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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2009) — UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA 200029

Assistance to Refugees and Vulnerable Households Among Host Populations in Northwestern United Republic of Tanzania

Number of beneficiaries	98,200
Duration of project	24 months (January 2010–December 2011)
WFP food tonnage	27,597
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	12,751,953
Total cost to WFP	26,766,040

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ABSTRACT

1. Recurring instability in the Great Lakes region caused refugee movements into the United Republic of Tanzania in 1972 and the early 1990s. Numerous refugees have repatriated in recent years, been resettled in a third country or granted Tanzanian citizenship, but 100,000 refugees from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) remain in the United Republic of Tanzania. Few refugees are expected to repatriate in 2010.

- 2. In 2007, the Government imposed restrictions on refugee livelihoods, banned refugee markets and limited movement outside the camps, reducing trading opportunities and purchasing power and reducing access to fresh food. Surveillance in 2008 showed that 97 percent of the refugees depended on food aid.
- 3. WFP designed protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200029 in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations assisting refugees. PRRO 200029 is in line with Millennium Development Goals 1, 2, 4 and 5, and contributes to Strategic Objectives 1, 3, and 4.
- 4. The goal of PRRO 200029 is to improve and maintain the food security and nutritional status of refugees and protect the livelihoods of food-insecure households in the host population. Its objectives are to:
 - i) stabilize mortality rates and acute malnutrition among refugee children under 5;
 - ii) increase access to assets, especially for women, and improve coping capacities through training and asset-creation among vulnerable host populations;
 - iii) enable out-of-school children in host communities to attend school; and
 - iv) improve nutrition among targeted pregnant and lactating women and other vulnerable groups.
- 5. PRRO 200029 will provide food assistance for 90,000 refugees through general food distributions and supplementary feeding for 5,700 moderately malnourished children under 5, pregnant and lactating women, tuberculosis patients and women in prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV interventions. WFP will provide food for 1,300 patients in hospitals in the camps. About 800 Tanzanians are also expected to benefit from the camp-based hospital and nutrition programmes.
- 6. Limited support will be provided for programmes benefiting 7,400 Tanzanians. Activities include school feeding through Complementary Basic Education in United Republic of Tanzania centres, food for assets, food for training, assistance for foodinsecure people living with HIV and vulnerable group feeding.
- 7. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) provides protection, community services, nutrition, health, water and sanitation, non-food items and shelter. WFP works with UNHCR on food distribution, health, nutrition and advocacy. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) provides micronutrient supplements and health support and manages the PMTCT programme.
- 8. WFP will work with partners to monitor early-warning information; there are UNHCR and WFP contingency plans in Burundi, DRC, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda. WFP will maintain three to six months of food stocks at all times. Logistics assets are stored in Isaka for rapid deployment or to respond to emergencies in the region.

