

and their measures differ considerably. Recognition by the Federal Council entitles a fund to financial aid from the Confederation: Communal subsidies are very generally granted, and a certain number of cantons also give assistance to sickness funds.

Union of South Africa.

Societies may register under the Friendly Societies Act No. 5 of 1892, Cape of Good Hope. Registered societies form 28 per cent of the total number in the Union. There are no provisions for state aid.

Uruguay.

The most important societies have applied for recognition by the Government as legal entities but such a course is voluntary. There are no provisions of state aid.

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