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Support to community programme

Total food cost	2,945,124 dollars
Total cost to WFP	4,776,203 dollars
Total cost to Government	7,374,030 dollars
Project duration	Four years (October 1998–September 2002)

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

ABSTRACT

Côte d'Ivoire is classified among the low income, food-deficit countries (LIFDCs). Despite reforms undertaken by the Government and the progress made, the country's educational system is tilted in favour of towns, of the south and of boys. The project's objective is to provide support to Government efforts aimed at increasing school attendance, at attenuating regional disparities, and reducing the gap between the numbers of boys and girls attending school.

Assistance WFP to the education sector in Côte d'Ivoire began in 1989 with project Côte d'Ivoire 3358.00. The total cost of interventions in this sector now amounts to approximately 35 million dollars. Some 531,000 pupils in 5,175 schools throughout the country have benefited from WFP assistance. The present project will concentrate on the north and focus on the progressive withdrawal of WFP assistance and its substitution by community-based interventions.

In order to make it easier for parents and village communities to take over responsibility for school feeding, the project features the following innovations:

- creation in individual schools of management committees made up of parents' representatives, teachers and local authorities;
- the food basket supplied by WFP to include 45 percent local commodities so as to encourage their production and consumption and to facilitate provisioning of canteens by parents;
- reinforcement of the monitoring and evaluation system through the recruitment of United Nations Volunteers (UNVs) who will participate in mobilizing communities and in forming management committees, and be responsible for project monitoring;
- two-year extension of WFP assistance in 715 southern schools in order to ensure a smooth transition towards the complete take-over of school feeding by local communities.

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