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No. 1424. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI CONCERNING A YAWS ERADICATION AND SYPHILIS CONTROL PROJECT. SIGNED ON 21 JUNE 1950

Between the Haitian Government, represented by Joseph Loubeau, Secretary of State for Public Health, identified by No. 9169, party of the first part, and

The World Health Organization represented by Dr. Fred L. Soper, Regional Director of the World Health Organization for the Americas, domiciled at Washington 8, D. C., U.S.A., 2001 Connecticut Avenue, party of the second part,

IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO :

Part I

PLAN OF ACTION

1. OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT

The objectives of the yaws eradication and rural syphilis control project shall be :

- 1.1 To initiate a program to eradicate yaws from Haiti by antibiotic mass-treatment methods.
- 1.2 To control rural syphilis by antibiotic treatment through the elimination of most of the sources of infection.
- 1.3 To evaluate the results of such treatment of yaws and syphilis by initial and terminal case finding surveys and by serological examination.
- 1.4 To train local professional and auxiliary personnel in methods of yaws eradication and rural syphilis control.
- 1.5 To assist the Ministry of Public Health by giving expert advice on related problems of yaws and rural syphilis.
- 1.6 To educate rural populations regarding the benefits of treatment and control measures for yaws and syphilis.

2. ORGANIZATION, METHOD AND EXTENT OF PROJECT

- 2.1 This project when established, will supplement the existing services for the control of yaws currently carried on.

¹ Came into force on 21 June 1950, by signature.

2.2 The World Health Organization, through its Regional Office for the Americas, shall appoint one or more Technical and Administrative Consultants to the Secretary of State for Public Health of the Republic of Haiti.

2.3 The medical techniques to be employed and the methods of organizing and conducting the project shall be established by the Administrative Director after consultation with the Technical Consultants of WHO.

2.4 If modifications in project methods are found to be necessary, such modifications shall be made by the Administrative Director of the project only after consultation with the Technical Consultants of WHO and after approval by the Secretary of State for Public Health.

2.5 The work to be done under this Agreement will be conducted under the administrative and operational responsibility of the Secretariat of State for Public Health of the Republic of Haiti, or his duly designated representative.

2.6 The Administrative Director of the project shall be appointed by the Haitian Government, and said Administrative Director shall have the authority, after approval by the Secretary of State for Public Health, to employ and discharge the local technical personnel engaged in the operation of the project.

2.7 The Administrative Director of the project, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Public Health, or his duly designated representative, shall establish salary scales and per diem expenses for each category of the local personnel employed on the project.

2.8 The Administrative Director of the project, after approval of the Secretary of State for Public Health, shall have the authority to make such assignments and reassignments of duties to the project personnel under his jurisdiction as may be required for the efficient operation of the project.

2.9 The project shall include appropriate measures for informing the local population in advance of the scheduled arrival of mobile units in their respective communities.

2.10 The project shall provide for mass treatment by antibiotics and possibly by chemotherapeutic agents of infected or suspected infected persons in areas where yaws exists.

2.11 The project shall also include antibiotic treatment for persons in the rural areas of Haiti who are infected with syphilis.

2.12 The project shall include serological examinations of selected groups.

2.13 This project shall continue for a period of two years from the date of the commencement of operations.

3. PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

3.1 The Administrative Director shall transmit a monthly report on all activities performed during each month to the Ministry of Public Health.

3.2 The Administrative Director of the project shall transmit to the Technical Consultants of WHO copies of these monthly reports and of such other periodic progress reports as may be prepared.

3.3 At the completion of the project a Final Report on the entire operation of the project shall be jointly prepared by the Technical Consultants of WHO and the Administrative Director of the project and submitted to the Secretary of State for Public Health of the Republic of Haiti, to the World Health Organization and to UNICEF through the Regional Office for the Americas.

Part II

COMMITMENTS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

1. The World Health Organization agrees to expend a sum not to exceed \$70,600 over the two-year period of this Agreement in salaries and external travel expenses of Technical Consultants and Technicians. Participation after the end of 1950, for the remainder of the two-year period, will be subject to normal budgetary limitations.

Part III

COMMITMENTS OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

1. Since the preliminary arrangements concerning the terms of this Agreement made between the representatives of the Government of Haiti and the representative of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization, were to the effect that there would be no cost to Haiti for the living expenses of WHO personnel engaged in the programme, the Government of Haiti has requested and obtained approval from the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to provide the funds to cover the cost of food and lodging for WHO personnel assigned to the project while on official travel away from their headquarters in Port-au-Prince.

Part IV

COMMITMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI

1. The Government of Haiti agrees to contribute a sum not less than nor to exceed \$213,850.00, or its equivalent in Haitian currency for the two-year period of this Agreement, of which not more than \$106,925.00 is to be available during the first 12 months of the project.

2. The above-mentioned funds shall be used for the following purposes in carrying out the project :

Staff and field personnel;
Travel;
Communications;
Rent, maintenance and repair of buildings;
Repair of vehicles;
Rent and maintenance of animals;
Gasoline and oil;
Office supplies and stationery;
Contingencies.

3. The contribution of the Haitian Government shall be allocated to the Department of Health to be used only for the yaws and rural syphilis project. It shall be expended for no other purposes.

4. The Government of Haiti shall notify the local authorities of the existence of this project for the eradication of yaws and for the control of rural syphilis and insure the cooperation of the local authorities for carrying out its objectives.

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

(Signed) Dr. Joseph LOUBEAU
Secretary of State for Public Health

(Signed) Dr. Fred L. SOPER
Director
Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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Regional Director of the World
Health Organization,
for the Americas.
(for Brock Chisholm, M.D.
Director-General)