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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2006): RWANDA 10531.0

Assistance to Refugees and Recovery Operations for the Most Vulnerable Households

Number of beneficiaries	2007 – 294,000 2008 – 248,500
Duration of project	24 months (1 January 2007–31 December 2008)
WFP food tonnage	48,667 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	13,642,846
Total cost to WFP	36,309,854

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1. Despite a decade of economic growth after the devastating 1994 genocide, Rwanda remains highly vulnerable to food insecurity and malnutrition. Recurrent droughts, plant and animal diseases, inappropriate farming practices and inadequate inputs significantly affect agriculture, in which 88 percent of the population is engaged and which accounts for 47 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). Poverty is widespread: 52 percent of the population live on less than US\$1 per day; 84 percent live on less than US\$2 per day. Per capita income is US\$195. Under 5 mortality is one of the highest in the world at 152/1,000; stunting is 45 percent. Rwanda is ranked 158th of 177 nations in the 2006 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Human Development Index.
2. Major regional uncertainties remain. Civil unrest and instability persist in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); the political situation in Burundi continues to be fragile. About 45,000 refugees, mostly from DRC, still reside in camps in Rwanda and are unlikely to repatriate quickly because of instability and lack of access to land.
3. The protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) implements the recommendations of the April 2006 joint needs assessment mission by WFP, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); it incorporates the findings of the comprehensive food security and vulnerability assessment (CFSVA) jointly implemented with the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) in April 2006. It supports the 2002–2006 Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) and is consistent with the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS) 2007–2011, which is expected to be published in May 2007. The operation complies with policy and programme direction agreed to by the United Nations country team in Rwanda and is consistent with WFP's Strategic Objectives.
4. The main objectives are: (i) to support recovery of the most vulnerable groups; (ii) to meet the daily food needs of refugees and provide an initial stock of food for returnees; (iii) to provide additional relief assistance for identified beneficiaries as required; and (iv) to build national capacities for monitoring and implementing food security and nutrition systems and interventions.
5. WFP's implementing and coordinating partners include the Rwandan Ministry of Local Government, Good Governance, Community Development and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, and the National Committee for the Fight Against HIV/AIDS, UNHCR, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), FAO, national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations.
6. The food requirement for this PRRO is 48,667 mt, valued at US\$13.6 million. The total cost to WFP is US\$36.3 million.