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**Memorandum**

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**Subject: Recommendation for WFP Executive Board approval of Yemen Development Project 200432 "Food assistance to promote girls education in Yemen"**

Duration of project:	1 July 2013 – 30 June 2015
Number of beneficiaries:	42,000 schoolgirls (294,000 total household members assisted with take home rations)
WFP food cost:	US\$ 5,062,680
Total cost to WFP:	US\$ 8,899,912
Total cost to others:	US\$ 0
Total cost:	US\$ 8,899,912

1. The Yemen Development Project 200432 for your recommendation for WFP Executive Board approval, responds to the findings of the 2011 Country Portfolio Evaluation in Yemen and is in line with United Nations Development Framework for Yemen (2012-2015).
2. The Programme Review Committee convened on 6 November 2012 endorsed the proposal, pending inclusion of the recommendations, in particular a strengthened funding forecast and a reduction in project scope in line with the resource forecast. The project was reduced from more than 50,000 school girls under the previous Country Programme 104350 to 35,000 school girls assisted in the first year of the project, increasing to 42,000 school girls in the second year.
3. Due to financial constraints of the government, WFP will cover all costs related to LTSH under this operation at the rate of USD 144.81 per metric tonne. The rate is inclusive of transport from port to central and governorate warehouses up to the final delivery points, which will be conducted in coordination with the Ministry of Education.
4. Development project 200432 resource outlook reflects: (a) government and private sector donors who have expressed their interest in supporting WFP's food and education program, such as Mondelez International (USD 750,000), (b) Multilateral contributions of approximately USD 800,000 for each year of the project life. The Yemen Country Office has reached out to a number of donors, directly and through ERD, and will continue its fund raising efforts.
5. The proposed development project is the only WFP activity in Yemen that directly contributes to the empowerment of girls, and further supports the development objectives set out in the latest UNDAF. The project allows WFP to participate in key discussions with UN and government

counterparts on priority areas for support within the UNDAF and the 2012-2014 Joint UN Framework to Support the Transition in Yemen. Without this development project, WFP could lose its leverage in the inter-agency community to raise critical food security and nutrition concerns, and impact WFP's credibility as a partner of choice with the government in Yemen.

6. As underscored in the project document, possible linkages to initiatives such as the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement could also provide a platform from which the position of adolescent girls will gain prominence. WFP's access to this group through this incentive programme will offer critical opportunities to engage in longer term targeted nutrition interventions in Yemen where both acute and chronic malnutrition exceed critical levels.

7. We are hereby requesting your recommendation for approval of Development Project 200432 by the Annual Session of the WFP Executive Board.

\* Please note that, resource estimates in para. 4 may not meet the General Rule, X.8, about the 'reasonable' expectation of adequate funding for the project, being achieved. JB.

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