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Support to basic education

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| Total food cost | 1,726,073 dollars |
| Total cost to WFP | 2,575,933 dollars |
| Total cost to Government | 1,151,700 dollars |
| Number of beneficiaries (current average) | 33,000 |
| Project duration | Three years |

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

ABSTRACT

Project Madagascar 3936.00—"Support to basic education", which began in 1991, was centred on the provinces of Mahajanga, which was selected for the high repetition rate, and Toliary, selected because of food insecurity and diminishing school enrolment and attendance rates. At the end of 1995 an evaluation mission recommended that WFP assistance be continued providing a number of corrective measures were taken regarding targeting, monitoring and evaluation, and logistics. The mission's recommendations included withdrawing from urban schools in favour of rural schools and pulling out of Mahajanga province, which has become an agricultural surplus area.

The project's new phase (3936.01) is therefore centred on the province of Toliary, the poorest region in Madagascar and the one with the smallest percentage of schoolgoers. It is characterized by a very low rate of school enrolment and a high percentage of drop-outs, and of pupils repeating classes. WFP assistance will help improve school enrolment and attendance rates in the poorest 210 primary schools and 11 school districts in the province.

The participation of village communities in project management will be ensured through programme contracts specifying the duties and responsibilities of all parties at the level of individual schools.

A training programme in basic nutrition and hygiene will be provided for cooks, while canteen managers will receive training in commodity management.

The project will be jointly monitored by WFP and the national institution mandated by the Ministry for Secondary and Basic education.

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