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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–31 DECEMBER 2012) — SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE 200295

Transitioning Towards a Nationally Owned School Feeding and Health Programme

Number of beneficiaries	43,200 ¹
Duration of project	5 years (1 January 2012–31 December 2016)
WFP food tonnage	3,997 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	1,880,704
Total cost to WFP	4,966,331

¹ 43,200 beneficiaries reflects the maximum before hand-over. The annual average number of beneficiaries is 33,000.

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ABSTRACT

1. After 30 years of implementing a school feeding programme in Sao Tome and Principe, WFP is preparing to transition its school feeding programme to the Government. This follows the establishment of a National School Feeding and Health Programme with WFP's advocacy and support in 2010, and the National Assembly's approval of a school feeding and health policy in February 2011.
2. A decentralized evaluation of WFP's ongoing school feeding activities and an internal evaluation of the Government's capacities have highlighted that significant progress is still needed in three main areas: i) funding, ii) implementation and monitoring, and iii) accountability, in order to ensure a successful transfer of responsibilities to the Government.
3. This development project will focus on supporting the development of the Government's capacity to successfully manage a national school feeding programme while phasing the transfer of responsibilities for providing a daily hot meal to 43,200 schoolchildren from WFP's school feeding programme.
4. The timeline for the transition has been established in consultation with the Government, with an annual review of activities and milestones to expedite timely adjustments and remedial actions as needed.
5. The project is aligned to the country's new United Nations Development Assistance Framework (2012–2016) and WFP Strategic Objectives 4 and 5. It will contribute to achievement of Millennium Development Goals 2 and 3.