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### **PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2014) — MADAGASCAR 200735**

#### **Response to the Food Security and Nutrition Needs of Populations Affected by Natural Disasters and Resilience Building of Food-Insecure Communities**

Number of beneficiaries	426,000
Duration of project	30 months (1 January 2015–30 June 2017)
WFP food tonnage	28,629 mt
<b>Cost (United States dollars)</b>	
Food and related costs	16,805,887
Cash and vouchers and related costs	5,152,812
Capacity development and augmentation	1,210,020
<b>Total cost to WFP</b>	<b>29,622,671</b>

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## ABSTRACT

1. Madagascar is emerging from a four-year political crisis and the ensuing international sanctions. Poverty has increased in recent years, and 72 percent of the population of 22 million live below the national poverty line. The 2013 crop and food security assessment found that 4 million people – 28 percent of the rural population – were food insecure. The greatest food insecurity was recorded in the south western and southern regions as a result of prolonged drought, and in the south eastern regions as a result of cyclones and flooding.
2. An external evaluation of the current protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200065 concluded that WFP's interventions and response mechanisms, including those adopted to address unforeseen events, were relevant and appropriate. The evaluation recommended that the resilience component be strengthened.
3. Through PRRO 200735, WFP will address the needs of disaster-affected populations and will support resilience-building for the most vulnerable and food-insecure communities facing recurrent cyclones, floods, drought, erratic rainfall and locust plagues in the south western, southern and south eastern regions. Women's and men's satisfaction with WFP's previous assistance was taken into account when designing PRRO 200735.
4. Relief needs will be addressed by pre-positioning food stocks in disaster-prone areas. WFP will help to enhance national capacities with a view to ensuring timely food and nutrition assistance in the aftermath of natural disasters, and will use cash as the transfer modality whenever possible.
5. Communities' vulnerability to shocks will be reduced by building livelihood assets. WFP's gender-sensitive three-pronged approach will be implemented in 2015 to prioritize communities and resilience-building activities.
6. PRRO 200735 will contribute to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (2015–2019) priorities 1 and 3, and to Strategic Objectives 1 and 3. It is aligned with Millennium Development Goals 1, 4 and 5 and the Zero Hunger Challenge.