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QUICK ACTION PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 1998)— GUINEA 5994.00

Community public works and sanitation

Number of beneficiaries	14,000
Duration of project	One year

Cost (United States dollars)

Total cost to WFP	1,125,387
Total food cost	601,440
Total cost to Government	3,995,500

ABSTRACT

Conakry, the capital of Guinea, is facing one of the worst sanitation problems in sub-Saharan Africa. This quick action project aims to support the Government's transitional programme for the management of urban waste and other related sanitation activities in Conakry. The transitional programme—November 1998 to October 1999—bridges the gap between two phases of a World Bank-supported urban environmental improvement project. The activities are targeted to the poor neighbourhoods of the city and include collection, evacuation and treatment of solid waste; maintenance of storm water and sewage canals; and construction of social infrastructure such as latrines, potable water fountains and washtubs. The project will improve the income level and food security of approximately 2,800 urban youngsters and women organized into associations. About 60 percent of the project's direct beneficiaries are women. Two international NGOs and one national NGO will be the executing agencies of the project, based on the Government's delegated management. The total cost to WFP is estimated at 1,125,387 dollars, while the Government contribution is valued at 3,995,500 dollars.

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