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## PROJECT SRI LANKA 5346 (Exp.3)

(WIS No. SRI 0534603)

### Assistance to Sri Lankan internally displaced persons (IDPs)

Duration of project	Fourteen months
Number of beneficiaries	50 000
Total cost to WFP	3 622 309 dollars
Total cost to Government	1 337 800 dollars

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars, unless otherwise stated. One United States dollar equalled 55 Sri Lankan rupees in August 1996.

For relevant statistical data, please consult the WFP country profile for Sri Lanka, which is available on request.

### ABSTRACT

Civil strife in the North and East of Sri Lanka has undergone an escalation since April 1995. It is estimated that the conflict, which dates from 1983, has so far affected more than two million persons, initially farmers, fishermen and small businessmen, but more recently the entire population of the northern portion of Sri Lanka. At the end of June 1996, more than 800,000 persons (about 210,500 families) remained in welfare centres or with friends and relatives, as they were unable to return to their original villages. In particular, the conflict has forced large Muslim communities whose traditional homes are in the northern and eastern parts of the country to seek refuge in other provinces as a result of threats to their lives.

Since February 1992, the World Food Programme has provided emergency food aid to internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in welfare centres outside the conflict zone. The Government's social welfare mechanisms, using their own resources, provide dry rations to IDPs living inside the conflict zone as well as to those living with friends and relatives outside the conflict zone.

Under this project, WFP will supply the following food assistance to displaced persons residing in welfare centres located in the districts of Puttalam, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa: 8,030 tons of rice (400 grams per person a day), 1,004 of pulses (50 grams per person a day) and 402 of sugar (20 grams per person a day).

The Government will supply 502 tons of coconut oil from its own resources at the rate of 25 grams per person a day.

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