

a first step, including food and medical supplies. Generally, the refugees are from Rwanda, Zaire⁽⁷⁾, Burundi, the Sudan, Angola, Portuguese Guinea and Mozambique.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) was established in 1949 to provide relief and rehabilitation for Arab refugees who lost their homes and their means of livelihood as a result of the Palestine hostilities of 1948-49. Owing to natural increase, these refugees now number more than 1.3 million.

To finance its 1970 activities, UNRWA needed about \$2.5 million. Owing to increasing demands for relief, health and educational services and to rising costs in the countries where the Agency operates, it has in recent years faced serious financial difficulties.

Canada has customarily ranked high among the regular contributors to UNRWA. In total contributions since 1949, it stands third behind the United States and Britain. In response to special conditions resulting from the 1967 "Seven-Day War", the Canadian Government contributed about \$3 million to UNRWA in 1967-68, in emergency assistance, cash and foodstuffs. For the fiscal year 1970-71, Canada made a regular contribution of \$500,000 in cash and \$700,000 in food and commodities, and also made a special supplementary contribution of \$150,000 in cash. The Canadian Government believes that UNRWA's subsidiary educational and vocational training program is vital to the maintenance of peace in the area and to the ultimate liquidation of the problem of refugees by facilitating their rehabilitation.

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

The United Nations Children's Fund was established by the General Assembly in December 1946 to provide emergency aid to children in war-devastated countries following the termination of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA). In 1950 its terms of reference were revised and, while continuing to provide emergency relief for children during catastrophes, it placed emphasis on long-range programs of child care, particularly in developing countries. In 1953, the General Assembly voted unanimously to continue UNICEF for an indefinite period.

The Fund is financed through voluntary contributions from governments and private associations. Since the inception of UNICEF, Canada has contributed about \$22.4 million. In 1970-71 the Canadian Government provided an annual contribution of \$1.5 million. In 1970 Canada also gave \$75,000 to UNICEF to assist cyclone victims in Pakistan. In 1971 \$350,000 was made

(7) Formerly the Democratic Republic of the Congo.