

Mozambique

Troops to be fed

Maputo - The World Food Programme will provide food worth US\$5.8 million to FRELIMO and RENAMO troops in assembly points.

For at least six months, the WFP will provide the basic food for 120,000 people (an estimated 62,000 FRELIMO soldiers, 20,000 RENAMO fighters and 38,000 dependents) until the soldiers return to civilian life. WFP will provide more than 14,000 tonnes of maize, rice, beans, oil and sugar (including transport), while the Mozambican government will provide bread, fish, meat and salt.

The military side of the peace process in Mozambique is inextricably linked to the humanitarian effort. "It is absolutely essential that food reaches all those in need if we want to ensure a smooth transition to democracy, free and fair elections and the reconstruction of a country ranked as the poorest in the world," says Mr Mark Latham, WFP director of operations in Mozambique.

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