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BASIC ACTIVITY WITHIN APPROVED COUNTRY PROGRAMME—HAITI 4111.01

Support to school canteens in poverty-affected areas (Basic Activity No. 2)

Duration of activity	Four years
Number of beneficiaries	Average of 77 500 students a year
Total food cost	5 652 853 dollars
Total cost to WFP	12 242 863 dollars
Total cost to Government	464 035 dollars

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

ABSTRACT

The Country Programme for Haiti was approved by the Executive Board at its Third Regular Session in October 1997. Basic education and nutrition, covering a period of four years, is included in the Country Programme as Basic Activity No. 2. The canteen component of the core programme is an expansion of project No. 4111, which currently provides school lunches and snacks to poor children of the North and North-East, and in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince. This activity would start in October 1998.

The activity targets regions with the highest levels of food insecurity, poverty and educational need. WFP assistance supports government strategies in education and will serve to ensure regular school attendance and prevent drop-out, improve children's learning capacity and micronutrient intake, and strengthen links between schools and their community environment.

School meals will be fortified with micronutrients and their effects enhanced through deworming treatment with the support of the Canadian Women's Health and Micronutrient Facility.

Although there is little gender discrimination in education in Haiti, the activity will help to strengthen further girls' education through advocacy and training, creation of appropriate infrastructure, and the participation of women in school affairs. It also includes an important capacity-building component through various types of training.

During the four years of the activity's duration, WFP will supply 14,086 tons of food commodities which will be distributed during 160 days a year to an annual average of 57,500 primary students in the North and North-East as well as 20,000 primary students in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince. In addition, 690 tons of pinto beans will be supplied for monetization to fund the purchase of products (micronutrients, premix, minerals) needed to fortify the drink to be served with the school meal, for the processing and manufacturing costs, baseline and nutritional census, monitoring unit, deworming tablets, and training. Investigations are under way for the production of blended food in Haiti.

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