

برنامج
الأغذية
العالمي



Programme
Alimentaire
Mondial

World
Food
Programme

Programa
Mundial
de Alimentos

**Executive Board
Third Regular Session**

Rome, 20–24 October 2003

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Agenda item 9

*For information**



Distribution: GENERAL
WFP/EB.3/2003/9-C/2
9 September 2003
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATION APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2003)— HAITI 10275.0

Relief Response to Drought and Malnutrition

Number of beneficiaries	131,500
Duration of project	12 months (1 May 2003—30 April 2004)

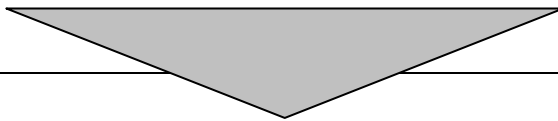
Cost (United States dollars)

Total food cost	2,115,599
Total cost to WFP	5,271,628

* In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it in advance of the meeting and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that this is a proper use of the Board's time.

This document is printed in a limited number of copies. Executive Board documents are available on WFP's WEB site (<http://www.wfp.org/eb>).

Note to the Executive Board



This document is submitted for information to the Executive Board.

The Secretariat invites members of the Board who may have questions of a technical nature with regard to this document to contact the WFP staff focal points indicated below, preferably well in advance of the Board's meeting.

Regional Director, Latin America & Caribbean Bureau (ODPC): Ms Z. Mesa

Senior Liaison Officer, ODPC: Ms E. Kocken tel.: 066513-2207

Should you have any questions regarding matters of dispatch of documentation for the Executive Board, please contact the Supervisor, Meeting Servicing and Distribution Unit (tel.: 066513-2328).



1. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world and the only least-developed country (LDC) in the Latin American and Caribbean region. Approximately 65 percent of the population lives below the poverty line and has virtually no capacity to respond to any type of crisis. This situation is particularly serious in the North-West Department and the Central Plateau, where people are experiencing a severe drought and recurrent climatic variations. The sharp deterioration in purchasing power and high levels of unemployment leave Haitians with few livelihood opportunities. Haiti is not only a country in crisis—it has a significant food gap. According to a vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM) study, 56 percent of the population is food-insecure. The political and economic impasse continues to delay full resumption of external financial assistance, which has fallen sharply since 2000.
2. In December 2002 the Government of Haiti presented a request for emergency food assistance in the Far West, a section of the North-West Department. In response, WFP conducted an emergency needs assessment in December 2002 and launched an Immediate Response Account emergency operation (IRA-EMOP) later that month. A technical mission to appraise the humanitarian situation in January 2003 presented a number of recommendations with respect to WFP's continued emergency programming in Haiti, including the need for a focused humanitarian operation that built on the WFP/Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE) IRA-EMOP in the North-West Department and covered zones in the Far West and Central Plateau, also affected by malnutrition, drought and economic crisis. In March 2003 the United Nations system, in collaboration with the Government of Haiti and the non-governmental organization (NGO) community, presented an appeal to the international community to respond generously to fund an integrated emergency and rehabilitation programme. This PRRO is part of that programme.
3. The PRRO will provide relief assistance to prevent an increase in malnutrition and further destruction of livelihoods, and will also introduce a safety-net approach to achieve greater flexibility and efficiency in reaching people affected by drought, malnutrition and economic crisis. The PRRO also lays the foundation for a longer-term operation that will include recovery and rehabilitation activities.
4. The PRRO will cover a 12-month period starting in May 2003 and will reach 28,300 families for a food cost of US\$2.1 million. The proposed resource level and the number of beneficiaries represent an increase in WFP's contribution to ease the drought situation. WFP's assistance will complement ongoing assistance, including that provided under the country programme.

