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Health and Interior). The Project would fund specific components of the Government's overall Emergency Drought Relief and Recovery Program, which has received assistance for project preparation from the FAO Cooperative Program. The main objectives of the proposed project are to: (a) alleviate the impact of current drought through measures to regenerate productive capacity in crop and livestock production, improve rural roads and potable water supply, which while generating current income for the affected populations, would also strengthen the capacity of the Government to mitigate the impact of future droughts; and (b) assist in enhancing institutional capacity for drought management. The long-term strategy is to begin the process of reducing the vulnerability of rural populations to severe drought through better preparedness, better rural infrastructure to allow Government to reach affected populations quicker with food, water, and agricultural inputs, more assured drinking water supplies, and better management of natural resources. The drought preparedness and rural roads components would make a small but important contribution to this long-term strategy.