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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY– 30 JUNE 1998)—MALAWI 5934.00

### School feeding for improved primary education and girls' enrolment and attendance in the Mtakataka and Golomoti areas of Dedza District—Pilot

Total cost to WFP	2,762,608 dollars
Total cost to Government	500,000 dollars
Food requirement	4,310 tons
Number of beneficiaries	35,250
Duration of project	Two years

All monetary values are expressed in United States dollars.

### ABSTRACT

The project targets up to 23,500 primary school students in 24 schools and 11,750 households in Dedza District, an area with high rates of illiteracy, households headed by women, and chronic household food insecurity. All children will receive an instant cereal drink and a mid-morning fortified porridge with canned fish to combat short-term hunger and promote full enrolment, regular attendance and improved learning. Girl students will receive take-home food incentives as an additional measure for preventing early drop-outs and encouraging regular attendance. The project will be co-managed by communities and Ministry of Education extension staff. Education improvements, school uniforms for older girls, sanitation improvements, and an information and education campaign are included to enhance the impact of food aid and to make the overall school environment conducive to attracting more girls. UNDP, UNICEF and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), as well as the European Union (EU) Food Security Programme in Malawi will provide technical support and non-food items in an effort to achieve a collective impact in the food security and education sectors.

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