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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - ETHIOPIA 5869

### Urban women's fortified food facility

Duration of project	Two years
Number of beneficiaries	7,500 women and 7,500 children a year
Date approved	21 August 1997
Total food cost	1,011,600 dollars
Total cost to WFP	2,135,811 dollars
Total cost to Government	30,025 dollars

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.  
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1. Closely linked to project Ethiopia 5403 (Urban food assistance facility), this pilot project provides fortified food assistance funded by the Government of Canada under its Women's Health and Micronutrient Facility. The project will be carried out through existing integrated programmes under the Consortium of NGOs on Family Planning (COFAP) umbrella, operating in the poorest slum areas of Addis Ababa. In line with national health and family planning strategies, the facility will support initiatives aimed at improving the health status of expectant and nursing mothers, thereby reducing premature and still births, low birth weight, and maternal mortality. It also aims at safeguarding new-born babies during their first few months of life and reducing the risks of their developing mental or physical disturbances.
2. At the same time, supplementary feeding will be used as an incentive to attend health-related services such as family planning, primary health care (i.e., immunization, breast-feeding promotion, anaemia control, etc.) and basic health education (i.e., sexually transmitted diseases, nutrition, child care, etc.). WFP will conduct a survey in consultations with COFAP, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, other relevant agencies and the Government of Ethiopia in order to investigate the current health status among expectant and nursing mothers and their new-born babies in the slum areas of Addis Ababa. The survey will establish a baseline and set criteria for the selection of beneficiaries, review the composition of the blended food, propose quantitative indicators and design a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system. The latter, which must assess the impact of the project on the beneficiaries, will be integrated with the M&E procedures operational under project Ethiopia 5403.

