The second paragraph of the Abstract should read as follows:

“In May 1997, a WFP mission visited the refugee camps in the Tindouf region. The mission recommended that food aid be provided for a further period of one year to 49,000 beneficiaries considered to be the most vulnerable among the group of 80,000 vulnerable persons. This operation is part of an integrated relief food aid effort deployed by bilateral donors and NGOs, aimed at covering the basic food aid needs of Sahroui refugees, and in particular, of vulnerable groups such as infants, expectant and nursing mothers, the sick and the elderly.”.