West Africa Regional Special Operation 200767 "Logistics Support of the Humanitarian Community's Response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in West Africa"

B/R No.: 1

> BUDGET REVISION FOR SOs FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DED & COO				
FROM:	<u>Initials</u>	In Date	Out Date	Reason For Delay
Regional Director				
CLEARANCE through:				
Assistant Executive Director, OS				
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Assistant Executive Director, PG				
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Chief of Staff, OED				
APPROVAL:				
Deputy Executive Director and C	coo			
PROJECT	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget	
Total WFP cost (US\$)	US\$ 7,848,065	US\$ -7,040,065	US\$ 808,000	
TYPE OF REVISION				
☐ Additional DSC	☐ Additional CD&A	Extension in	time 🛛 Other	

NATURE OF REVISION:

This budget revision aims to reduce overall operational requirements and to close SO 200767 on February 09, 2015.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

Based on ongoing discussions with the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER), the World Health Organization, and government and NGO partners, it was concluded that a more comprehensive package of logistics common services was needed by the humanitarian community to effectively respond to the evolving Ebola crisis in West Africa. As such, new Special Operation 200773 was approved to augment the capacity of the humanitarian response under the United Nations System umbrella, and to support UNMEER and the humanitarian community's efforts to stop the spread of Ebola through a wide range of program activities, listed below:

- A. Establishment of logistics staging areas in Accra, national hubs in the three capitals and forward logistics bases in the affected countries
- B. Provision of UN Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) and strategic airlifts
- C. Interagency logistics coordination
- D. Logistics and telecommunications infrastructure

E. Supply chain capacity augmentation

The new Common Logistics Services Ebola Response SO 200773 was approved to run for an initial period of 4.5 months, from October 15, 2014, to February 28, 2015. A subsequent budget revision extended the operation for an additional 3 month until May 31, 2015. To consolidate all WFP support activities under a single coherent, strategic project, all activities originally planned under SO 200767 have been incorporated into SO 200773 from October 15, 2014, onwards. As a result, the preexisting SO will no longer be needed. This budget revision seeks to reduce overall budget needs for SO 200767 from December 9, 2014 on and to close SO 200767 on February 9, 2015.

In light of the above, this budget revision for a reduction of US\$ -7,040,065 in requirements and a reduction in time for SO 200767 is recommended for approval by the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, with the budget attached.

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