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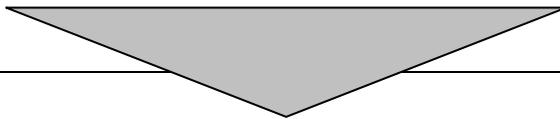
Support to Primary Education in Food- insecure Regions of Rwanda

Number of beneficiaries	100,000 per year
Duration of project	Two years (1 September 2001–31 August 2003)
Cost (United States dollars)	
Total cost to WFP	6,107,864
Total food cost	2,567,080

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1. Chronic food insecurity, frequent drought and structural poverty seriously reduce the likelihood that children in many parts of Rwanda will complete primary education. Lack of food prevents many children from entering school, contributes to frequent absences and reduces children's learning ability and academic performance. Absenteeism and drop-out rates tend to be higher in areas where food insecurity is highest. Assistance to primary schools in the poorer areas of Rwanda has been limited. To date, Rwanda has not had a primary school feeding programme.
 2. Through this project, WFP will assist the Government of Rwanda in providing a morning meal for primary school pupils at selected schools. The project will also provide a monthly take-home ration for girl pupils in grades 4 to 6 as an incentive for them to complete primary school. The assistance will target selected food-insecure, drought-prone areas of the country that show low overall rates of primary enrolment or low attendance of girls, specifically the prefectures of Butare, Gitarama, Kibungo, rural Kigali and Umutara. If successful, this project may be expanded to additional schools under the Country Programme, planned to begin on 1 January 2003.
 3. In accordance with decision 1999/EB.A/2 of the Executive Board, WFP focuses its development activities on five objectives. This project addresses Enabling Development policy objective 2: Enable poor households to invest in human capital through education and training.

