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5. Membership of WAGGGS carries obligations

5.1 The challenge to meet our obligations

The payment of quota is a responsibility of all Members of the World Association. Quota is set by Conference at a rate applied to the membership figures of each WAGGGS Organization from the census figures. There is some relief in the rules (reduction) for countries with low national earnings levels. One of the primary objectives of every Association is to pay its quota on time and therefore quota must be part of the budget.

This cost to your Organization adds up in total to nearly 70% of WAGGGS’ annual income from which WAGGGS must carry out its strategic plan. Quota is crucial to WAGGGS' ability to deliver services. Other sources of fundraising for WAGGGS are restricted to some extent by the need to avoid using sources which would otherwise be available to its Member Organization. Despite this, there is a continuous effort to locate sources of funds where an application would not represent any conflict of interest with Member Organizations.

The settlement of quota is a significant item in the budget of Member Organizations. Countries which fail to meet this obligation are, in effect, shifting the burden unfairly on others — and can ultimately lose the benefit of Membership.