

FOOD FOR WORK PROJECT (PCEA EWUASO)

Summary

This is a project of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) Ewuaso Kedong Mission which is one of two MCC Kenya partners implementing the Maasai Food Security Programme (MFSP) located SSW of Nairobi, Kenya. PCEA Ewuaso Kedong Mission is headed by Rev. Stephen Mparinkoi who also acts as co-ordinator of the W portion of the MFSP. Rev. Mparinkoi, the MFSP/PCEA Food Security Committee, village-level food security committees and extensionists in the MFSP have had much experience in carrying out food relief and food-for-work (FFW) programmes during the past seven years since the initiation of the MFSP in 1997. Since this FFW programme will be facilitated by the same people who facilitate the MFSP and since it will lead indirectly to greater food security for the beneficiaries, it is an integral part of a “greater MFSP”. **The programme will provide water for people, domestic livestock and vegetable gardens in two communities in the Ewuaso area of the MFSP through food for work installation of pipelines.**

The Presbyterian Outreach Foundation, an international NGO based in North America will be purchasing water pipes to cover all the distance to the two target communities. The provision of food for this programme will enable the two target communities to dig trenches, 20 km from Najile Centre to Kimelok and another 14 km trench from Ewuaso Kedong to Enkusero Keri. (The two new pipelines will branch off from an already existing water pipeline and it has been established that there will be enough water to supply the additional communities.)

The estimated number of beneficiaries of the water resulting from this programme in the two areas is 600 households with 6 people per household, thus 3,600 in total. Our experience over the years is that only the hungry people will come for food-for-work; a kind of automatic self-selection of the most hungry occurs. The situation on the ground is not pathetic as such but people in the Ewuaso area are hungry enough to work, particularly for such an important project. On the basis of information from the PCEA/MFSP Food Security Committee and village level food security committees it is felt that approximately half of families are hungry enough to send their stronger members to the FFW project. Once again, because of relatively low level of hunger even for the most vulnerable families, enough food will be distributed such that each member of the most vulnerable families will receive 200 grams maize per day and 33 grams beans per day for a period of three months. The World Health Organization’s full ration is 400 grams maize and 50 grams beans per day. The programme duration of three months is explained later.

1. *Please describe the situation that has led to a need for food (e.g. conflict, natural disaster, economic factors, political factors etc.)*

As mentioned above in the introduction, the situation on the ground is not as bad as previous years, but people both in Kimelok and Enkusero Keri are hungry enough to turn up for this FFW project. They walk 20 km or so for water (domestic use). People in these communities have been involved in the MFSP. They have not been in a position to grow drip irrigated vegetables due to the unavailability of clean water. As is happening in other villages within the MFSP, they will be urged to purchase drip irrigation kits with guidance from MFSP extensionists.

2. *Type and quantity of commodities needed and where they will be purchased*

Due to the amount of funding available and the not so bad situation in Ewuaso area the only two commodities that will be purchased are maize and beans. 32.4 mt of maize will be purchased and 5.4 mt of beans from Western Seed Company in Kitale. 32.4 mt maize and 5.4 mt beans will provide each of 1,800 people (half of 3,600, total number of people to benefit from the project) 200 grams maize and 33 grams beans each day for a duration of 90 days (three months). The relatively long project duration of three months is based on the relatively difficult work of digging trenches through very rocky shallow soil. Some places the pipelines will have to pass through the underlying bedrock. Despite the fact that Western Seed Company is not the least expensive source of Kenya produced grain, it has been chosen because it has provided timely deliveries of high quality relief food in many food relief/FFW programmes in the Ewuaso area over the past seven years.

b. *Who determined what was needed to be in the food packet?*

The decision to purchase the above mentioned commodities was reached in a meeting of MCC Kenya and grassroots level people represented by the Food Security Committee of PCEA area of the MFSP as well as the two village-level committees.

3 a. *Who will be the beneficiaries?*

The beneficiaries of the food will be only those people who are hungry enough to come to work on installation of the pipelines. They will receive the food after each day of work.

b. *How are the beneficiaries identified?*

As mentioned earlier there will be a self selection of the more hungry. Respective village level committees (which were previously relief committees) will monitor the food distribution such that only people from the target villages who are the more vulnerable receive food.

c. *Explain how the food will be distributed, who will distribute it and for how long beneficiaries will receive the food?*

The food will be transported to each village depending on the number of people and amount of work to be done. Since each village has a well established food security committee, these committees will be directly involved in the whole process. It is worth noting again that they have already been involved in MCC food relief and FFW projects in the past. As mentioned earlier the beneficiaries will receive the food for a period of three months.

4. *What do you hope the results of this project will be? (Objectives)*

a) Safe, clean water will be provided to 400 households and their animals in Kimelok and another 200 households at Enkusero-Keri.

b) The completion of these two pipelines will enable the MFSP personnel to introduce drip irrigation kits to families in these areas, thus moving closer to our goal of having a bucket drip irrigated garden in every boma. Since no funding is being provided for the purchase of drip irrigation kits, farmers in these areas will be called upon to purchase the kits for themselves.

5. *How will monitoring/evaluation of this food, purchase and distribution be conducted?*

This food will be purchased by MCC-Kenya and monitoring and actual food distribution of the project will be carried out by MCC Kenya Food Security Person, PCEA/MFSP extensionists and the respective food security committees in each village.

6. *Who is MCC's partner(s) in this program?*

MCC's partner in this program is PCEA-Ewuaso Kedong Mission (also MCC's partner in the W half of the Maasai Food Security Program).

7. *Identify the project's planned duration and explain how it was determined?*

This project duration is three months, by which time all the pipes will have been fixed and covered with soil to avoid unnecessary damage.

8. *Planned Activities*

Digging of water pipelines trenches at both Kimelok (20 km from Najile) and Enkusero Keri (14 km from Ewuaso shopping centre), as well as help in carrying, fixing pipes and covering the pipelines once the work is complete.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSE

1. *Budget* - \$9,980

2. *Commodity(ies)*

Maize: 32.4 mt at \$220 per mt or \$7,128

Beans: 5.4 mt at \$460 per mt or \$2,484

Transport: \$123 per month or \$368

Total: \$9,980

Banking information (where money is to be transferred)

Standard Chartered Bank of Kenya Limited,

Westlands Branch

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Nairobi, Kenya

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