

FOOD SUPPLEMENT IN THE SITES OF MUKULYA, KANGEMBI, AND TUHA FOR THE TERM OF AUGUST – SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2006

INTRODUCTION

The PPSSP(Program for the Promotion of Primary Health) provides food supplement to the vulnerable in order to prevent malnutrition among the displaced people who reside in the 3 sites of Tuha, Kangaembi and Mukulya, including pregnant women and breast feeding mothers, children between 3 months and three years, elderly and people with chronic illnesses.

To achieve this goal, three main activities were carried out:

0. Identification of vulnerable cases
1. Needs assessment and purchase/shopping
2. Distributions of food supplement

I. CARRYING OUT THE ACTIVITIES

I.1. Identification of vulnerable persons

The beneficiary identification activity was conducted from the 20th to the 21st September 2006 by the promoters with the collaboration of the committees of the targeted sites and the health supervisor(health officer).

I.1.1. List of beneficiaries according to sites

Table 1

N°	Sites	Children between 4 months – 5 years	Pregnant women	Breast feeding mother	Elderly people	Chronically sick people	Total
1	TUHA	108	11	31	6	0	156
2	KANGEMBI	53	4	14	15	1	87
3	MUKULYA	184	15	27	10	2	238
	Total	345	30	72	31	3	481

I.1.2. Comments

This table shows that 481 individuals were identified in the census of vulnerable people.

I.2. The shopping activity

We assessed the needs for three months according to the prices of items on the public market of Beni in order to render the task easy.

The following table gives the details of the bought quantities and their prices.

Table 2

N°	Description	Quality	Price	Total
1	Maize flour	1,297.8 Kg	0.4 \$	519.1 \$
2	Sugar	865.8 Kg	1 \$	865.8 \$
3	Soya been flour	432.9 Kg	0.66 \$	285.7 \$
4	Paper bags	1,443 pieces	0.04 \$	57.7 \$
5	Bags	30 pieces	0.5 \$	15 \$
6	Transportation			300 \$
7	Handling			100 \$
8	Film & Processing	1 film	6.5 \$	6.5 \$
Total				2,149.8 \$

Two thousands one hundred and forty one dollars and eight cents were released by PPSSP in order to achieve this task.

I.3. The distribution activity

The number of the beneficiaries in each site allowed the calculation of the needed quantity. The following table recapitulates the consumption according to the sites.

Table 3

N°	Site	Nature and quantity distributed in Kg		
		Maize	Sugar	Soya flour
1	Tuha	420.6	280.8	140.4
2	Kangaembi	234.9	156.6	78.3
3	Mukulya	642.3	428.4	214.2
Total		1,297.8	865.8	432.9

This table presents the quantity bought and distributed : a total of 1,297.8 Kg of maize flour, 865.8 Kg of sugar and 432.9 Kg of soya beans flour for the months of August, September and October 2006.

Let's note that each beneficiary received/used daily
30 g of maize
20 g of sugar
10 g of soya beans



Distribution of supplement in the site of Kangaembi



PPSSP activists together with beneficiaries, conditioning food supplement availing it for distribution in Mukulya site.



Activists and beneficiaries, conditioning and distributing food supplement in Mukulya site



Breast feeding mothers, children, elderly and chronically sick people receiving their food supplement in the Tuha site.

CONCLUSION

The identification, the shopping and distribution activities went up very well to the satisfaction of all beneficiaries who expressed their joy in the words such as:

1. My name is Mali Deborah, living in the site of Mukulya! I'm pregnant so I've benefited from this enriched porridge. I realise that it is God who has let PPSSP exist to save not only us from the danger of malnutrition but also our offspring. Glory be to the Lord and thanks to the activities of PPSSP and those who are funding this project.
2. I'm called Sifa, living in the site of Kangembi and I'm breast feeding mother. This porridge gives strength and energy to me and the baby. Our bodies are well built we thank our donors.
3. My name is Kathungu Kahindo, we're living in the site of Tuha with our two children who benefited from the enriched porridge. Their declining weight and the signs of malnutrition which were so clear before the taking porridge. Our thanks to PPSSP and may God bless them.
4. I'm Rachel Mondy of the site of Tuha. I'm pregnant with five other children who benefited of the enriched porridge. I was really unable to insure their nutrition by my own efforts. The food supplement helped us to manage our family income and we escape from malnutrition.