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INFORMATION MEMO

Building of a health centre at Foubouni in the Comoro Islands.

On March 9, 1965 the EEC Commission decided to finance, through the new European Development Fund, the building and equipping of a 42-bed health centre at Foubouni in the French overseas territory of the Comoro Islands.

The new health centre is situated on the south-east coast of the Great Comoro, which with 108.000 inhabitants has the largest population of the four islands in the archipelago. The density of population is 94 per sq. km., which is particularly high for an African country.

Foubouni is the focal point for about 33.000 inhabitants but possesses only an antiquated and inadequate dispensary, which means that any patients needing hospital treatment must be taken to Moroni. This is sixty kilometers away and the hospital there has been full to capacity since the town became the capital of the territory.

The present project will make it possible to build and equip a dispensary, a ward with thirty beds, a 12-bed maternity wing and three living units. The cost is estimated at 55 million Frs. CFA or about 223.000 u.a. ⁽¹⁾.

This is the first investment project in an overseas territory approved by the Second Fund. It may be recalled that under the new form of association, Community aid to the overseas countries and territories of France and the Netherlands will amount to 70 million u.a. spread over five years.

The EDF Committee expressed a favourable opinion on this project at its sixth meeting.

(1) 1 u.a. = \$ 1.00.