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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 1998)—GUYANA 4889.01

Multi-purpose agricultural and community development project

Total food cost	954,496 dollars
Total cost to WFP	1,999,418 dollars
Total cost to Government	4,552,527 dollars
Number of beneficiaries	24,800
Duration of project	Two years (1 January 1998– 31 December 1999)

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

ABSTRACT

The project follows the basic thrust of the original phase. It consists of three components: a) agricultural production support; b) community development; and c) social support. The agricultural production support component will involve 5,600 poor small-scale farmers and provide improved drainage and irrigation; it will comprise the cultivation of 15,000 hectares of reclaimed lands through food for work. The community development component targets 6,500 beneficiaries in marginalized community groups through the rehabilitation of infrastructure such as schools, health centres, roads and water pipes. In addition, training and income-generating programmes (in close collaboration with initiatives by other United Nations agencies) are envisaged for 6,000 beneficiaries. The social support component targets 6,700 disadvantaged children and elderly people, as well as health and education workers in food-deficit indigenous areas. The objectives of the social support component (Sub-project 3) are to: a) support on-site feeding schemes by NGOs; and b) provide salary supplements to hospital and teaching staff and low-paid administration workers in indigenous areas. The functions of food aid are various: a) an incentive for undertaking community self-help activities and during the start-up phase in training and income-generating activities; b) an income transfer to low-paid workers in hinterland areas by supplementing their daily wages; c) a dietary support to selected vulnerable groups by providing regular well balanced meals; and d) a budgetary support to hinterland hospitals. WFP resources will be complemented with a government input of 4.5 million dollars. Government inputs to the programme will increase globally from 10 percent to 70 percent as WFP phases out of the project. Inter-American Development Bank support to the project will continue for two additional years following WFP's phasing out.

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