REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Agenda item 10

*For information**

PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2012)—RWANDA 200343

Food and Safety Net Assistance to Refugee Camp Residents and Returning Refugees	
Number of beneficiaries	94,000
Duration of project	30 months (January 2012–June 2014)
WFP food tonnage	31,389 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	17,052,846
Total cost to WFP	41,353,760

* In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it, well in advance of the meeting, and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.

NOTE TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

This document is submitted to the Executive Board for information

The Secretariat invites members of the Board who may have questions of a technical nature with regard to this document to contact the WFP staff focal point indicated below, preferably well in advance of the Board's meeting.

Regional Director, ODN*:   Mr S. Samkange   tel.: 066513-2262

Should you have any questions regarding matters of dispatch of documentation for the Executive Board, please contact Ms I. Carpitella, Administrative Assistant, Conference Servicing Unit (tel.: 066513-2645).

* Regional Bureau Nairobi (East and Central Africa)

WFP
wfp.org

ABSTRACT

1.   Rwanda is a landlocked and resource-poor country with a population density of 407 persons per square kilometre. Fifty seven percent of Rwandans live below the poverty line and 37 percent are classified as extremely poor in an economy dominated by subsistence agriculture. Despite these challenges, the country has made great strides in economic and social development since the 1994 war and genocide.

2.   Rwanda hosts 54,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who fled their country of origin owing to insecurity. While most of these refugees arrived in the mid-1990s, the last sizeable influx occurred in 2008. Chronic malnutrition in refugee children under 5 remains persistently high (33 percent) and although acute malnutrition levels among the refugees are low (6 percent), new cases continue to occur. Refugees live in three camps and rely on assistance to meet their basic food needs.

3.   This protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) includes a monthly general food distribution that caters for the basic needs of the refugees, and targeted safety net activities to meet additional food needs of vulnerable groups within the camps, as recommended by the joint assessment mission conducted by WFP and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in 2011. These targeted activities will provide age-appropriate improved fortified blended foods to children aged 6–23 months, moderately malnourished children aged 24–59 months, pregnant and lactating women, malnourished people living with HIV, and primary school children.

4.   Rwanda also receives returning refugees, and is expecting an increase in voluntary repatriation. Returnees will receive a resettlement package to cater for their food needs in the first three months following their return.

5.   This PRRO addresses WFP Strategic Objective 1 and WFP Strategic Objective 3 – Restore and rebuild lives and livelihoods in post-conflict, post-disaster or transition situations. It is aligned with the Government's Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, and contributes to Millennium Development Goals 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

WFP
wfp.org