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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–31 DECEMBER 2012) — TOGO 200304

Promotion of Sustainable School Feeding

Number of beneficiaries	Not applicable
Duration of project	20 months (1 May 2012–31 December 2013)
WFP food tonnage	Not applicable
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	Not applicable
Total cost to WFP	1,082,702

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ABSTRACT

1. Economic turmoil in the past two decades has hampered the capacity of the Government of Togo to deliver basic social services. A low-income, least-developed and food-deficit country, Togo is in a transitional recovery phase following years of absence of international development partners and is now focused on setting an agenda and developing a policy framework for social protection activities. Household food insecurity and undernutrition remain pressing concerns, particularly in the northern regions.
2. Within its social protection plans, the Government has prioritized school feeding as a means to retain children and encourage enrolment in pre-school and primary schools. WFP's international expertise in the areas of school feeding, procurement (including Purchase for Progress) and logistics has been requested to assist the Government in developing and leading a national home-grown school feeding programme.
3. This development project will contribute to sustainable solutions for a nationally owned school feeding programme through:
 - increased institutional and human capital development at central and local levels related to policy and management of the school feeding programme; and
 - strengthened linkages between local production/agriculture and school meals, by providing technical assistance to the Government and partners.
4. The proposed activities support WFP's Strategic Objective 5 and are aligned to both the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF 2008–2013) strategic axis 2: "Development of the social sectors", and the subsequent UNDAF (2014–2018) which is under preparation, and which will focus on "equitable and sustainable access by the poor to productive resources (inclusive growth) and to basic social services". This project will also contribute to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 1 and 2.