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## PROJECT MAURITANIA 5413.03

### Food aid for Malian refugees

Duration of project	Six months
Number of beneficiaries	22 500
Food cost to WFP	850 290 dollars
Total cost to WFP	1 794 028 dollars
Estimated total cost	2 902 062 dollars
WFP commodity requirements	2 531 tons

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

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1. The first influx of Malian refugees into Mauritania occurred in May 1991, following the outbreak of armed conflict between Malian Government forces and Tuareg rebels. The influx continued throughout 1992 and persisted until August 1994. Following negotiations, national reconciliation was established in mid-1995 and security has improved. The refugees seem to have gained confidence that peaceful settlement is now a reality. Consequently, repatriation has begun and has averaged roughly 800 persons a month since mid-1995. It is expected that voluntary repatriation will be completed by the end of 1997.
2. The current phase of the PRO will consist of the same five elements as the previous one. These are:
  - a) basic relief feeding to ensure an adequate nutritional status for the refugees;
  - b) repatriation packages to encourage and facilitate the refugees' return to Mali;
  - c) school feeding to improve school attendance in the camps;
  - d) food for work for the host population to rehabilitate the environment at the former camp-sites; and
  - e) therapeutic feeding, under medical surveillance, of vulnerable groups among the refugees.
3. The food requirements (in tons) for 180 days, for each of the five activities, are as follows:

Commodity	Relief feeding	Repatriation	School feeding	Vulnerable groups	FFW	Total needs	Carry-over stocks	Balance required
Cereals	1 629	216	22	6.6	300	2 174	0	2 174
Pulses	244	32	0	1.9	22.5	300	40	260
Vegetable oil	102	14	0.8	5.7	8.4	130.9	42.7	88
Sugar	81	11	1.1	5.1	0	98.2	133.5	0
Salt	20	3	0.4	0.5	0	23.9	15.4	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 076</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>2 727</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>2 531</b>

4. As under previous phases of the operation, the Government will designate the Commissariat à la Sécurité Alimentaire (Commissariat for Food Security - CSA) to coordinate all matters concerning support and assistance to the refugees. The distribution of food rations will continue to fall within UNHCR's mandate and will be carried out by the CSA (under contract with UNHCR). The monthly food rations will be distributed to the senior female member of each household.
5. After 31 July 1997, assistance to the refugees will continue under the umbrella of a regional PRO, approved by the Executive Board at its Second Regular Session of 1997; the final objective will be the repatriation and resettlement of Malian refugees out of Algeria, Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger.



6. The current PRO was approved by the Executive Director on 30 January 1997.



