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## **PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2010) — TAJIKISTAN 200122**

### **Restoring Sustainable Livelihoods for Food-Insecure People**

Number of beneficiaries	356,000
Duration of project	3 years (1 October 2010–30 September 2013)
WFP food tonnage	20,789 mt
<b>Cost (United States dollars)</b>	
WFP food costs	10,271,419
Total cost to WFP	17,000,214

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## ABSTRACT

1. Tajikistan suffered a series of crises in 2008 and 2009 and faces enormous challenges in providing the population with basic health, education and social protection services. It remains the poorest country in the Commonwealth of Independent States despite recent economic growth. The 2008 global economic downturn led to a sharp fall in remittances from labour migrants, which are a financial lifeline for many rural households and a major contribution to the national economy.
2. The objective of protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200122 is to improve food access for food-insecure people affected by natural disasters, high food prices and the global financial crisis through relief assistance and early recovery activities that focus on restoring and improving sustainable livelihoods. It will support the most vulnerable of the 1.4 million people who are food-insecure according to the Food Security Monitoring System, which identified 21 priority districts for WFP interventions.
3. Relief activities include: i) emergency response and vulnerable group feeding to assist people who have become severely food-insecure as a result of shocks; ii) blanket feeding for children aged 6–23 months; and iii) targeted supplementary and therapeutic feeding programmes for malnourished children.
4. The early recovery component will support the restoration and rehabilitation of community assets through food-for-work activities such as tree planting, riverbank protection and rehabilitation of water and irrigation systems.
5. WFP plans to conduct a comprehensive food security and vulnerability analysis as a baseline for hand-over to the Government and will continue to develop the capacity of government staff at the central, regional and local levels on food security assessments, nutrition and disaster preparedness and response. WFP will enhance the skills of partners in food assistance management, distributions, beneficiary selection and monitoring.
6. Local and regional authorities are WFP's main partners for the implementation of PRRO 200122: they assist in the targeting and selection of beneficiaries, participate in emergency assessments and contribute to secondary transport expenditures and handling at distribution sites.
7. In line with Strategic Objective 1, WFP will address immediate food needs and protect livelihoods in communities affected by recurrent natural disasters and reduce acute malnutrition in children under 5 in targeted areas. The restoration of livelihoods of shock-affected households will be supported under Strategic Objective 3. In line with Strategic Objective 5, PRRO 200122 will support the Government by developing national capacities to monitor food security and shocks. The operation is fully aligned with the objectives of the Poverty Reduction Strategy and United Nations Development Assistance Framework; it also supports Millennium Development Goals 1 and 4.