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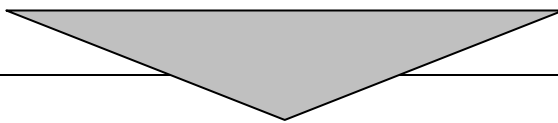
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**BUDGET INCREASE TO
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY—
ETHIOPIA 10004.0/Act3
(former WIS no. 4929.01)**

Improving Education through School Feeding

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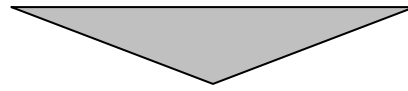
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Draft Decision



The Board approves the proposed budget increase, which reflects an additional requirement of food and cash against activity Ethiopia 10004.0/Act3 (WFP/EB.2/2001/6-A/3), and whose total value amounts to US\$5,338,663.

BACKGROUND

1. Activity 10004.0 (former WIS no. 4929.01)—Improving Education through School Feeding—was approved under the Ethiopia Country Programme (1998–2003) for a period of five years. It provides a micronutrient-fortified *faffa* (local cereal) beverage and porridge (Famix), and biscuits to schoolchildren in the most chronically food deficit regions and in areas with low levels of girls' literacy. Within the framework of the Government's Education Sector Development Programme, the activity aims at improving the nutritional status of children, relieving their short-term hunger, increasing enrolment —particularly of girls—stabilizing attendance and reducing drop-out rates.
2. Implementation of the activity during the first two and a half years demonstrated that the provision of a food supplement in the schools enhanced enrolment and reduced drop-out rates in most locations, and had a high commitment from the community (parents and teachers). It also encouraged girls to attend the full school year and eventually complete their primary school education.
3. Consequently, and following the drought and emergency situation of 2000 and the wide prevalence of food insecurity in the targeted regions, the number of beneficiaries for the current school year (2000/2001) increased by about 119,000, to a total of 258,000. The urgent nutritional needs of these additional schoolchildren were met through a partial reduction in the overall daily ration and number of feeding days, and by sending some of the commodities ahead of time.

RATIONALE

4. In view of the massive nutritional and educational needs of children in Ethiopia and the overwhelming response to school feeding at the community level, the present increase is proposed to extend the coverage of the school canteens to additional children, in regions facing both very high food insecurity and low enrolment rates, especially for girls. This proposed increase, within the School Feeding Initiative (SFI), will allow WFP both to maintain assistance to the recently increased number of beneficiaries (119,000 additional schoolchildren in 309 schools) for the duration of the project—with full rations and the required number of feeding days—and to expand assistance to a total of 140,000 additional beneficiaries in 294 schools. At least 45 percent of total beneficiaries will be girls. The activity will be expanded within the four regions already targeted (Afar, Amhara, Oromiya and Tigray), reaching the more distant and scattered sites, and in two new regions, the Somali region and the Southern Nations, Nationalities and People Region (SNNP), all



identified as crisis-prone and food-deficit areas by the WFP vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM) assessment.

5. In line with the commodities available within the SFI, and the food quantities already delivered (especially the Famix), the current food basket will be progressively modified to include imported corn-soya blend (CSB) and vegetable oil, in addition to the locally produced biscuits. CSB is already known to the Ethiopian population, as it has been used in prior emergency operations in the country. In addition, training will be provided on cooking it (since most of the food basket up to now has not required cooking). The proposed ration is:

Commodities	Full day school	Half day school
	Ration size (grams)	
CSB	200	100
Vegetable oil	12	6
Salt	3	3
Biscuits	150	75

6. The commodities will be transported by WFP to the extended delivery points (EDPs). From the EDPs to the schools, the transportation costs will be shared equally by WFP and the Ministry of Education. The increased coverage will mainly imply supplying more schools from the existing EDPs. Specific training will be provided for the limited additional EDPs.
7. The proposed expansion will require cash resources to achieve additional delivery and monitoring capacity from the Government and WFP, and to ensure that the food is properly accounted for (delivered, cooked and fed to beneficiaries). Apart from regular transport costs and the additional overland cost linked to the imported commodities, the cash resources will be used mainly for: (i) cooking facilities; (ii) additional field monitors and vehicles for monitoring visits to implement the changes and cover the increased volume; and (iii) training workshops on implementation and monitoring in new sites, and food preparation.

FOOD REQUIREMENTS

8. As part of the SFI, the proposed budget revision will require a total of 6,310 tons of CSB and 631 tons of vegetable oil.



ETHIOPIA 10004.0/ACT.3 (former WIS no. 4929.01)
 "IMPROVING EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOOL FEEDING"
 TOTAL BUDGET COST BREAKDOWN

	Current budget	Addition	Revised budget	Current cost	Additional cost	Current total value	Additional total value	Revised value
	(tons)			(US\$)				
WFP COSTS								
A. Direct operational costs								
Commodity								
Wheat	150		150	213		31 950		31 950
Biscuits	18 125		18 125	801		14 518 125		14 518 125
<i>Faffa</i>	2 229		2 229	411		916 119		916 119
<i>Faffa</i> drink	3 882		3 882	454		1 762 808		1 762 808
CSB	3 985	6 310	10 295	254	254	1 012 190	1 602 740	2 614 930
Vegetable oil		631			739		466 309	466 309
Total commodities	28 371	6 941	34 681			18 241 192	2 069 049	20 310 241
Transport costs								
Landside transport								
ITSH						3 990 686		3 990 686
LTSH							999 504	999 504
B. Other direct operational costs						48 300	655 000	703 300
Subtotal direct operational costs						22 887 891	4 717 378	27 605 269
C. Direct support costs								
Total direct costs						23 825 791	4 952 378	28 778 169
D. Indirect support costs								
TOTAL WFP COSTS						26 996 364	5 338 663	32 335 027

