

World Food Program Approves \$180 Million For 17 Projects

WASHINGTON, 12 May — The Inter-Governmental Committee of the World Food Program today completed its examination of requests for food aid and authorized \$180 million for 17 projects in 14 countries. The aid will be for from two to five years.

Foods of various types pledged to the Program by members of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization, largest of the UN specialized agencies, are used mainly as wages or incentives to workers and volunteers engaged in a variety of operations, for mothers, children, students and the sick, and for feeding livestock.

The total of \$180 million includes \$45 million for a land settlement and reclamation project in the United Arab Republic, and \$42.2 million for Colombia to back up its national nutrition and education campaign.

Other countries for which projects were approved are the Sudan, Turkey, Lesotho, China (Taiwan), Mauritius, Syria, Burundi, Bolivia, Ceylon, India, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Sudan — \$24 million for feed-

ing boarding and day students for five years. Education minister Abdel Hadi asked for aid to extend schooling to large numbers of children who now cannot attend classes.

Turkey — \$15 million for four years to enable the country to develop a permanent forestry labor force and withdraw people from uneconomic wheat farming in the forest belt. Also \$1 million for three years for volunteer workers, helping wipe out Malaria and control Trachoma, who will get packets of food as incentives.

Lesotho — \$12 million for feeding children, primary school students, expectant and nursing mothers and tuberculosis patients. This project has been in operation for some years and now has been extended for a further five.

China (Taiwan) — \$8 million for five years in foods for children and attendants at rural day-care nurseries while parents are engaged in development work. Also \$6.3 million for five years for workers and their families engaged in soil conservation.

Mauritius — \$5.5 million for

five years for a supplementary school-feeding program for 124,000 primary-school children.

Syria — \$3.9 million for four years for workers building the Aleppo-Akkari and Kamichlie-Latakia Railway lines.

Burundi — \$3.25 million for five years for secondary school students, their numbers rising to 17,000 from 10,000.

Bolivia — \$2.8 million for two years for feeding workers and their families engaged in rural development in the Altiplano (highlands) and the valleys.

Ceylon — \$2.8 million for two years for continued support to the voluntary labor (Shramadana) engaged in clearing land, improving irrigation and similar works. Also \$1.4 million for the development of the poultry industry and production of corn.

India — \$2.26 million for three years, covering part of the wages of workers on a soil-conservation scheme in Maharashtra State.

Afghanistan — \$2.2 million in food assistance for three years for workers building a chemical fertilizer plant and an electric power station.

Iraq — \$1.2 million for two years in support of urban development.

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