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On Nov. 21, Panamanian government officials told reporters that President Guillermo Endara will submit a US$451 million poverty reduction program for discussion by counterparts at the Central American summit scheduled for Dec. 12-13 in Honduras. The program, prepared by the Planning Ministry, aims at reducing the proportion of regional inhabitants living in poverty from 50% to 30% via a focus on improving health and public sanitation conditions, and expanding literacy. Of the total program cost, US$377 million will be spent over the 1992-1994 period, and the remaining funds throughout the remainder of the decade. The first part of the program is to be financed by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), and other foreign donors. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 11/21/91)

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