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PROTRACTED REFUGEE AND DISPLACED PERSON PROJECT DJIBOUTI 4690.03

Food assistance for Ethiopian and Somali refugees and Djibouti refugees repatriated from Ethiopia

Total cost to WFP	2,243,204 dollars
Total cost to Government	1,512,401 dollars
Number of beneficiaries	22,000
Food requirement	4,137 tons
Duration of project	Twelve months (1 October 1997 to 30 September 1998)

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

ABSTRACT

Since 1989, Djibouti has provided asylum to relatively large numbers of refugees from neighbouring Ethiopia and Somalia. In March 1997, a joint WFP/UNHCR food assessment mission, undertaken in collaboration with the Djibouti National Office for Assistance to Refugees and Displaced Persons (ONARS), reviewed current assistance requirements. The mission recommended that food aid continue through 1997/98 for the following reasons: a) the refugees are situated in arid regions where cultivation is not possible; and b) no wage opportunities exist for them. The PRO will include primary school feeding; it will provide training opportunities for women in income-generating activities, such as running small restaurants and tailoring.

Particular attention will be given to the needs of women and children when delivering care and maintenance in the camps. UNHCR will provide special care for unaccompanied children and women at risk. ONARS, under UNHCR supervision, is responsible for the coordination of assistance to the beneficiaries and for management of the refugee camps.

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