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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY - 30 JUNE 1998) - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 5948.00

### Support to community initiatives for the development of sustainable agro-forestry

Total food cost	2 333 498 dollars
Total cost to WFP	4 739 614 dollars
Total cost to Government	9 654 614 dollars
Food requirement	4 991 tons
Number of beneficiaries	35 000
Duration of project	Five years

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars..

### ABSTRACT

In line with the Country Strategy Outline (CSO) for the Dominican Republic reviewed by the Executive Board in February 1998, the project supports the Government's efforts in environmental rehabilitation. It contributes to the improvement of living conditions of low-income farmer families, and is expected to help establish agro-forestry systems, sylvo-pastoral systems and household-plot cropping systems. The project also intends to enable beneficiaries to build essential basic community infrastructure such as aqueducts and small irrigation systems, and carry out road improvement through food-for-work activities. Community organizations will be strengthened through training in sustainable natural resource management practices, participatory planning, and technical and administrative skills development.

The project will assist 35,000 persons in poor rural households living in a total of 410 communities. Each beneficiary household will be entitled to receive, on average, 330 family rations during a five-year period. Food will also play an important role as an incentive for the construction of basic community infrastructure.

The project will be executed in close coordination with specialized national institutions involved in reforestation, water resource management, food production and environmental protection. Support to small farmers will be provided under the auspices of the National Development Plan and in particular under the National Quisqueya Plan Verde. Joint activities will also be carried out in coordination with IFAD, FAO and UNDP, which will provide essential technical support.

## NOTE TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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