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## **PROJECT DJIBOUTI 4960 (Exp.2)**

(WIS No.DJR 0496002)

### **Food assistance to Ethiopian and Somali refugees and returnees from Ethiopia**

Project duration	Twelve months
Total cost to WFP	1 879 246 dollars
Estimated total cost	3 088 952 dollars
Number of beneficiaries	22 000 refugees and 18 000 returnees

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

### **ABSTRACT**

Djibouti has been providing asylum to relatively large numbers of refugees, as a result of civil conflict and the ensuing economic and political instability in neighbouring Ethiopia and Somalia. A joint WFP/UNHCR food assessment mission undertaken in December 1995 in collaboration with the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and Displaced Persons (ONARS) reviewed the case-load of the required assistance. The mission recommended that food aid continue through 1996-97 since the refugees are housed in three camps situated in arid regions where cultivation is not possible and even small animal husbandry is very limited. Moreover, there are only small villages near the camps and there are no wage-earning opportunities; this is compounded by the severe unemployment already existing in Djibouti. Development considerations include primary school feeding and income-generating activities for women, such as tailoring and running small restaurants. Particular attention is given to women and children when delivering care and maintenance in the camps. UNHCR will provide special care for unaccompanied children and women at risk. For the returnees, WFP will provide a nine-month food package. ONARS, under UNHCR supervision, is responsible for coordinating assistance to the beneficiaries and managing the refugee camps.

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