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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The Objective of the Ministry Of Health

The objective of the function 'Health Service' as the total responsibility of the Ministry Of Health is to raise the health status of Malaysian by providing promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services with special emphasis to the disadvantage groups, in order that the health of the nation can measure up to the needs of the country's economic development and continuing social progress. For the attainment of this objective due regard will be given to the promotive of national unity.

In order to achieve the objective of the function 'Health Services' above, nine programmes are identified as shown in Figure 1. These programmes are further divided into activities and sub-activities as shown in Appendix 1A - 1I.

These programmes and activities of the Ministry are to be carried out by various managers located at various levels of organisation

of the Ministry. Hence there is a need for assigning the programmes and activities to the various management centres of the Ministry, to locate management centres that are being assigned responsibility and to specify the area of responsibility assigned. Pursuant to these needs the establishment of Responsibility Centres is imperative.

When the usage of Programmes and Activities were initially introduced in the Ministry, and in order to run them, 24 Responsibility Centres were designated, comprising of the Ministry's Headquarters, all state Directors' offices (including Sabah and Sarawak) and all Federal Institutions. Now, in 1987 there are 44 Responsibility Centres in Peninsular Malaysia.

#### 1.2 The Organisation: Finance Division

Finance Services is one of the sub-activities under Administration Programme which are carried out by the Finance Division.

The objective of the Administration Programme is to provide efficient and effective overall policy making, planning and administration of personnel, financial and physical resources towards the achievement of the Ministry's objective of delivering the health services