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# BASIC ACTIVITY WITHIN A COUNTRY PROGRAMME, APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY-30 JUNE 1999)— MALAWI 6142.00

# Assistance to Malnourished Groups

Number of beneficiaries 47,000 children aged from

6 months to 5 years

Duration of project Three years (1 September 1999

to 31 August 2002)

### **Cost (United States dollars)**

 Total cost to WFP
 6,048,895

 Total cost to Government
 818,891

 Total cost to others
 5,018,750

 Total cost
 11,886,536

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1. The WFP Executive Board approved the Country Programme for Malawi (1998–2001) on 13 May 1998. Basic Activity 1 concerns the project Assistance to Malnourished Groups.

- 2. In accordance with decision 1999/EB.A/2 of the Executive Board, WFP focuses its development activities on five objectives. This activity addresses objective number one (enable young children and expectant and nursing mothers to meet their special nutritional and nutrition-related health needs).
- 3. The aim of this activity is to improve the food security and nutritional status of households in Malawi, in line with the country's food security and nutrition policy.
- 4. WFP assistance will cover all Nutrition Rehabilitation Units (NRUs) in the country. Clinic–based and community–based supplementary feeding (CBSF) will be provided in 22 Extended Planning Areas (EPAs) in five of the 26 districts. These districts are Thyolo, Ntcheu, Lilongwe, Dedza, and Phalombe.
- 5. The activity will benefit a total of 47,000 children between 6 months and 5 years of age. Of these, 32,400 will be those admitted to NRUs, while the remaining 14,600 will consist of those benefiting from dry rations handed out at mother and child health care (MCH) centres (12,000) and CBSF centres (2,600).
- 6. An estimated 83,000 women, mothers or caregivers will receive take—home rations. There will be an estimated 260,000 indirect beneficiaries, since beneficiaries of the MCH and CBSF components will receive three daily take-home rations, while accompanying mothers in NRUs will receive daily rations.
- 7. A total of 15,089 tons of food will be required for the activity's implementation. The duration is 1 September 1999 (date of the first distribution) to 31 August 2002.

