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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2013) — CÔTE D'IVOIRE 200464

Saving Lives and Livelihoods, Promoting Transition

Number of beneficiaries	245,860
Duration of project	1 year (April 2013 – March 2014)
WFP food tonnage	12,990 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	7,473,330
WFP cash cost	6,225,600
Total cost to WFP	26,758,894

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ABSTRACT

1. The presidential elections in Côte d'Ivoire of November 2010 resulted in political instability, violence and the displacement of 500,000–700,000 people. Through an emergency operation WFP assisted the affected population until March 2013 with relief packages, food-for-assets activities and targeted nutrition support. Over the past 18 months, the security has gradually improved, and a basis for reconstruction and rehabilitation has emerged. Nonetheless, land use conflicts endure, and food prices remain relatively high in target areas in the west and north of Côte d'Ivoire.
2. This protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) is proposed to address persisting relief needs and promote the transition to recovery of 245,860 beneficiaries. The goals of the operation are to reach refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other vulnerable groups and communities whose food and nutrition security has been adversely affected by shocks; support the return of refugees and IDPs through food and nutrition assistance; and support the re-establishment of the livelihoods and food and nutrition security of communities and families affected by shocks. These goals will be pursued through the following activities:
 - Relief assistance for vulnerable households, including returning refugees and internally displaced persons who often find their land occupied, or experience insecurity which limits their access to land and to productive assets.
 - Targeted supplementary feeding to treat children aged 6–59 months with moderate acute malnutrition, and malnourished pregnant and lactating women.
 - Supplementary feeding for clients following anti-retroviral therapy to promote therapy adherence and nutritional recovery, complemented with cash assistance to reduce sharing and increase the impact of nutrition support.
 - Assistance to caretakers of severely malnourished children in therapeutic feeding centres to promote therapy adherence.
 - Asset creation to assist vulnerable households during the lean season by creating short-term employment and income and helping households and communities rebuild livelihoods.
3. Based on the results of a pilot intervention during the recent emergency operation, 20 percent of beneficiaries receiving relief assistance will receive cash. Cash is also the preferred transfer modality of the Government and cooperating partners for labour-intensive programmes. This share will be further increased if markets and other conditions allow. The remaining beneficiaries, mostly located in areas still vulnerable to security risks, or with limited access to well-functioning markets, will receive food.
4. The PRRO design was informed by assessments and consultations with key stakeholders, including government, donor and cooperating partners. It is fully aligned with the Government's National Development Plan, the National Social Protection Strategy and the National Nutrition Policy. It is integrated within the transition strategy of the Humanitarian Country Team and is part of the revised United Nations Development Assistance Framework (2009–2015).

5. WFP envisages that continued capacity development support will be required beyond the duration of this operation to progressively support government management of the activities. This PRRO pursues WFP's Strategic Objectives 1 (save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies) and 3 (restore and rebuild lives and livelihoods in post-conflict, post-disaster or transition situations) and will contribute to Millennium Development Goals 1, 4, 5 and 6.