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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JANUARY-30 JUNE 1998)— DJIBOUTI 5875.00

Assistance to vulnerable groups

Total cost to WFP 686,191 dollars

Total cost to Government 403,736 dollars

Food requirement 873 tons Number of beneficiaries 6,906

Duration of project Three years (starting

September 1998)

All monetary values are expressed in Unites Stares dollars.

ABSTRACT

To offset some of the socio-economic disparities existing in the country, where the already strained local coping mechanisms are inadequate to address the basic needs, the project aims to provide assistance to the most vulnerable groups, women and children, in rural and peri-urban communities. The project will assist primary school feeding, an orphanage, and NGO activities targeting women. In support of the national school feeding programme run by the Ministry of National Education, WFP food aid will be provided to undernourished primary schoolchildren in 35 out of 57 national primary schools in remote rural and peri-urban areas. Food aid given to the orphanage in Djibouti will encourage orphan children to stay at the institution, where they will receive three meals a day and have access to an education. Through support to local NGO activities, by providing an incentive to beneficiaries for participating, the project will contribute to strengthening the knowledge and skills of local women to build their self-reliance.

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