

expert services for the development of a maintenance program for vehicles, equipment and buildings. Overall implementation of the project is satisfactory. Bids for lab and medical equipment (as part of the rehabilitation of district hospitals and BHC centers), and for vehicles for the 1994 program are being reviewed. Training is now progressing satisfactorily. Five of the six studies are being carried out though at a slower pace than anticipated; TORs for the remaining study are under preparation.

Ln. 3308 - TUN Hospital Restructuring Support Project:

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Implementing Agency: Ministry of Public Health. The project

finances the following components: (a) Development of management capabilities and policy adjustments: technical assistance, training and office technology (hardware and software) to develop and implement: (i) financial management and performance evaluation procedures; (ii) a Management Information System; (iii) the reorganization of the administration and patient registration units; and, (iv) sectoral strategies and reform program management: a framework and action plan for new burden-sharing arrangements, a medium-term strategic plan for hospital development, hospital architectural master plans and reform program management.

(b) Improvement of service quality: (i) the replacement of priority medical equipment; (ii) the hygiene of hospital maintenance units; and, (iii) improvements in patient accommodations, hospital and handling of medical wastes; as of January 94, 17 of the 21 hospitals concerned have been transformed into autonomous Public Health establishments - New management procedures have been elaborated and are being implemented in these hospitals - software for the administration and patient registration has been developed and is gradually being introduced in qualifying hospitals. Hospital rehabilitation activities planned under the project have started. Contracts for procurement of medical equipment for a first group of hospitals have been signed; bids for computer equipment have been launched, selection has been made and contracts signed. Bids for another group of hospitals are being launched. Slightly delayed because of late appointments, management training for staff of 12 out of the 17 hospitals converted took place in May/June 1994 and was completed in September 1994. Preparation of hospital architectural master plans are underway. The study for hospital waste management and health financing related studies is completed and final reports have been received.