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## PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2012) — SENEGAL 200138

### Assistance to Conflict-Affected People in the Casamance Naturelle and Communities Impacted by Production Deficit

Number of beneficiaries	503,213
Duration of project	23 months (February 2012–December 2013)
WFP food tonnage	22,316
<b>Cost (United States dollars)</b>	
WFP food cost	15,716,774
Total cost to WFP	38,712,259

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## ABSTRACT

1. Senegal is a least developed country in the Sahel with a population of 13.7 million and ranks 155<sup>th</sup> of 187 countries in the 2011 human development index of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
2. The Casamance Naturelle, Senegal's southernmost region, has been affected by protracted conflict since 1982, which has displaced people and disrupted livelihoods. Casamance is the most fertile area in the country, but violence and the presence of landmines continue to disrupt agricultural activity and trade. As a result, it has the highest prevalence of food insecurity in the country: according to a report issued by the national early warning system in August 2011, over 50 percent of the population in Casamance is food-insecure. It also has a high prevalence of stunting among children aged 6–59 months and the country's highest prevalence of micronutrient deficiencies among children and women.
3. This protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) will include a relief component providing short-term assistance to vulnerable communities affected by the production deficit in Casamance. Irregular rainfalls in 2011 contributed to what the Government projects will be a decline in food production of up to 80 percent compared to the previous year in some parts of the country.
4. WFP will support conflict-affected areas and provide short-term assistance to vulnerable communities affected by the production deficit in Casamance through: i) a relief component for drought-affected populations and a settlement package for repatriating refugees and displaced people; ii) blanket supplementary feeding to reduce high stunting prevalence; iii) school feeding to improve attendance and retention in preschools and primary schools; iv) food for recovery to enhance communities' resilience to shocks and promote reintegration of displaced populations; and v) cash voucher transfers to improve food access among vulnerable urban communities.
5. WFP continues to work with the Government to identify priorities for capacity development together with other United Nations agencies. Technical assistance is provided for government counterparts and cooperating partners to reinforce their capacities to collect and analyse food security data, perform monitoring and evaluation, and coordinate or manage food crises for both host communities and refugees.
6. The PRRO is expected to reach a total of 503,213 beneficiaries over two years. The food basket comprises: i) cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt for the targeted food distribution, food-for-work activities and resettlement package; ii) Supercereal with sugar, vegetable oil and a ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF)<sup>1</sup> for the supplementary and blanket feeding programmes and for the nutrition awareness programme; and iii) cereals, pulses, vegetable oil, salt and Supercereal for the school meals programme.
7. Contingency plans for Senegal are updated through inter-agency planning and emergency preparedness and response activities.

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<sup>1</sup> In this case the RUSF will be a type intended for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition in children aged 6–59 months of age, such as Plumpy'Sup<sup>®</sup>.