

The *United Nations Development Program* (UNDP) is the chief partner in the FAO's field activities. It has grown from the earlier Expanded Program of Technical Assistance (EPTA), under which the FAO spent \$1.4 million in 1951 to provide 53 experts to 38 countries with various development problems. In 1972, the FAO spent \$84 million in UNDP funds on a corps of technicians who helped countries with pre-investment planning leading to heavy development expenditures for the purpose of setting up and operating major research institutes and establishing and staffing centres of higher education to provide the planners and technicians needed for further progress.

The FAO has consistently been assigned almost one-third of all UNDP projects — the agency was assigned a 29 percent share of 58 country programs approved up to January 1973 or \$199 million out of a total programmed amount of \$686 million.

Trust funds from individual governments pay for a growing part of the FAO's field programs. These arrangements fall into two main classes. Some developing countries will pay over to the FAO the money needed to finance some part of their own national development programs.

Under the other, and larger, class, developed countries channel a proportion of their bilateral aid funds through the FAO. The number of such projects executed by the FAO and financed by bilateral agencies rose in 1972 to 59 national projects in 26 countries, 30 regional and 45 inter-regional projects at a total cost of \$23 million.

The *Associate Expert Scheme*, which is another form of bilateral aid channeled through the FAO, was started in 1954 with an agreement that well-qualified young people could assist FAO experts in the field. By the end of 1972 there were 319 associate experts working with the FAO. In 1972 a total sum of \$5,408,369 was spent by ten donor governments on the associate expert scheme.

Volunteers in field programs. The FAO was the first UN Specialized Agency to introduce volunteers into its field projects on an official and systematic basis. By June 1967, agreement had been reached with 12 sponsoring organizations. Between 1965 and 1972, over 700 volunteers carried out two-year assignments to FAO projects, working under the technical supervision of FAO field experts. Previous bilateral arrangements are now being replaced by assignments under the United Nations Volunteer Program, which, by April 1973, has supplied 62 volunteers to the FAO.