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PROJECT ZAMBIA 5428 (Exp.2)

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Food assistance for refugees from Angola and Zaire

Duration of PRO	Ten months
Number of beneficiaries	6 500
Food cost to WFP	195 750 dollars
Total cost to WFP	394 599 dollars

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

ABSTRACT

WFP has provided food assistance to refugees in Zambia since 1964 through a combination of relief operations and development projects. The most recent support has been through PRO 5428 (Exp.1), which provided food assistance to 12,500 refugees from July 1995 to August 1996. Following the Lusaka Peace Accord between the Government of Angola and União Nacional para a Independência Total Angolana (UNITA) in November 1994, voluntary repatriation of refugees started in June 1996. A joint WFP/UNHCR/Government of Zambia mission revealed that 6,500 among the Angolan refugees were vulnerable, being 65 years of age and above, physically handicapped, widows, orphans, or suffering from prolonged illnesses. Their repatriation would require special arrangements which would therefore prolong their stay in Zambia. This case-load would continue to require WFP food assistance for an estimated period of 10 months, from 1 September 1996 to 30 June 1997. Seventy percent are women (2,313) and children (2,237), while the remaining thirty percent (1,950) are men. These refugees are in the settlements of Meheba in North-western Province and Mayukwayukwa in Western Province. The executing agency for both settlements is Lutheran World Federation, which also manages the food aid. Implementation has been efficient in previous phases.

The food commodities to be distributed under this PRO will continue to be maize, beans and vegetable oil at a daily per capita ration of 450, 65 and 25 grams, respectively. This assistance will be discontinued at the end of the 10 months, when the refugees are expected to repatriate to Angola.

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