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QUICK ACTION PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 1998)— ANGOLA 6020.00

Food assistance to the community infant programme

Number of beneficiaries	61,200
Duration of project	Eighteen months

Cost (United States dollars)

Total cost to WFP	5,372,2702
Total food cost	2,382,890
Total cost to Government	2,430,931

ABSTRACT

With a per capita gross national product (GNP) of 270 dollars, Angola is classified as both a least developed country and low income, food-deficit country, and ranks among the lowest of the African countries. This is reflected by the UNDP Human Development Index of 0.3 and the FAO Aggregate Household Food Security Index of 68.3. The mortality rate of children under five is as high as 270 per 1,000 live births.

The project aims to improve the nutritional status of children under five in peri-urban areas of Angola. It will provide two meals a day to children attending Centres that are part of the Community Infant Programme. Through its function as a day-care facility, it will create improved opportunities for their mothers to pursue income-generating activities. A total of 60,000 children under five from the poorest strata of society, as well as some 1,200 community volunteers, will receive food assistance over a period of 18 months in a total of 300 Community Infant Programme centres. The food commitment for the project totals 8,035 metric tons, amounting to 2,382,890 dollars. The project will benefit from the experiences of similar pre-conflict development projects and build on existing remains of previous administrative structures. In addition to achieving improved nutritional status, regular attendance at the day-care centres will provide an opportunity for the regular monitoring of the health status of children under five, thereby improving their chances of growing up to be healthy adults. Furthermore, the children will receive pre-school education, which will increase the likelihood of their entering primary school.

The project is in line with the Government's agenda for action in poverty alleviation, education, prerequisites for development, conflict prevention and post-conflict development.

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