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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2011) — CAMEROON 200053

Protecting and Rebuilding the Livelihoods of Central African and Chadian Refugees and Host Populations in Cameroon

Number of beneficiaries	186,200
Duration of project	2 years (1 January 2011– 31 December 2012)
WFP food tonnage	19,023 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	8,057,959
Total cost to WFP	21,030,977

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ABSTRACT

1. Cameroon ranks 131st of 169 countries in the 2010 human development index. With gross national income of US\$2,197 per capita, more than 40 percent of its 19.4 million people live below the poverty line and 70 percent of them depend on agro-pastoral activities.
2. Fragile political and security conditions in neighbouring countries have had significant impact on Cameroon. In 2010, 82,000 refugees fleeing insecurity in the Central African Republic were scattered across the East and Adamaoua regions, while 2,600 refugees fleeing Chad were concentrated in the Langui refugee camp in the North region.
3. From August 2007 to 31 December 2010, both refugee groups received food assistance through WFP emergency operation 107350. Protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200053 continues to assist these refugee groups, and begins rebuilding the livelihoods of the Central African refugees and host population in the East and Adamaoua regions; it began in January 2011.
4. PRRO 200053 provides targeted support to: i) save lives and protect livelihoods for the refugees and host population (Strategic Objective 1); and ii) rebuild the livelihoods of refugees and host population and prevent malnutrition among children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women (Strategic Objective 3).
5. Food-for-training activities provide vulnerable women with nutrition messages to reinforce the success of supplementary feeding programmes. Food-for-work activities address environmental decay in and around the refugee areas by helping restore natural resources.
6. WFP continues to work with the Government to identify priorities for capacity development, and with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and United Nations Children's Fund. Technical assistance is provided for government counterparts and operating 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.
7. The PRRO is expected to reach a total of 186,200 beneficiaries over two years, 58 percent of whom are women. The food basket comprises: i) cereals, pulses, corn-soya blend plus (CSB+), vegetable oil and salt for the general food distribution; ii) CSB+, vegetable oil, sugar and a ready-to-use supplementary food (RUSF)¹ for the supplementary feeding programme, and iii) cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt for the food-for-work and food-for-training activities.
8. Contingency plans for Cameroon are updated through inter-agency planning and preparedness activities.

¹ In this case the RUSF will be a type intended for the treatment for moderate acute malnutrition in children 6–59 months of age, such as Plumpy Sup[®].