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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GAMBIA 5932.00

### Primary school feeding (transitory project)

Total cost to WFP	2 328 748 dollars
Total cost to Government	141 458 dollars
Food requirement	2 937 tons
Number of beneficiaries	96 000 schoolchildren
Duration of project	Ten months: School year 1997/98 (Jan.-June 1998) School year 1998/99 (Sept.-Dec. 1998)

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

### ABSTRACT

The project aims to address the problem of a gap in the supply of food to primary schools. It was devised to compensate for the extended preparation time required by the Government to create the conditions for a targeted, sustainable proposal that fully incorporates WFP guidelines and a phasing-out strategy. While representing a continuation of previous WFP assistance to the education sector, the project also marks a transition from an open-ended approach to one which includes strategic features essential to effecting a sustainable and finite intervention. Specifically, those areas which have already achieved the enrolment target of 74 percent for 1998 set out under the Revised National Education Policy will not be considered for inclusion; emphasis will be placed instead on assisting those which have yet to do so. The number of areas covered will be progressively reduced as they achieve the established target.

The project will contribute the Government's objective of improving the access to, and quality and relevance of, education; it will specifically serve as an incentive for increasing enrolment and improving attendance in primary schools, especially of girls. Food aid will be an integral part of the resources deployed in a coordinated effort by the Government, WFP, the World Bank, NGOs and the cooperating communities to raise the primary school gross enrolment ratio to 95 percent by the year 2008, at the same time improving attendance, quality and relevance of education, and promoting gender equity.

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