

POSTAL SERVICES BETWEEN

THE FIELD

(LIBERATED PART OF ERITREA)

AND

THE OUTSIDE WORLD

Study outline

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## INTRODUCTION

Today a very big part of the Eritrean population resides in various regions of the world as refugee. The Sudan, being the immediate neighbour and gateway, accommodates about 500,000 Eritreans. In North America there is an estimated number of about 90,000 Eritreans scattered in the major cities of the countries. Europe has about 50,000. The middle east hosts more than 100,000 Eritreans the majority of whom live in Saudi Arabia. A few thousand reside in Australia. Another few thousand live in various African countries (outside the Sudan).

Inside liberated Eritrea or the field, as it is commonly called, many tens of thousands of the liberation army in various departments of the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front find themselves scattered all over the liberated areas. It is not easy to even guess their numbers but in the liberated areas live both peasants and refugees who have not crossed the border. Although in small numbers there are other groups too who have short stay in the liberated area. Among these groups are visitors, journalists, relief workers etc.

Communication with Eritreans in the liberated area be it with the Sudan or other places is poor or at worst non-existent. Locating a friend, a relative, a former neighbour has become easy with the passage of time. The contact of the field with the outside world has very much improved by way of relief operations, conferences, and private visits. Based on these facts it looks the time is ripe for the establishment of postal delivery system which will intensify the communication between Eritreans abroad and their homeland. However the services should not be limited to individual Eritreans but also to official communication of the various departments in the field, the schools, relief organizations, researchers, foreign journalists, penpals, etc

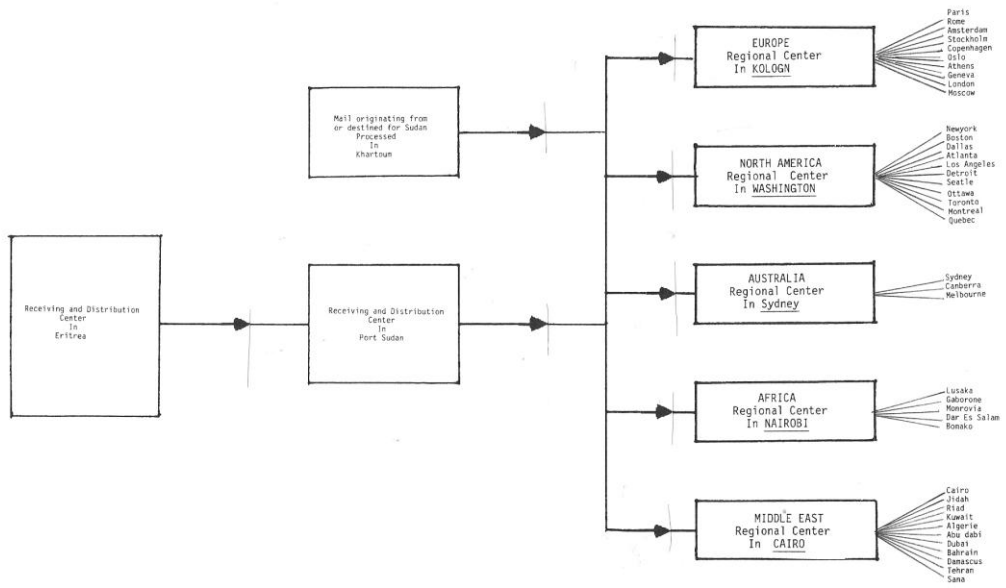
### Purpose of study

The purpose of this study is to lay down the initial planning, organization, costs, routes and procedures for an effective postal service under the present circumstance. The study also lists the requirements for manpower and define the most economical and reliable channels both ways from and to Eritrea. In short the study describes the options for the management of postal services using the international network when possible and creating an extension when necessary.

### Objective

The services outlined in this study applies only for services between the field and the outside world via the Sudan. There will be no services between two other points outside Eritrea.

ERITREA/SUDAN → OUTSIDE WORLD



OUTSIDE WORLD → ERETREA/SUDAN

