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PROTRACTED RELIEF AND RECOVERY OPERATION APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY – 31 DECEMBER 2003) – DJIBOUTI 10283.0

Assistance to Vulnerable Groups and Refugees

Number of beneficiaries	43,000
Duration of project	18 months (15 August 2003–14 February 2005)

Cost (United States dollars)

Total food cost to WFP	2,719,274
Total cost to WFP	5,129,237

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1. Djibouti has a large population of poor and food-insecure people, including nomads affected by drought, chronically vulnerable groups such as people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) patients, pregnant and lactating women and refugees. Since 1991, WFP in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Government of Djibouti has been providing relief food assistance to approximately 21,500 refugees, most of whom are from Ethiopia or Somalia. Under this project, about 43,000 beneficiaries, 18,300 of whom are refugees, will receive assistance through targeted distributions. WFP will continue to facilitate the repatriation programme by providing a nine-month food ration to an estimated 5,000 Somali refugees. Repatriation rations are normally provided in the country of origin; however, in view of WFP's limited presence in north-western Somalia, WFP Djibouti will provide the repatriation rations prior to their departure.
2. In addition, an estimated 14,000 vulnerable people including malnourished children under 5, pregnant and lactating women and people affected by TB will be assisted through support to social institutions. Targeted distributions will also include about 5,000 HIV/AIDS orphans and foster families to be provided with full rations. Food-for-work (FFW) and food-for-assets (FFA) activities targeting approximately 5,700 beneficiaries in food-insecure areas will be implemented at the community level using a participatory approach.
3. The rapid needs assessment (RNA) mission of January 2003 confirmed that the population remains relatively vulnerable, even though climatic and food-security conditions in many areas affected by the four-year drought have improved. A joint food assessment mission (JFAM) was also conducted by WFP, the Government and other United Nations agencies and donors, including UNHCR, UNESCO-Peer, and the United States and Saudi Arabian Embassies.
4. Both missions suggested that a protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) be implemented as a transition succeeding Emergency Operation (EMOP) 10099, to support relief, recovery and rehabilitation activities.
5. The PRRO has a total cost to WFP of US\$5.1 million. The food supply consists of 5,693 mt of cereals, 1,146 mt of pulses, 1,263 mt of corn-soya blend (CSB), 603 mt of vegetable oil, 379 mt of sugar and 39 mt of salt; 12 percent of the food assistance will be allocated to relief, 42 percent to refugees and 46 percent to recovery.
6. The implementing and coordinating partners working with WFP include the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Environment, UNHCR, UNESCO-Peer, the National Office for Assistance to Disaster Victims and Refugees (ONARS), community-based organizations (CBOs) and NGOs such as the Association of Medical Doctors in Asia (AMDA), *Oui a la Vie* and *Bender Djedid*.



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

AMDA	Association of Medical Doctors in Asia
CBO's	community-based organizations
CSB	corn-soya blend
EMOP	emergency operation
FFA	food-for-assets
FFW	food-for-work
JFAM	joint food assessment mission
ONARS	National Office for Assistance to Disaster Victims and Refugees
PRRO	protracted relief and recovery operation
RNA	rapid needs assessment
TB	tuberculosis
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

