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Food assistance for refugees from Angola and Democratic Republic of Congo (ex Zaire)

Duration of project	Twelve months
Number of beneficiaries	25,200
Total cost to WFP	2,250,053 dollars
Estimated total cost	6,327,365 dollars

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

ABSTRACT

In close collaboration with the Government of Zambia, UNHCR and NGOs, WFP has been providing food assistance to refugees in the country since 1965, through a combination of relief and development projects. At times up to 40,000 refugees have received food assistance. The Government and UNHCR have determined that the current number of refugees in two settlements is 35,400, while in the transit centre at Natende there are 2,500 families. Pursuant to this, a joint WFP/UNHCR assessment mission conducted from 17 to 22 March 1997 established that those who would need WFP food support during this operation were the 6,500 vulnerable refugees who were already receiving support under the current protracted refugee and displaced person project (PRO), the 5,200 new arrivals who sought refuge from the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo, 1,000 children under five suffering from malnutrition and 2,500 families (12,500 refugees) whose crops were affected by dry spells earlier in the year and who needed support through food for work. The mission therefore adopted a figure of 25,200 as the number of refugees to be assisted under this phase of the operation. Repatriation to Angola is not likely to take place during the time frame of this WFP-assisted operation because of security problems.

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