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## PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2008) — CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC 10189.2

### Assistance to Populations Affected by Armed Conflicts in the Central African Republic and Sub-Region

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| Number of beneficiaries             | 367,000                                       |
| Duration of project                 | 18 months<br>(1 April 2008–30 September 2009) |
| WFP food tonnage                    | 40,163 mt                                     |
| <b>Cost (United States dollars)</b> |   |
| WFP food cost                       | 18,569,825                                    |
| Total cost to WFP                   | 61,261,931                                    |

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## ABSTRACT

1. Since the 1990s, the Central African Republic has faced long periods of instability characterized by armed conflict and several coups. Since 2005, clashes between government and armed rebellion forces in the northern and northwestern provinces have led to the displacement of 212,000 people. Most internally displaced persons (IDPs) live hidden in the wilderness to protect themselves from acts of violence perpetrated by armed bandits. In addition, 3,000 Sudanese refugees are gathered in a camp at Sam Ouandja in the Haute Kotto province.
2. The situation continues to deteriorate, with the armed conflict increasing the vulnerability of households, particularly IDPs, resulting in reduced agricultural production, destruction of fields and mass exodus towards urban centres and neighbouring countries. The situation is exacerbated by taxes levied by the rebels on production, which creates a disincentive for commercialization and reduces productive assets.
3. Based on the emergency food security and nutrition assessment, this operation targets communities confronted with food insecurity caused by armed conflict for the 18-month period from 1 April 2008 to 30 September 2009. It aims to save lives of people displaced by conflict, contribute to food security improvement of host populations, and strengthen human capital and production through food support.
4. The operation is in line with the Strategic Objectives of the previous Strategic Plan (2006–2009) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and implemented in partnership with the Government, non-governmental organizations, United Nations agencies and beneficiary communities.
5. Three main relief activities account for 74 percent of the operation's resources:
  - i) general food distributions to cover the basic nutritional needs of 97,000 IDPs and 3,000 refugees for 12 months (Strategic Objective 1, MDG 1);
  - ii) school feeding for 89,250 school children in 300 schools, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (Strategic Objective 4); and
  - iii) supplementary feeding for 90 days to 25,000 malnourished children aged 6 to 59 months and their mothers, and to 6,500 pregnant and nursing women, to contribute to the reduction of malnutrition rates (Strategic Objective 3), in conjunction with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health.
6. The remaining 26 percent of resources are devoted to the following recovery activities:
  - nine-month food distributions to 26,500 people living with HIV and AIDS receiving anti-retroviral and tuberculosis treatments, to diminish the impact of HIV and AIDS (Strategic Objective 3, MDGs 4–6);
  - food distributions to 44,000 host households before and during the lean season — in parallel with agricultural support provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) — to improve capacity to resist future shocks (Strategic Objective 2, MDGs 1 and 7);
  - food-for-work community asset-building projects in conflict areas for 7,000 people for a three-month period (Strategic Objective 2); and
  - food-for-training activities targeting mostly women (70 percent), providing individual rations for three months to 12,500 participants in training sessions for improving income-generating skills. Emphasis is placed on including women in decision-making processes and in the implementation of activities.