

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Sudanese association of paediatricians strongly supports the following recommendations.

1. Paediatrics is fundamentally concerned with comprehensive child health services :- Preventive, social, & curative with particular emphasis on rural areas where 81 % of the population live.

2. Research is essential in presenting the standard of health and it should concentrate on the prevailing problems. i.e. gastroenteritis, normal growth and development, endemic diseases etc.,

3. The auxiliary services are of great value to families and they should be intensified in order to promote comprehensive child health specially in rural areas.

4. The conference proposes the formation of a committee to study the present problem of malnutrition in the Sudan and the methods required for improving the nutritional status of children. Including the need for nutritional rehabilitation centres, local charts and methods of assessment.

5. Integration of the ministry of health and University of Khartoum in combined child health projects has been recommended by H.E. the Minister of health and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

6. Undergraduate paediatric education should include increased topics on socio-economic and community paediatrics and vocational activities.

7. It is recommended that post-graduate education should be conducted in Sudan and a specialist degree (Master in Paediatrics) should be awarded. Doctors can proceed abroad for further experience and training in special subjects, and in methodology and techniques, of research.

8. Simple rehydration therapy should be implemented.

9. Mutual cooperation with other Universities all over the world, and particularly in Africa.

10. The 5th Paediatric Conference will be held on Feb. 1977 in Khartoum.