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EUROPEAN HOSPITAL FUND
AUTHORITY
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THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HEALTH AND TOWN PLANNING,
NAIROBI.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN HOSPITAL FUND AUTHORITY

Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 16 (b) of the Hospital Treatment Relief (European) Ordinance, 1951 and Section 16 (b) of the Hospital Services (European) Ordinance, Cap. 126, the European Hospital Fund Authority established under the Ordinance is required to furnish as soon as possible after the expiration of each year a Report upon the administration of the affairs of the Authority during such year together with a Balance Sheet and Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the Authority, duly audited by the Government Auditor.

The Authority now has pleasure in submitting its Report for the year ended 31st December, 1958, supported by Audited Accounts.

AUTHORITY

2. The Hospital Fund Authority constituted in accordance with clause 3 (2) of the Ordinance, at present comprises of the following members:—

Mr. K. A. Jeremy (Chairman)	} Appointed by the European Elected Members of Legislative Council.
Mr. K. A. Adcock	
Mr. G. E. Nevill	} Appointed by the Minister for Finance. Appointed by the Minister for Local Government, Health and Town Planning.
Col. T. H. Henfrey	
Mr. P. J. Riley	
Mr. A. C. Waine	

BENEFITS AVAILABLE

3. The Authority is empowered to make payments out of the Fund of the following allowances to contributors:—

- A daily allowance of such amount and for such period as may be prescribed towards the cost of fees incurred by a contributor in respect of hospital treatment received by such contributor.
- A daily allowance of such amount for such period and towards such expenses actually incurred by a contributor as may be prescribed during a disability suffered by him, in cases where hospital facilities are not utilized.
- Such sum as may be prescribed in respect of expenses actually incurred in connexion with confinement for maternity purposes of a contributor.

4. Benefits payable as at 31st December, 1958 were as follows:—

(i) Hospital Treatment Benefits	Sh. 50 per day
(ii) Qualified Nursing Services	Sh. 50 per day
(iii) Maternity Benefits	Sh. 200

5. The following comparative summary of benefits paid and number of claims will be of interest to contributors:—

	1956	1957	1958
	£	£	£
(i) Hospital Treatment	215,542	226,159	270,129
(ii) Qualified Nursing Services	29,797	31,630	41,728
(iii) Maternity Benefits	9,700	12,320	13,290
	<u>255,039</u>	<u>270,109</u>	<u>325,147</u>
Number of Claims dealt with	17,480	17,936	18,340

6. Attention is invited to the increase of £249,582 in receipts from Contributions, under sections 12 and 13 of the Ordinance, from £273,723 in 1957 to £523,305 in 1958. £177,175 of this increase is due to the receipt during 1958 of the following items which were received on account of previous years' collections:—

- £155,842 being collections during the year ended 30th June, 1957; and
- £21,333 being collections during the seven months ended 31st January, 1958.

The real increase in collections during 1958 is therefore about £75,000.

7. The Benefits payable under sub-paragraph 4 (i) and (ii) above, became effective on the 1st September, 1958, so that the full impact of the increased Benefits (Sh. 5 in each case) is only reflected in these accounts for the last four months of the financial year.

8. The increase in the excess of Receipts over Payments for 1958, compared with 1957, is £195,302 and is made up of:—

(a) Increased Collections per para. 6	£ 249,582
(b) Increased Interest Received	4,131
	<u>253,713</u>
Less—	£
(c) Increased Benefits	55,039
(d) Old Authority Liability	1,892
(e) Increased Expenses of Administration	604
(f) Increased Expenses of Collection	876
	<u>58,411</u>
	<u>£ 195,302</u>

9. The Authority records its appreciation of the continued guidance and advice received from the Kenya Unit of the East African Statistical Department.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
K. A. JEREMY, *Chairman*,
A. C. WAINE, *Member*,
for European Hospital Fund Authority.

October, 1959.

REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE EUROPEAN HOSPITAL TREATMENT RELIEF FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1958

The annual statement of account has been prepared to show Receipts and Payments as required by the amendment to Section 16 of the Hospital Treatment Relief (European) Ordinance, 1951, contained in Section 6 of the Hospital Treatment Relief (European) (Amendment and Validation) Ordinance, 1959, which came into effect from 1st January, 1958.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of my Report dated 29th May, 1957, on the Accounts for the year 1956, and paragraph 3 of my Report dated 15th August, 1958, on the Accounts for the year, 1957, no adjustments have yet been made in connexion with the contributions received from the Kenya Government which were incorrectly calculated in respect of the collections made under Section 12 (2) of the former Hospital Services (European) Ordinance, Chapter 126.

3. Due to a misunderstanding claims for reimbursement in respect of Government patients were made on the European Hospital Fund Authority by the European Hospital, Kisumu, at the rate of Sh. 50 instead of Sh. 45 during the period October to December, 1958, resulting in an overpayment of £96-5s. I am informed that the overpayment is being deducted from claims for the current year.

4. I have seen Schedules of Default amounting to £3,375-17s.-75 cts. in respect of contributions payable to the Fund by the Commissioner of Income Tax which relate to the period up to 30th June, 1958. These amounts have been written off by the European Hospital Fund Authority under the provisions of Section 8 (d) of the Hospital Treatment Relief (European) Ordinance, 1951.

Nairobi,
28th September, 1959.

C. W. HODGES,
Controller and Auditor General.

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