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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2014) — GUINEA 200687

Enhancing Food and Nutrition Security of Vulnerable Groups Affected by Shocks in the Forest Guinea Region

Number of beneficiaries	81,325
Duration of project	18 months (1 April 2014–30 September 2015)
WFP food tonnage	3,803 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
Food and related costs	3,155,983
Cash and vouchers and related costs	510,300
Capacity development and augmentation	299,000
Total cost to WFP	5,391,926

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ABSTRACT

1. Guinea is a low-income food-deficit country emerging from political instability exacerbated by conflict in the region. The presidential and legislative elections of 2013 have put the country on the road to constitutional order. Slow but gradual progress is now being made towards achieving the Government's goals of national reconciliation, improved economic activity, and enhanced food security.
2. Thirty percent of the population – 11.8 million people – remain moderately or severely food-insecure. Most of these needs can be addressed through longer-term interventions. There are three groups, however, that continue to require relief and recovery support: i) Ivorian refugees; ii) conflict-affected populations in the Forest Region, and iii) flood-prone communities in the Upper Guinea and Forest regions.
3. As the security situation in Côte d'Ivoire improves, WFP continues supporting efforts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the governments of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea to allow refugees to choose between voluntary repatriation and integration into Guinean society. As the number of refugees resettled at Kouankan II camp decreases, WFP will continue providing general food distributions until September 2014. From October onwards, WFP assistance will shift from general food distributions to social safety net support for vulnerable segments of the population.
4. The Government of Guinea has also requested humanitarian support in addressing increasing inter-ethnic conflict in the Forest Region. Under this protracted relief and recovery operation, WFP will continue supporting peace building efforts of the local government and specialized non-governmental organization partners working with communities to restore the social fabric of conflict-prone communities.
5. In flood-prone areas, food assistance will be an incentive to participate in community rehabilitation and mitigation works and training designed to reduce the negative effects of floods. Under the stewardship of local government units and international non-governmental organizations, activities will take place mainly in the lean period when food transfers are most appropriate.
6. Project activities are in response to requests from the Government and have been designed in concert with plans and policies of relevant government ministries, local government units, United Nations agencies and other interested stakeholders. The operation addresses Strategic Objectives 1, 2 and 3 of the WFP Strategic Plan (2014–2017).