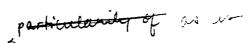
children in conjunction with primary environmental care. Meeting basic health needs goes hand in hand with the alleviation of poverty and should be seen as a contribution to it.

Objectives



5. Within the overall strategy to achieve health for all by the year 2000; to meet basic health needs of urban, peri urban and rural populations; to provide necessary specialized environmental health services and coordinate involvement of citizens, the health sector, the health related sectors, and relevant non-health sectors (business, social, education and religious institutions) in solutions to health problems. As a matter of priority, health service coverage should be achieved for population groups in greatest need.

Activities

- 6. National Governments should, in the light of country specific conditions and needs, strengthen their health sector programmes to:
 - (a) Build basic health infrastructures, monitoring and planning systems
 - (i) Develop primary health care that is practical, scientifically sound and appropriate to their needs and meet basic health needs of clean water, safe food and sanitation;
 - (ii) Support the use and strengthening of mechanisms which improve the coordination between health and related sectors at all appropriate levels of government;
 - (iii) Develop and implement rational and affordable approaches to the establishment and maintenance of health facilities;
 - (iv) Ensure and, where appropriate, increase provision of social services support;
 - (v) Develop strategies, including reliable health indicators, to monitor the progress and evaluate the effectiveness of health programmes;
 - (vi) Explore ways to finance the health system based on the assessment of the resources needed and identify the various financing alternatives;
 - (vii) Promote information exchange, technical support and training;
 - (viii) Support initiatives for self-management of services by vulnerable groups;
 - (ix) Integrate traditional knowledge and experience into national health systems, as appropriate.