

No. 1439

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
and
BURMA**

Agreement for the operation of a nursing project (under World Health Organization regular budget). Signed at Rangoon, on 7 July 1951, and at New Delhi, on 9 July 1951

Official text: English.

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**ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTÉ
et
BIRMANIE**

Accord concernant l'exécution d'un programme de soins infirmiers (dans le cadre du budget ordinaire de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé). Signé à Rangoon, le 7 juillet 1951, et à New-Delhi, le 9 juillet 1951

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé le 1^{er} octobre 1951.

No. 1439. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF BURMA FOR THE OPERATION OF A NURSING PROJECT (UNDER WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REGULAR BUDGET). SIGNED AT RANGOON, ON 7 JULY 1951, AND AT NEW DELHI, ON 9 JULY 1951

The World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization"), and

The Government of the Union of Burma (hereinafter referred to as "the Government");

Being desirous of obtaining mutual agreement concerning a project, particularly with reference to the purpose and scope of the project and the responsibilities which shall be assumed and the materials and services which shall be provided;

Declaring that these responsibilities shall be fulfilled in spirit of friendly co-operation :

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS :

PLAN OF OPERATIONS

Part I

PREAMBLE

Burma is extremely short of Sister Tutors, the Rangoon General Hospital and Nursing School being the only school in Burma that has the services of full-time tutors.

Years of war, occupation, looting of equipment and the unrest that has followed has been a serious set-back to the development of Nursing in Burma. During war years no nurses graduated as training was discontinued and education for girls ceased. Meantime, Burma has been granted its independence and foreign personnel previously available have, as a result, been withdrawn.

Burma is, therefore, faced with a serious shortage of trained nursing personnel with poorer training facilities as well as being forced through circumstances to lower the standard of education required for entrance to nursing schools.

¹ Came into force on 9 July 1951, by signature.

A lower standard of education demands additional tuition and supervision if good results are to be obtained and it is for this purpose that WHO is asked to render assistance.

OBJECTIVES

Aid is requested from WHO to :

1. Strengthen the teaching staff in two selected schools of Nursing by supplying two international Sister Tutors to work with National Staff of hospital Nursing schools, in order to improve the basic training given to nurses.
2. To develop nursing education given in schools of Nursing.
3. To work with the national staff and to assist in correlating of theoretical teaching and the teaching given in hospital wards.

Organization, Method and Extent of Project

1. The project will be conducted under the responsibility of the Government.
2. The tutors provided will, on the request of the Government, assume responsibility for the technical and operational direction of the project.
3. The method of operation will envisage teaching of nurses, training of matching personnel and gradual transfer of operational direction to the matching staff provided by the Government.

In carrying out this Project the Sister Tutor will :

1. Assist in the training of nurses and midwives with equal emphasis on theoretical teaching and the teaching of nursing arts.
2. Collaborate with National Staff and other International Staff in any reforms that may be designed to render nursing education and nursing training applicable to existing conditions.
3. Work closely with the existing teaching staff of the Nursing School and the hospital in an endeavour to improve the basic training in nursing.

Part II

COMMITMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Personnel

2 Sister Tutors for a period of one year in the first instance and to carry over for a period of four years.

Budget: WHO

Travel and other expenses for a period of 4 years.

2 Sister Tutors :

	<i>1st yr.</i>	<i>2nd yr.</i>	<i>3rd yr.</i>	<i>4th yr.</i>	<i>5th yr.</i>
Reserve for equipment.	\$500	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200

Equipment has been supplied by UNICEF to Nursing Schools under the M. & C. H. Programme, No. FEP. 8, and the Government agrees to issue teaching equipment to Nursing Schools to which the International Tutors will be attached.

Part III

COMMITMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT

By means of this project the Government undertakes to :

1. Place the training of nurses on a sound basis by improving the teaching of nursing education, nursing arts and clinical instruction given.
2. Provide parallel sister tutors to work with and eventually take over from the foreign staff.
3. Increase the number of pupil nurses and midwives in training and gradually build up the trained nursing staff of the hospital.
4. Provide fully furnished and adequate living accommodation for international staff as well as the services of the usual servants.
5. Provide transport to and from hospital to welfare centres and any other inland travel that may be considered necessary either in connection with the project or in connection with nursing and nursing education.
6. Pay cost of operation and maintenance of the project.

7. Provide office requisites, stationery and the services of a typist when necessary and where needed by the foreign personnel.
8. Pay the cost of incidental expenses necessary for successful carrying out of the project.
9. Build up facilities for improving nursing education, such as : teaching equipment in hospital wards and class rooms, reference library, etc.
10. Continue the work on withdrawal of the foreign personnel.

Furthermore, the Government shall give continuing support for the administration of programmes undertaken under this plan of operation, including the progressive assumption of financial responsibility.

Part IV

FINAL PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding that the Government may or may not have already ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,¹ the Government shall accord to the Organization, its personnel, property and assets in connexion with the performance of this Agreement and Supplementary Agreements, all the privileges and immunities normally accorded to the Organization, its property, assets, officials and experts under the provisions of that Convention.

The provisions of the aforementioned Convention shall not apply to personnel furnished by the Government and which are not staff, consultants or employees of the Organization.

The Government shall take suitable measures to protect the Organization against any claims for loss, damage or injury to persons or property resulting from or arising out of the execution of this programme undertaken under this Agreement.

Any difference between the Government and the Organization arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement which is not settled by negotiation shall be submitted to a Board of three arbitrators; the first to be appointed by the Government, the second by the Director-General of the Organization, and the third, the presiding arbitrator, by the President of the International Court of Justice, unless the parties hereto agree to resort to a different mode of settlement.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 33, p. 261; Vol. 43, p. 342; Vol. 46, p. 355; Vol. 51, p. 330; Vol. 71, p. 316; Vol. 76, p. 274; Vol. 79, p. 326; Vol. 81, p. 332; Vol. 84, p. 412; Vol. 88, p. 446; Vol. 90, p. 323; Vol. 91, p. 376; Vol. 92, p. 400; Vol. 96, p. 322; Vol. 101, p. 288, and Vol. 102, p. 322.

This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the Government and the Organization.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other and shall terminate sixty days from the receipt of such notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in six copies in English at Rangoon on 7th July 1951,

For the Government of the Union of Burma :

(Signed) U BA SEIN

and at New Delhi on 9th July 1951.

For the World Health Organization :

(Signed) C. MANI

Regional Office, World Health Organization,
for South East Asia
