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Programme Activities

of

the Social Welfare Section

of the Directorate of Social Affairs

1. This Section currently comprises four Units namely :-
 - (i) Social Assistance Unit
 - (ii) Handicapped Children and Elderly Persons Unit
 - (iii) Care of Young Offenders Unit
 - (iv) Begging Control Unit

2. The existing organisation chart for this Section has remained largely unaltered for several years during which period marked social changes have taken place requiring an expansion in social welfare services to meet ever increasing community needs in terms of additional social welfare institutions, new supporting action programmes and the necessary budgetary provision to satisfy such needs.

3. Following upon a request by the Civil Service Bureau that the Directorate of Social Affairs should review its current structure and submit proposals for a new organisation chart, it is envisaged that the Social Welfare Section should now comprise five Units as indicated hereunder :-
 - (i) Social Assistance and Begging Control Unit
 - (ii) Care of Elderly Persons Unit
 - (iii) Care and Training of the Handicapped Unit
 - (iv) Care of Young Offenders Unit
 - (v) Child Care Unit

4. Thus, the Social Welfare Section will undertake the undermentioned functions :-

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A. Social Assistance and Begging Control Unit:

This Unit combines two former Units namely Social Assistance and Begging Control and its proposed formation already meets with the approval of the Director of Social Affairs and the Civil Service Bureau. The primary reason for such combination concerns the common factors of the distribution of financial assistance and the special needs of the indigent. This Unit caters presently for:-

Social Assistance Branch:

(i)	Number of beneficiaries	3,875 families
(ii)	Amount paid monthly	BD 85,149
(iii)	Rate of increase of beneficiaries	70-90 families per month

The approved staffing of this branch is 8 Social Workers of whom 2 are on approved unpaid leave of absence for 2 years. For this reason and the increasing workloads experienced, it is considered that the new combined Unit now requires an additional 3 posts to ensure an effective performance.

Begging Control Branch:

(i)	Number of beneficiaries	360
(ii)	Amounts paid monthly	BD 8,391

The approved staffing of this branch is 4 Social Workers (a report concerning begging problems is attached hereto).

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B. Care of Elderly Persons Unit:

A proposed project for this Unit submitted in December, 1979, as approved by the Director of Social Affairs, is attached hereto and is to be implemented upon the separation of the care for elderly persons and the training of the handicapped functions currently undertaken by the Handicapped Children and Elderly Persons Unit. The reason for separating these two functions is partly historical since in 1972 no separate care institutions existed, the only available accommodation being four domestic housing units in Isa Town utilised for this purpose. However, the separation now proposed is considered necessary in the light of practical experience of the differing nature of the needs of aged females and handicapped children and of the expansion of the services now required.

At present, those elderly persons benefitting from these services are limited to:-

- (i) 16 resident females (full care)
- (ii) 6 females (home care)
- (iii) an additional 12 females (day-care)

The importance to be afforded these two expanding functions is reflected by the United Nations programmes for the International Year for the Handicapped in 1981 and the International Year for the Aged in 1982 in which Social Welfare Section is fully committed in co-operation with Government Ministries, extension agencies and voluntary organisations.

C. The Care and Training of the Handicapped Unit:

As mentioned earlier, this function, which formerly formed part of the Handicapped Children and Elderly Persons Unit was first established in 1972. At present the services provided relate to:-

(a) Isa Town Home:

- (i) Temporary and permanent residential services are furnished for 24 male and female children of different ages.
- (ii) Day-care services for 12 children to be increased to 40 upon completion of the additional accommodation under construction.
- (iii) Home-care services for 120 children.



(b) Rehabilitation Centre, Isa Town:

This is a UNDP Project. The new function-built Centre opened in 1980 as a rehabilitation/educational/vocational training establishment catering initially for 20 mentally retarded children. In 1981 when additional teaching staff are made available by the Ministry of Education the number of handicapped children attending the Centre will be increased to 40.

D. Care of Young Offenders Unit:

No change is envisaged at in terms of the probationary services currently provided which are a joint responsibility shared with the Ministry of Interior. (a functional description of the Unit is attached hereto.)

E. Child Care Unit:

The decision to establish this Unit to furnish residential care for orphans, illegitimate children and the children of broken families was taken by the Minister for Labour and Social Affairs. (See attached letter from the Minister to Dr. Akbar Mohsen, Chairman of the National Committee of the International Year for the Child accepting responsibility by the Ministry towards parentless children.) This Unit is to furnish specialised child-care services and an initial study of this project containing proposals is attached hereto.

In summary, it is proposed to establish a board comprising two representatives of the Private Sector, three representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and the High Council for Youth and Sport respectively whose functions it would be developpe the proposed Home and to contribute to the financing thereof. In this connection, a committee formed from members of the National Committee for the International Year for the Child is to undertake a study of the services and staffing of the Unit and the Home for submission to the Director of Social Affairs. The actual construction of the Home is to be completed for handing over to the Ministry in the summer of 1981.

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