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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATION APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY– 30 JUNE 2000)—MALI 5804.01

Food Assistance to Populations in Northern Mali

Number of beneficiaries	305,000
Women	102,000
Men	203,000
Duration of project	Three years

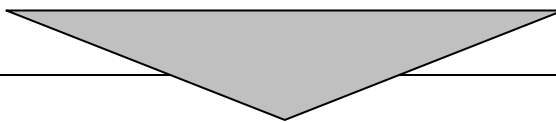
Cost (United States dollars)¹

Total food cost	2,186,760
Total cost to WFP	4,876,809

¹ In September 1999, one United States dollar equalled 627 francs CFA (FCFA).

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1. The protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) in favour of northern Mali requires US\$4,876,809 for a duration of three years in order to support rehabilitation activities for 305,000 beneficiaries (102,000 women) affected by the armed conflict of 1990-95. Although most refugees and displaced persons have received assistance from the European Community Humanitarian Office, UNHCR and WFP, they require further aid to ensure resettlement. An excessively rapid reduction in the volume of WFP food assistance could hinder government efforts for a smooth transition from emergency to development, with negative consequences for the region's socio-political stability.
 2. The PRRO will identify and set up simple, small-scale interventions. These will be conceived with a view to ensuring the participation and self-sufficiency of beneficiaries. The operation complements the food-for-work activity under the Country Programme. The geographical distribution of the Country Programme activity will be taken into consideration so as to avoid duplication of efforts. The PRRO will therefore exclusively target repatriation sites. It will support activities implemented by national and international NGOs which have already shown their effectiveness. Approaches and modalities are based on lessons drawn from protracted relief operation (PRO) Mali 5804.00, which received a positive evaluation from a joint WFP/FAO mission in November 1998.

