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SUMMARY OF EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSE— ETHIOPIA PRRO 6180.00

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RE	COMMENDATIONS	ACTION OFFICE/UNIT	MANAGEMENT RESPONSE AND ACTION TAKEN			
Recommendations on the Development of the Successor PRRO						
	On the basis of achievements under Protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 6180, the country office should continue its work on preparation of a successor PRRO, which should be prepared with close attention to the Guidelines for the Preparation of a PRRO.	Country office	The successor PRRO has been prepared following the guidelines for PRRO preparation and has been approved.			
	At an early date, the country office should organize a workshop of not less than three days' duration with an experienced external facilitator to develop a logframe for the future PRRO; the logframe should be developed with wide participation of country office and sub-office staff and staff of other country office units, particularly the Vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM) and development unit. The logframe must be produced by, not for, WFP Ethiopia and should be annexed to the successor PRRO document.	Country office	The country office will be conducting a logframe workshop in February 2002 prior to initiation of the successor PRRO. Relevant sub-office staff and all units, including development and VAM, will participate. The logframe will be prepared and annexed to the next PRRO document.			
	The WFP regional bureau should seek to manage the regional dimension of the closures of the eastern camp and repatriation, and consider how best to ensure complement- arity of the WFP operations in northern Somalia and Ethiopia.	Regional bureau (ODK)	ODK will ensure that cross-border dialogue between Ethiopia and Somalia country offices is pursued and that regional aspects of population movements are taken into account in formulating and implementing activities related to repatriation.			
Re	commendations related to resourcing					
	WFP should continue building donor awareness of the PRRO category and activities and consider arranging donor field visits.	Country office, Regional bureau (ODK)	In this effort, active donor participation in the August 2001 joint food needs assessment mission (JFAM) was successfully achieved. The country office and UNHCR will plan donor visits to the camps and participate in the donor forum. Diversification of the donor base through information campaigns is part of the overall country office plan.			
			ODK will work with the country offices in its region, including Ethiopia, to ensure that donor awareness of the PRRO category is enhanced. Field visits by donors will be encouraged.			

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Recommendations related to implementation and management					
	As recommended in the 1997 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), WFP should prepare an annual joint plan of action with UNHCR.	Country office	The country office is currently reviewing its MOU with the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) and plans to have a final tripartite agreement at the end of January 2002 based on the new UNHCR Country Programme and the WFP PRRO. A joint plan of action will result from this exercise.		
	WFP should seek agencies to work with residual needy people when refugees are repatriated and camps closed.	Country office	The country office already has partnerships with the Bureau of Agriculture and local NGOs such as Hope for the Horn for work with the needy in the context of repatriation of refugees and camp closures. These efforts will be continued and strengthened under the successor PRRO.		
	WFP should review and amend with ARRA the monitoring formats for field-visit reports to complement quantitative reporting with qualitative reports relating to the achievement of project and programme objectives, post-distribution food use and beneficiary perceptions of the distribution systems. This information should then be incorporated in the monthly sub-office situation reports.	Country office	The refugee unit is improving its monitoring formats to ensure conformity with the latest OEDE guidelines. These will be re- issued and training will be provided to field monitoring staff in an effort to strengthen the overall programme.		
	WFP should continue to monitor and work with partners to achieve rapid registration and issuance of ration cards to new arrivals.	Country office	Revalidation exercises in the western refugee camps are taking place in December 2001 and the first half of 2002. UNHCR is strengthening and accelerating the registration system by introducing new ration cards and computerizing the beneficiary list.		
Re	commendations related to Objective 1	1			
	WFP should investigate beneficiary self-reliance and coping mechanisms.	Country office	The JFAM conducted in late August 2001 included results from surveys of self-reliance and coping mechanisms. This is reflected in the JFAM report. The country office will continue to monitor changes in coping mechanisms and partnership opportunities in an effort to expand refugee self-reliance.		

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>	WFP should continue efforts to provide milling facilities for beneficiaries. If no short-term solution is feasible, the general ration should be adapted to include compensation for the cost of milling.	Country office	Because of the increasing success of the manual grinding mill pilot programme, the country office intends to expand that programme under the successor PRRO. Since March 2001, a few mills have been provided to the camps on a trial basis, along with training for staff and refugee women to assist the community in managing and maintaining them. As demand increases and management and maintenance of the pilot mills prove to be successful, additional mills are provided. At the present rate of growth, provision of milling facilities will be strengthened under the successor PRRO.	
≻	WFP should continue to explore the possibility of local purchase of maize and sorghum.	Country office	The country office will continue with local purchases and may extend them during harvests.	
Re	commendations related to Objective 2			
	WFP should continue regular nutritional assessments of children under 5 in all camps, including indicators for stunting and wasting.	Country office	Nutrition surveys are carried out jointly by UNHCR, WFP and ARRA every six months. Exceptions occur in the east, however, when there are security problems or when large repatriation exercises are taking place.	
	WFP should continue routine monitoring of distributions of supplementary and therapeutic feeding, with regular reporting in monthly situation reports, in collaboration with partners.	Country office	The WFP nutritionist is working with UNHCR to train ARRA staff in an effort to improve monitoring and reporting of distribution of supplementary and therapeutic feeding.	
>	WFP should review with partners current ARRA guidelines for treatment and follow-up of malnourished children, in accordance with UNHCR/WFP guidelines.	Country office	Country office nutritionists will work with UNHCR and ARRA to review these guidelines.	
>	WFP should develop a strategy to educate beneficiaries about nutrition in camps and train health staff to identify malnutrition in all population groups.	Country office	The country office is supporting UNHCR efforts to provide nutritional education in the camps, and continuing to cooperate with UNHCR to train ARRA health staff.	
Re	Recommendations related to Objective 3			
	WFP should continue to provide repatriation packages for eastern camps, but assess the need for and use of nine- month rations, including processed food, in future repatriations.	Country office	The country office will continue to provide a nine-month ration to repatriating Somali refugees, but will review it and factors such as reintegration assistance in the country of origin.	

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Re	ecommendations related to Objective 4	-			
	WFP should continue to support the environmental restoration of areas impacted by activities associated with the presence of refugees, and should continue the training of WFP and implementing partner staff in participatory planning.	Country office	The country office will continue to conduct Local-level Participatory Planning Approach (LLPPA) training and provide follow-up assistance to partners involved in rehabilitation of degraded lands through food for work (FFW).		
Recommendations related to Objective 5					
	WFP should revise the formulation of the objective to allow identification of appropriate activities.	Country office	Objective revised for PRRO 10127.0.		
Re	ecommendations related to meeting WFP's Commitments to Women				
	WFP should continue to facilitate women's participation in project activities, while ensuring that men and women are consulted and women's workloads are taken into account.	Country office	WFP will continue to support women's food committees, which are active in the east and starting in the west, and will continue to work with ARRA and UNHCR to support female participation in refugee committees. The country office has provided gender sensitization and mainstreaming training to ARRA staff in the field.		
	As a further enhancement to the new distribution system, WFP should examine the feasibility of introducing ration cards in the joint names of men and women.	Country office	The country office will undertake discussion with UNHCR and ARRA on this matter.		

