

CURRENT ISSUES IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOCUSING ON
BILATERAL AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

WHO statistical training activities

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1. Most of the training courses and consultant missions organized by WHO in the field of statistics are financed from WHO's regular budget. In those cases where there is support from bilateral or other agencies, this is specified below.
2. Training courses in epidemiology, which include a strong element of statistics, are offered in Africa in alternate years in French at Bamako, Mali, and in English at Nairobi, Kenya. These courses last for several months and are aimed at African graduate students.
3. Staff of the Division of Epidemiological Surveillance and Health Situation and Trend Assessment (HST) collaborated in a workshop on the statistics of disability, held in 1989 in Malta in collaboration with UNSO. Sixty-five participants from 40 countries took part.
4. HST staff also took part in the Leadership Development Programme run by the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, specifically for the module on statistical and epidemiological information.
5. A training workshop for health managers and statisticians in collection of health and nutritional data through household surveys was organized towards the end of 1989 in the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office in collaboration with the League of Arab States, UNICEF, UNFPA. Plans for a similar workshop to be held in the WHO South-East Asia Regional Office early in 1991 are underway.
6. A book on methods for determining sample size in health studies, "Adequacy of Sample Size in Health Studies" was published. A companion volume "Determination of Sample Size: A User's Companion" for the field worker is due for publication.