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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2001)— HAITI 10185.0

### Support to HIV/AIDS Programme

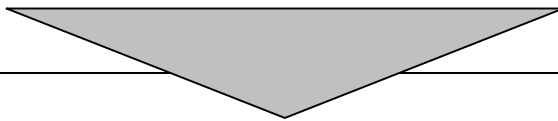
<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>	<b>32,000</b>
<b>Duration of project</b>	<b>Twelve months</b> <b>1 October 2001–30 September 2002</b>

<b>Cost (United States dollars)</b>	
Total cost to WFP	1,382,540
Total cost to UNFPA	1,600,000

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1. Haiti has the highest HIV prevalence rate in the region. It is estimated that more than 300,000 men, women and children in Haiti are HIV-positive and that there are 45,000 AIDS-related deaths per year. Some 5,000 infected babies are born every year. The HIV prevalence among expectant mothers between 14 and 49 years of age is estimated at 7 to 10 percent in urban areas and 3 to 5 percent in rural areas. Current projects and centres concerned with AIDS report alarming statistics regarding children and AIDS. They estimate the number of AIDS orphans in 2000 to be between 163,000 and 235,000, and predict that this figure will have reached 375,000 by 2010. All departments of the country are equally affected.
  2. Given Haiti's present difficulties, and the extreme political, social and economic conditions that it already faces, the country cannot be expected to respond alone to the ravages of this national epidemic and the needs of the rapidly increasing numbers of affected people and orphans. The situation urgently requires a concerted effort among donors and service providers—public and private—which must be linked to national and local efforts and policy. This project intends to improve the food security of HIV/AIDS-affected households, with particular attention to those headed by women and children. The project emphasizes life skills and vocational training to enable food-insecure people who are affected and infected by HIV/AIDS to increase agricultural production and to cope better with the burdens associated with the disease.
  3. This project proposal is included in, and approved as a supplementary activity of, the ongoing Country Programme, and requires funding for its implementation.

