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Assistance to Populations Affected by the Côte d'Ivoire Protracted Crisis

Number of beneficiaries	1,006,000
Duration of project	18 months (1 July 2007 – 31 December 2008)
WFP food tonnage	47,256 mt
Cost (United States dollars)	
WFP food cost	14,753,358
Total cost to WFP	41,239,517

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ABSTRACT

1. After four years of civil conflict, massive population displacement and a division of the country, there are signs of improvement in the political situation of Côte d'Ivoire. But the long-term effects of the crisis, including widespread food insecurity, are expected to persist: humanitarian assistance is still needed to address the needs of the most vulnerable people. The return of previously displaced people is under way in the west of the country, but on a small scale.
2. WFP has been present in Côte d'Ivoire since 1989; initial plans to phase out by the end of 1990s were interrupted by the civil strife. WFP's future hand-over strategy will be influenced by progress in the peace process, the pace of economic recovery and the Government's capacity to re-establish and develop basic services in support of vulnerable groups.
3. In 2007–2008, WFP will support the recovery process and work to mitigate the residual effects of the protracted crisis. Preparations will be made for a phase-down of relief and recovery activities and a shift to development and joint United Nations programming beyond 2008.
4. The WFP strategy is consistent with the Common Humanitarian Action Plan, whose objectives include (i) re-establishment of basic services, (ii) protection and re-integration of displaced populations and (iii) reinforcement of food security and promotion of livelihoods.
5. Recovery interventions will constitute the bulk of activities under this protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO); they include education, food for work (FFW), food for training (FFT) and targeted nutrition programmes.
6. The education component will be the largest, 55 percent of the PRRO, providing cooked school meals for 580,000 students and take-home rations for 60,000 girls and their families, with a focus on food-insecure regions with low enrolment rates in line with Strategic Objective 4 and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2 and 3. FFW and FFT for 90,000 beneficiaries will account for 22 percent of the PRRO with a view to sustaining the return and self-reliance of displaced populations such as demobilized and war-affected children; the focus will be on agriculture, infrastructure rehabilitation and training in line with Strategic Objective 2 and MDGs 1 and 7. Targeted nutrition programmes for 47,000 vulnerable mothers, children under 5 and people living with HIV in food-insecure areas will account for 18 percent of the PRRO in line with Strategic Objective 3 and MDGs 4, 5 and 6.
7. In contrast to the previous PRRO, the relief component is reduced from 30 percent to 5 percent, intended to assist 17,000 internally displaced people in line with Strategic Objective 1 and MDGs 1 and 4.
8. Geographic and socio-economic beneficiary targeting is based on secondary data analysis and primary data collection, including the UNICEF multiple-indicator cluster survey, the 2006 FAO crop assessment, the WFP food security monitoring system and the emergency food security assessment of September/October 2006.