

MEMORANDUM BY THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC BUILDING & WORKSU.N.D.P. Assistance for a Phase II Water Supply
And Wastes Disposal Project

1. In 1966, the Government requested the U.N.D.P. assistance for carrying out a study on wastes disposal and water supply leading to a Master Plan, feasibility reports and a Bankarial presentation. The World Health Organisation was nominated as the executing agency for assisting the Government of Malta in undertaking these studies, planned to last three years. In 1967, the Plan of Operation was signed by the Government, the U.N.D.P. and the W.H.O. In 1968 a contract was signed with ATIGA, an Anglo-German Consortium to act as consulting sub-contractors to the W.H.O. The practical work commenced in February, 1968. The main subjects of the study were the collection and disposal and/or reclamation of liquid and solid wastes, as well as the improvement and development of the water supply. The Master Plan is planned up to the end of this century. The project consists of:

(i) An immediate programme - This was completed in April 1969. The purpose was to enable Government to take immediate measures to improve the existing conditions relating to the subjects being studied. The report on the immediate programme was submitted in July 1969.

(ii) A long range programme - This was due to be terminated in January, 1971. The Master Plan which will be accompanied by a Bankable proposition will enable Government to implement a phased investment and construction programme.

2. Following the submission of the report of the immediate programme, action was initiated by the various Departments to implement the recommendations made relative to the subjects under study. The estimates for carrying out these recommendations were submitted

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and some funds have been made available in the draft Third Five Year Plan for Malta 1969/74, under the appropriate votes in respect of the yearly capital and recurrent budget allotted to the Departments concerned.

3. The Plan of Operation and the Work Plan of the current project do not provide for detailed planning of the engineering and administration aspects and long-term training of local staff for successful implementation of the Master Plan.

4. In order to bridge the gap between the submission of the Master Plan under the present project - Phase I (feasibility studies) and implementation - Phase III (investment and construction), it is considered necessary to ask for further U.N.D.P. (SF) assistance Phase II (detailed planning) to enable Government to implement the Master Plan speedily in accordance with the general development of these Islands. The assistance is required in the:

(i) preparation of detailed designs and tender documents in respect of those recommendations of the Master Plan preliminary engineering and feasibility studies which will be accepted by the Government and be scheduled for implementation and which cannot normally be carried out by Government Departments.

(ii) preparation of detailed work plans and timetables and flow-charts for the recommendations selected and for the phased investment programme and man-power requirements.

(iii) training of local staff for the various engineering management and administrative tasks to be faced during the implementation and especially for a later stage in running the schemes under future organisation.

(iv) continuation of special studies which could not be finalised during the time of the running of the current project, as for example the Hydrological studies, water conservation and others.

(v) continuation of consultation on laboratory

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studies . This includes the establishment of a programme of research on the various aspects of wastes and water supply.

5. In the absence of a further project to bridge the said gap there will be an undue waste of time and possibly a loss of the trained and experienced manpower now available under the present project.

6. The Ministers of Public Building and Works, of Health and of Trade, Industry and Agriculture have all agreed on the need for such a project.

7. Hon. Ministers are now solicited to approve that a request be made to U.N.D.P. for the Phase II Project in anticipation of the finalisation and approval of the Master Plan of the first project.

This course of action is imperative if the request is to be in time for consideration by the U.N.D.P. authorities at their June 1971 Session. It is hoped that financial assistance could be made available by the U.N.D.P. to bridge the period between the conclusion of the present project (early in 1971) and June 1971.