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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2007) — MAURITANIA 10605.0

Support to Population Groups Vulnerable to Food Insecurity and Malnutrition and Strengthening of Response Mechanisms

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| Number of beneficiaries | 874,495 |
| Duration of project | 24 months (1 January 2008–31 December 2009) |
| WFP food tonnage | 32,109 mt |
| Cost (United States dollars) | |
| WFP food cost | 13,850,893 |
| Total cost to WFP | 30,823,826 |

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ABSTRACT

1. Mauritania's food and nutritional insecurity is structural, but exacerbated by short-term factors such as increases in world oil and food prices, and late rains and unprecedented flooding in 2007. These factors have reduced the incomes of small farmers and pastoralists, which had already been affected by successive years of drought and a locust invasion.
2. Protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 10605.0 targets small farmers and pastoralists living in the agro-pastoral zone with the aim of improving the nutritional status of children under 5, pregnant and lactating women and people living with HIV receiving anti-retroviral treatment. There is an additional component for Mauritanian returnees from Senegal as part of a voluntary repatriation operation.
3. PRRO 10605.0 also aims to enhance capacities in emergency response mechanisms and in beneficiary communities to enable them to become self-sufficient. Special attention will be paid to consolidating the achievements in capacity-building under the preceding PRRO 10359.0.
4. The objectives of PRRO 10605.0 are to:
 - improve the nutritional status of children under 5, pregnant and lactating women and other vulnerable groups (Strategic Objective 3 and Millennium Development Goals [MDGs] 4, 5 and 6);
 - save lives in crisis situations (Strategic Objective 1 and MDG 1);
 - protect means of subsistence of vulnerable population groups and enhance their resilience to shocks (Strategic Objective 2 and MDGs 1, 3 and 7); and
 - build government capacities to establish response mechanisms adapted to the immediate needs of food-insecure population groups and improve (i) the management and monitoring-and-evaluation (M&E) capacities of cooperating partners, and (ii) the capacities of beneficiary communities to take charge of themselves (Strategic Objective 5 and MDGs 1, 3 and 8).
5. The implementation strategy of PRRO 10605.0 is based on (i) the joint rural household food security study by the National Statistics Office, the Food Security Monitoring Centre and WFP in June 2007, (ii) the 2007 multiple-indicator cluster survey, following recommendations of the mid-term evaluation of PRRO 10359.0, and (iii) consultations held with the government counterpart, cooperating partners and beneficiaries between June and September 2007.
6. The operation is in line with government priorities, in particular the Strategic Framework for Poverty Alleviation 2006–2010 and the 2006 National Policy for Nutritional Development. It is also part of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).
7. WFP collaborates with the Government to ensure the transfer of responsibilities. Under the preceding operation, the authorities in certain regions took over some processes, in particular identification of activities and M&E. Result indicators have been established to measure progress with a view to phasing down WFP assistance.