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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 1998)— NICARAGUA 4571.01

Support for improvement of household food security for poor rural families in areas affected by drought and flood

Number of beneficiaries	72,500
Duration of project	Three years
Food requirement	10,500 tons

Cost (United States dollars)

Total cost to WFP	5,094,747
Total food cost	2,782,500
Total cost to Government	1,279,750

ABSTRACT

The project will help to ensure the provision of food and basic supplies to the poorest rural families in areas prone to flood and drought. It is designed to enable subsistence farmers to grow crops in their farms even under erratic weather conditions. This is particularly relevant in the face of recurrent drought caused by el Niño, and the severe damage inflicted by Hurricane Mitch. Community participation will be supported and promoted through activities aimed at recovering the productive capacity of farms and improving the community's environment. Emphasis will be on the conservation and management of natural resources, complemented by improved access to credit. The strengthening of community participation, gender issues and a focus on drought-prone areas are essential elements of the strategy. The project will benefit 14,500 poor rural families living in the disaster-prone areas of Chinandega, León, Nueva Segovia, Madriz and Estelí.

WFP food aid will be distributed in coordination with poverty reduction activities that are being implemented by various co-executing agencies. This feature makes institutional coordination a particularly important element in order to harmonize project activities. WFP food commodities during the project's three-year duration will consist of 10,500 tons of rice, maize, pulses, vegetable oil and sugar.

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