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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY – 30 JUNE 2007) — LIBERIA 10454.0

Food Assistance for Relief and Recovery in Post-Conflict Liberia

Number of beneficiaries	767,000
Duration of project	24 months (1 July 2007 – 30 June 2009)
WFP food tonnage	53,632 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	18,860,428
Total cost to WFP	50,624,372

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ABSTRACT

1. Fourteen years of civil conflict have left challenges facing the Government: (i) pervasive poverty – half of the population live on less than 50 cents per day; (ii) limited health services – 90 percent of rural communities have none; and (iii) limited access to formal education – 31 percent of men and 62 percent of women have no formal education. The Government-led Comprehensive Food Security and Nutrition Survey revealed serious national food insecurity: 11 percent of surveyed households are food-insecure and 40 percent are highly vulnerable; recently returned households are the most vulnerable to food insecurity. The survey also found that 39 percent of children under 5 are stunted, 29 percent are underweight and 7 percent are wasted.
2. The political situation in neighbouring Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea is uncertain and there is fragile peace in Sierra Leone: Liberia is vulnerable to destabilization should a breach of peace occur in these countries.
3. WFP supported the return of 326,000 internally displaced people and 81,000 returning refugees to their places of origin during 2005–2006. This protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) will include interventions that will contribute to recovery and reintegration, focusing on areas where returnees have been resettling. Activities will be implemented in partnership with United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); they have been designed to mainstream gender and protection, ensuring equal opportunities for women and men.
4. PRRO 10454.0 contributes to the Government's efforts to attain universal primary education and sustainable food security while supporting institutional capacity-building and infrastructure development in line with Strategic Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
5. In coordination with the Government, United Nations agencies and NGOs, and in line with the Government's priorities, WFP's response strategy for the 2007–2009 intervention will focus on people-centred recovery that contributes to rehabilitation of education, health, infrastructures and agriculture.
6. WFP's response will include: (i) support for education, accounting for 71 percent of the PRRO; (ii) food for work activities, 14 percent; (iii) nutrition programmes, 14 percent; and (iv) a small relief component of general food distributions to Ivorian refugees living in camps, in coordination with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Gender and protection issues will be mainstreamed to ensure that women have equal opportunities to participate in asset-creation and in decision-making relating to the creation and distribution of the assets produced. Policies on environment and protection issues will continue to be enhanced, including awareness campaigns on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and HIV/AIDS.