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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATION APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY– 30 JUNE 2006): MALI 10452.0

Fighting Against Malnutrition and Reinforcing Livelihoods in the North of Mali

Number of beneficiaries	740,000
Duration of project	19 months (1 June 2006–31 December 2007)
Cost (United States dollars)	
Total cost to WFP	28,985,654

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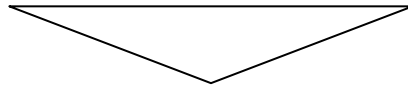
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of "Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2006): Mali 10452.0" (WFP/EB.2/2006/11-B/1).

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document (WFP/EB.2/2006/16) issued at the end of the session.



1. The large-scale food insecurity and weakened productive potential in the northern and western Sahel regions of Mali during the 2004/05 agricultural campaign were the result of poor rainfall and a locust invasion. The 2004/05 lean season was subsequently characterized by increased malnutrition levels, most notably among children under 5 years of age: according to a nutrition survey, overall acute malnutrition rates were up to 15.3 percent among children aged 6 to 59 months in the regions of Kayes, Koulikoro, Segou, Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal.
2. In response, WFP initiated emergency operation (EMOP) 10400.0 to counter food shortages in the affected areas. WFP's interventions through this EMOP, and actions of the Government of Mali and other partners were able to meet the needs of affected populations throughout the lean period, but they were not sufficient to improve access to food in the long term, to restore the productive potential or to reduce levels of overall acute malnutrition.
3. 2005/06 has generally been considered a good agricultural campaign, but Mali's early warning system (SAP)¹ has confirmed the existence of food insecurity in the targeted regions, with particular problems for nomadic pastoralists. This assessment is supported by data collected following the EMOP by the National Food Security System and the National Health and Nutritional Information System and data obtained from consultations with populations in the north.
4. Protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 10452.0 will target the western Sahel regions of Mopti, Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal, which were identified as vulnerable by the survey. The project aims to improve the food situation of vulnerable children and households, restore productive potential and improve knowledge in the areas of health, nutrition and production. It will take over from the EMOP – ending in May 2006 – and complement the interventions of the country programme with the specific objectives of:
 - improving the nutritional and health status of children aged 6 to 59 months by supporting cases of moderately acute malnutrition and providing food and nutrition support to nomadic school-age children and their host families; and
 - restoring the productive potential of pastoralists and agropastoralists, securing pastoralist revenues in the affected zones and building the knowledge and capacities of beneficiaries to enable them to tackle the effects of natural disasters.
5. During the period of the PRRO, 1 June 2006 to 31 December 2007, approximately 740,000 people will benefit from WFP support for a total operational cost of US\$29 million. The intervention will distribute 38,192 mt of food.

¹ *Système d'alerte précoce.*