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## PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATION APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2006): MADAGASCAR 10442.0

### Response to Recurrent Natural Disasters and Seasonal Food Insecurity

Number of beneficiaries	337,500 per year
Duration of project	24 months (1 July 2006–30 June 2008)
<b>Cost (United States dollars)</b>	
Total cost to WFP	13,072,479

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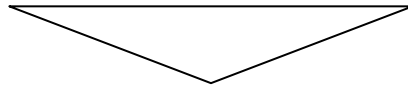
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## DRAFT DECISION\*



The Board takes note of "Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2006): Madagascar 10442.0" (WFP/EB.2/2006/11-B/3).

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\* 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.



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1. Madagascar has an estimated population of 18 million people (2005). It is a low-income food-deficit country and ranked 146th out of 177 countries in the 2005 Human Development Report. More than 70 percent of the population live below the poverty line, with an average per capita income of US\$300 in 2005. Chronic food insecurity affects 65 percent, rising to 73 percent during the lean season.<sup>1</sup>
  2. Madagascar's location off the eastern coast of Africa accounts for the high incidence of natural disasters, particularly cyclones and droughts. Over the past 35 years, 46 reported natural disasters<sup>2</sup> – including cyclones, droughts, epidemics, floods, famine and locust infestations – have cumulatively affected more than 11 million people.
  3. Protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 10442.0 addresses the seasonal and transitory shocks that occur every year in Madagascar. Through the PRRO, WFP will respond to natural disasters and seasonal food insecurity. The PRRO will pre-position food aid in disaster-prone areas to enable a rapid response, ensuring that the most vulnerable population groups are protected in the aftermath of a natural disaster. The PRRO will address seasonal needs with food-for-work activities to rebuild community assets and rehabilitate damaged agricultural land or infrastructure, and with emergency supplementary feeding programmes for malnourished children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women in zones experiencing nutritional crisis. Emergency feeding centres will operate for periods of four to six months to stabilize acute nutritional crises.
  4. PRRO 10442.0 will run from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008 at a total cost of US\$13,072,479. A total of 675,000 beneficiaries will receive food assistance over the two-year period.
  5. The PRRO's total food requirement is 18,349 mt: 6,197 mt for general food distribution and food-for-work activities to prepare for and mitigate the effects of natural disasters; and 12,151 mt for food-for-work activities and emergency supplementary feeding to mitigate the effects of seasonal food insecurity.
  6. WFP will continue its role in United Nations coordination mechanisms, particularly in developing a joint programming model with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to ensure a comprehensive humanitarian aid response, where beneficiaries receive necessary food and non-food assistance.
  7. An agreement will be signed between the Government of Madagascar's Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform and WFP. The ministry will be responsible for coordinating operations through the *Conseil national de secours* (National Relief Council). Non-governmental organization (NGO) partners will be selected on the basis of a capacity review by WFP; their primary responsibility will be food distribution and monitoring.

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<sup>1</sup> Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> *Centre de recherche sur l'épidémiologie des désastres, Université de Louvain, 1999.*