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PROJECT MALAWI 5782

(WIS No. MLW 0578200)

Enhanced food security through targeted food for work

Duration of project	Eighteen months
Total cost to WFP	2 062 145 dollars
Total cost to Government	1 300 000 dollars
Number of beneficiaries	35 000

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars, unless otherwise stated. One United States dollar equalled 15.2 Kwacha in June 1996.

For relevant statistical data, please consult the WFP country profile for Malawi, which is available on request.

ABSTRACT

Many of Malawi's small and marginal farmers are becoming steadily poorer and progressively more at risk because of drought and crop failure, hence increasingly food-insecure. As successfully demonstrated through the 1995/96 emergency operation (EMOP), food for work (FFW) can help to mitigate food insecurity through short-term employment opportunities with food as a wage component or incentive for self-help activities, at the same time producing outputs capable of reducing the longer-term food insecurity of the rural poor. Experience in the country confirms that vulnerable women are eager to undertake such activities, which employ a high percentage of households headed by women and generate longer-term development benefits. A total of 35,000 beneficiaries will participate in FFW activities. Women will comprise 70 percent of the target group and will be the main long-term beneficiaries of the assets created. The vulnerability analysis and mapping system will be a tool for project targeting. WFP will also collaborate in practical ways with donors as well as projects and initiatives within the United Nations system.

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