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## BASIC ACTIVITY WITHIN A COUNTRY PROGRAMME APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY– 31 DECEMBER 1998)— SENEGAL 6063.00

### School canteens

Number of beneficiaries	56,000
Duration of project	Three years
Volume of food	7,135 tons

#### Cost (United States dollars)

Total cost to WFP	5,540,198
Total food cost	3,113,730

### ABSTRACT

Activities related to school canteens are among those included in the Country Programme for the period 1999–2001 (WFP/EB-2/98/5/1) approved by the Executive Board in May 1998.

The education sector suffers from serious difficulties due to insufficient resources in relation to population growth. In primary and secondary education, the gap between schooling of girls and boys is growing steadily. Construction of new classrooms and redeployment of teaching staff are among the measures the Government of Senegal envisages introducing in order to increase the intake capacity of primary education, which should grow from 950,000 students in 1997 to 1,600,000 in 2003, and to raise the gross schooling rate to 80 percent in 2003 (82.5 percent for boys and 79.3 percent for girls). The objective of WFP assistance is to support the government programme aimed at raising primary school enrolment and attendance rates, while simultaneously narrowing the gap between schooling rates for boys and girls.

WFP will assist mixed primary schools—primarily in rural areas—in 12 departments selected on the basis of girls' schooling rates, poverty rates and vulnerability to food insecurity. Assistance will also be given to reception centres created by NGOs and reserved for lodging girls following secondary education, since these centres offer the only possibility for these girls to continue their education.

The only schools entitled to receive WFP assistance are those in communities that furnish proof that they have the capacity to progressively assume responsibility for running canteens through direct contributions or through income-generating activities. In the primary education sector, a management committee will be set up or reinforced and this committee will select beneficiary boys from the most deprived families or who live far from a school. On the other hand, all girls—irrespective of origin—will have access to canteens. In the secondary education sector, WFP assistance will only be allocated to young girls living in lodging centres.

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