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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–31 DECEMBER 2012) — SWAZILAND 200420

### Support to Orphaned and Vulnerable Children, Informal Vocational Training Students and Secondary Schoolchildren Affected by HIV and AIDS

Number of beneficiaries	102,200
Duration of project	6 months (1 July–31 December 2012)
WFP food tonnage	3,236 mt
<b>Cost (United States dollars)</b>	
WFP food cost	1,503,688
Total cost to WFP	2,599,622

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## ABSTRACT

1. Swaziland, with a population of 1 million, has the highest prevalence of HIV in the world with 26 percent of the adult population and 38 percent of pregnant women living with HIV. One of the effects of the pandemic is a growing number of orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC), estimated to reach 250,000 by 2015. Households and communities are struggling to meet the basic needs of these children, with the extended family structure eroded by poverty, urbanization and HIV. The results are weakened family and community structures, less protective environments for children, increased neglect, and more vulnerability to violence, abuse and exploitation.
2. Under the overall leadership of the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) – the principal recipient for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) – and working with the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development and Ministry of Education and Training, WFP will provide food assistance to OVC at neighbourhood care points and schools. This will support the GFATM-approved HIV impact mitigation programme for Swaziland and will follow the NERCHA guidelines.
3. This development project's design reflects a proposal to NERCHA by WFP on the provision of food to OVC attending neighbourhood care points, children at selected formal secondary schools and children attending informal vocational schools (known as *Sebenta* schools). WFP will target children aged 3–8 years in neighbourhood care points with two meals a day: a porridge of Supercereal in the morning and a full meal at lunchtime – typically of maize grain, pulses and oil. Lunch will also be provided to the students at secondary schools and *Sebenta* schools in rural areas where there is a high prevalence of HIV.
4. This project builds on previous organizational experiences: WFP has been implementing food assistance programmes at neighbourhood care points and at schools since 2002. Lessons learned are highlighted in a comprehensive WFP programmatic review and appraisal. The project is also directly aligned with: national policies - such as the National Multi-Sectoral Strategic Framework for HIV and AIDS, the National Children's Policy and the Education Policy; Millennium Development Goals 1, 2 and 6; the United Nations Development Assistance Framework pillars 1, 2 and 3; and WFP Strategic Objectives 4 and 5.
5. WFP will continue to build the capacity of the Government and partners by providing relevant training and technical assistance, with the aim of supporting the project's sustainability.