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## Assistance to Food-Insecure People Suffering from the Effects of Natural Disasters and HIV/AIDS



### Food Security Situation: 2006/2007 Growing Season

The Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC) advises that some parts of Malawi did not achieve normal production of crops due to dry spells and/or floods. The MVAC, therefore, recommends that 519,200 people will need to be 'watched' as worsening economic conditions such as a collapse in cash-crop prices or high maize prices, could push the 'watch' population's missing food entitlements below their needs.

### Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) 10586

WFP Malawi will implement a country specific PRRO 10586: Assistance to Food-Insecure People Suffering from the Effects of Natural Disasters and HIV and AIDS from January 2008 until December 2010.

The 3-year PRRO will require **215,000 mt** of different food commodities at an estimated value of **US\$103 million**.

### Objectives of PRRO 10586

The primary goal of the new PRRO WFP will offer assistance to food-insecure people affected by natural disasters and HIV and AIDS.

### Main Objectives of the Programme are to:

- > Save lives in crisis situations, especially those people affected by small-scale natural disasters.
- > Support improved nutritional status among children, pregnant and lactating women and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).
- > Protect and enhance livelihoods of people, including those affected by HIV and AIDS in targeted food-insecure areas.
- > Support access to education in areas affected by acute food shortages.



Dam Building Project under FFA in Balaka District

### WFP Response Strategy – What activities?

In order to meet the objectives of the project, WFP will implement the following activities:

#### (a) Disaster Risk Reduction and Livelihood Protection

##### 1. HIV/AIDS

Activities will be implemented in Kasungu, Phalombe, Chikwawa and Nsanje districts, benefiting 248,500 people in 40,000 households. The districts were chosen based on a combination of high food insecurity indicators and high HIV and AIDS prevalence rates. WFP will provide direct dietary support to chronically-ill individuals, women under the prevention-of-mother to child transmission (PMTCT) treatment, PLWHA on anti-retroviral therapy (ART), households with chronically-ill patients and those taking care of orphans and other vulnerable children.

WFP will also support training activities for cooperating partners, community structures and members on HIV prevention, home-based care, leadership skills, gender issues and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

##### 2. Nutrition

WFP supports therapeutic feeding activities, targeting severely-malnourished children in 96 nutrition rehabilitation units (NRUs) in 28 districts.

Supplementary feeding will benefit 30,000 moderately-malnourished children and children discharged from NRUs monthly while 15,000 malnourished pregnant and lactating women per month will be supported.

Targeted Beneficiaries			
Beneficiaries	Yr 2008	Yr 2009	Yr 2010
Relief Assistance	209 500	209 500	209 500
Disaster Risk Reduction and Livelihood Protection			
HIV/AIDS	248 500	248 500	248 500
Nutrition	213 000	213 000	213 000
FFA	550 000	500 000	450 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 221 000</b>	<b>1 171 000</b>	<b>1 121 000</b>

WFP will also support community-based supplementary feeding centres as part of the Government's Community Therapeutic Care approach (CTC) by assisting 3,000 moderately-malnourished children per month in 19 districts.

### 3. Food for Assets (FFA)

FFA activities aim at reducing the risk of chronically food-insecure people from succumbing to the vicious cycle of shocks from natural disaster and asset depletion.

WFP supports asset-creation activities that improve long-term food security while rehabilitating the environment, diversifying rural livelihoods and increasing income opportunities using local, affordable resources to maximize output. These activities benefit 90,750 people in Kasungu, Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Balaka, and Machinga districts.

#### b) Relief Assistance

Relief assistance involves food support to populations affected by seasonal floods, droughts, prolonged dry spells or other natural disasters.

WFP will also provide temporary support to select primary schools and community-based childcare centres (CBCCs) during the lean season. This activity will help reduce drop-out rates which are common during this period. It will also help encourage the enrolment of under-aged children in CBCCs in those areas food-insecure, rather than enrolment in primary schools.



Relief Assistance to Vulnerable Households



Support to Malnourished Children

#### Partners

WFP will continue to work in partnership with the Government of Malawi and other UN agencies, donors, NGOs as well as civil society. In order to successfully implement the project, WFP will work in close collaboration with the following partners:

**Government of Malawi:** Department of Poverty and Disaster Management Affairs (DoPDMA), Ministries of Agriculture and Food Security, Health, Education, Science and Technology, Women and Child Development, National AIDS Commission.

**Donors:** Traditional and new donors for support.

**UN Agencies:** FAO, IFAD, ILO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO.

**Local and International NGOs:** Partners under the Joint Emergency Food-Aid Programme (JEFAP) co-chaired by Government and WFP, i.e. Adventist Development and Relief Agency (Phalombe District), Canadian Physicians in Aid and Relief (on standby for Karonga District), Emmanuel International, JEFAP co-lead (Machinga and Balaka districts), Cooperazione Internazionale/Maleza (Kasungu District), OXFAM (on standby for Mulanje District) GOAL International (Nsanje District), World Vision, JEFAP co-lead (Chikwawa District). Other partners outside JEFAP include Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM), Action Against Hunger, InterAid and Lutheran Mobile Clinic.

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