

**May 25, 1970**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND  
THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND CONCERNING DENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES.**

Manila, May 25 and June 25, 1970.

Note: The Agreement entered into force, June 25, 1970.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in IX DFA TS No. 1, p. 63

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Sir:

This refers to continued UNICEF assistance during 1971 for the improvement of the dental services in the rural areas as originally described in the Plan of Operations for Assistance to the General Health Services Project, signed by the Government on 24 August 1967, by the World Health Organization on 6 July 1967, and by the United Nations Children's Fund on 30 June 1967; also the Exchange of Letters covering implementation in 1969 and forming Annex IV to the First Addendum to the Plan of Operations; and the Exchange of Letters covering implementation in 1970 and forming Annex IV to the Second Addendum to the Plan of Operations. This is a complementary project related to the Master Plan of Operations for General Health Services Development in the Philippines, signed on behalf of WHO on 20 November 1969 and on behalf of the Government on 20 January 1970 to which UNICEF is related by virtue of a Letter of Protocol signed by the UNICEF Resident Director on 2 January 1970 and confirmed by the Government on 12 February 1970.

1. The objectives of the plan, the role of the Government agencies involved, and the programme operation, implementation and evaluation are spelled out in detail in the plan of action referred to above and they remain unchanged.
2. The Bureau of Dental Health Services has, under its jurisdiction, 584 dentists and dental aides assigned to 292 rural health units. The location of the units and the staff by health region is given in the Exchange of Letters dated 21 June 1968 and remain unchanged. The plan is to eventually equip all of the 292 units; the present allocation brings the total number of sets of equipment supplied by UNICEF to 250 and, depending on the progress of the programme, it is anticipated that the request for the balance of 42 sets will be presented to the 1971 UNICEF Board, thus completing UNICEF assistance to this programme.
3. Under this Exchange of Letters, UNICEF will provide 50 sets of dental equipment, together with spare parts and replacement items, as recommended by the WHO Short-Term Consultant, for use at rural health units, on the understanding that the Government will provide P 1,000 per unit for expendable items during 1971 for these new units,

plus P50,000 for continuing expendables for the 200 units already provided under the three previous allocations. These funds are estimated to be sufficient, together with the budget from national and provincial sources, to meet the needs of the dentists and keep the units in full use. Sodium flouride tablets and stannous flouride powder are not requested under this allocation, pending utilization and evaluation of the supplies received by the Government during the first two years of operation. UNICEF will continue to provide simple educational materials for each of the 50 additional rural health units which will receive the new dental equipment. Stipends and honoraria will also be provided for the training of 150 dentists and supervisors. This will include the 50 dentists who will receive the new equipment, plus some of the backlog of dentists and supervisors who need to be trained within the total programme covering the 292 rural health units. Training will be undertaken in four-week seminars of 25 participants each, commencing in August 1970 and concluding by November 1971. This will leave a balance of 100 dentists and supervisors still to be trained under the 1971 allocation. Two utility vehicles are included; one for training, i.e. to be located at the Bureau headquarters training office in Manila and to be used for transporting trainees to demonstration clinics in the vicinity, e.g. San Jose City, Nueva Ecija, Cavite, and Bulacan; the other vehicle is for supervision of the cooperating dentists in Health Regions I, II, III, and IV, i.e. the land mass of Central Luzon.

The total UNICEF commitment amounts to \$23,500 (Board document number E/ICEF/P/L 1361) during the period covered by this Exchange of Letters, i.e. mid 1970 through end 1971. The details are as follows:

a. 50 sets of manually operated dental equipment and supplies at \$263.92 per set	\$13,200
b. Spare parts and replacement items consisting of 2 electric engines and 11 foot engines, dental handpieces, portable dental chairs and tools as recommended by the WHO Short-Term Consultant	2,800
c. Dental health education materials consisting of 50 sets of charts, models and pamphlets	500
d. Stipends and honoraria for training of a total of 150 dentists, including regional and provincial supervisors, for 28 days at F5.00 per day and honoraria for consultants and lecturers at P 10.00 per hour for approximately 300 hours — P24,000, say	4,000
e. Two utility vehicles for training activities and supervision.	3,000