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## PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATION APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2000)— ZAMBIA 6134.01

### Food Assistance for Refugees from Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo

Number of beneficiaries	26,400
Female	13,700
Male	12,700
Duration of project	Twelve months (1 April 2000–31 March 2001)

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**Cost (United States dollars)**

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Total cost	2,594,731
Food cost	1,465,240

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1. Zambia has maintained an open-door policy for asylum seekers from Angola, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda. The total number of refugees in the country is estimated at 220,000. Approximately 80 percent of the total refugee population in Zambia originates from Angola, 17 percent from DRC and 3 percent from Burundi and Rwanda. About 58 percent of the refugees have settled spontaneously in Zambia, while the rest have been accommodated in two settlements, three refugee camps and three reception/transit centres in the Western, Northwestern and Northern provinces of the country.
2. Between 12 and 23 December 1999, a WFP/UNHCR Joint Food Needs Assessment Mission (JFAM), with the participation of donors and the Government of Zambia, reviewed the implementation of PRRO 6134.00. The mission recommended continuation of food assistance to the refugees in Mwange camp, to the vulnerable groups in Meheba and Mayukwayukwa settlements as well as to refugees who were unable to harvest crops.
3. PRRO 6134.01 was approved on 22 May 2000 to provide food assistance for 26,400 refugees for a period of 12 months at a total cost to WFP of US\$2,594,731. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is the implementing partner responsible for management of extended delivery points (EDPs) and food distribution in Meheba and Mayukwayukwa refugee settlements. The Zambia Red Cross Society/International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is responsible for food distribution in Mwange camp. The EDP in Mwange camp is managed by WFP.
4. The Government of Zambia allocates 2.5 hectares of land to each refugee family in the two settlements (Meheba and Mayukwayukwa). WFP food assistance is provided for two harvesting seasons to enable refugees to settle and produce their own food. In the settlements, only vulnerable groups, who cannot produce their own food, continue to receive WFP food assistance. However, refugees in camps and transit centres depend on WFP food assistance since they are not allocated plots of land. WFP assistance also promotes self-reliance of refugee women by training them in income-generating activities. A total of 75 percent of the refugees assisted by WFP under PRRO 6134.01 are women and children.

