of Colombia and to the Organization, through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office for the Americas.

Part II

COMMITMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. The Organization shall provide a technical consultant for the project for the duration of this agreement. The Organization will pay the salary and external transportation expenses of the said technical consultant. It is understood that the services of the said technical consultant are also to be available to the Government of Chile which is simultaneously carrying on a project having similar objectives.

Part III

COMMITMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. There shall be appropriated by the Government of Colombia within the budget of the Ministry a sum of not less than ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND COLOMBIAN PESOS (125,000.00) for the year 1950, and TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND COLOMBIAN PESOS (200,000.00) for the fiscal year 1951.

2. The personnel, administrative facilities, materials and supplies for the project (except those specified to be provided by the United Nations Inter-

national Children's Emergency Fund, in a separate agreement between the Government of Colombia and UNICEF¹ will be made available by the Department of Control of Communicable Diseases. Any other additional medical and laboratory facilities and personnel will also be made available by the Ministry of Hygiene to this project.

3. The Government will provide to the Organization, in local currency, the cost of per diem and travel expenses of the technical consultant of the Organization while in travel status away from his official station within Colombia.

Part IV

CONTRIBUTION OF UNICEF

1. It is understood that the contribution of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to this co-operative project in the form of equipment, supplies and other essential materials is as specified in a separate agreement between UNICEF and the Government.

Part V

CONTINUATION OF THE PROJECT

1. The Government will continue this project within the scope of available resources, when assistance from the Organization and/or United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund is withdrawn.

Part VI

DURATION

1. This Agreement and the Annex thereto shall come into force on 21 February 1951 and remain in force until 31 December 1951 subject to the normal budgetary limitations of the Organization in the year commencing January 1 1951.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Bogota on 5 January 1951,

(Signed) Alonso CARVAJAL PERALTA
Minister of Hygiene

and at Washington on 21 February 1951.

(Signed) F. L. SOPER
Regional Director
World Health Organization

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 65, p. 104.