

IR-EMOP Project Document

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IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMERGENCY OPERATION MALAWI, IR-EMOP 200810, Emergency Food Assistance To Vulnerable Populations Affected By Floods in Malawi PROJECT DOCUMENT

PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:

Location:

1. Republic of Malawi in the following districts: Chikwawa, Nsanje, Zomba, Phalombe, Mangochi, Blantyre, Balaka, Machinga, Ntcheu, Rumphi, Salima, Chiradzulu, Thyolo, Mulanje and Karonga. Chikwawa Nsanje Phalombe and Zomba districts are the most affected.

Cause:

2. Following heavy and continuous stormy rains since the beginning of January, Malawi has been experiencing devastating floods which have affected over 275,000 people; more than 30 percent higher than the worst case scenario contingency planning figure. Based on current weather forecasting models, the rains are expected to continue in the coming days and weeks exacerbating the already dire situation. According to the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS), the heavy rains are due to a tropical depression (very deep low pressure area) located in Quelimane in Mozambique and the enhanced rain bearing systems (the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone) and Congo Air Mass which have remained active over Malawi. Other southern African countries of Madagascar, Mozambique and Zimbabwe have also been affected. The President of Malawi declared a state of national disaster in the affected districts on 13th January, 2015.

Effects:

3. According to current estimations, approximately 50,000 households have been affected by the floods in the 15 southern districts of Malawi. Out of this, nearly 20,000 households have been completely displaced and as a result, their entire livelihoods have been affected. The affected population requires immediate food assistance and other related support. Among those affected are children and the elderly.
4. The impact of floods on food availability and access is very high due to loss of household food supply, impaired market access to food, displacement and disruption of humanitarian food interventions including the ongoing relief food assistance and school feeding programmes. This is aggravated by loss of assets and livelihoods or coping mechanisms by the flood victims. Nutritional status of the affected populations especially women and children have negatively

been affected.

Total numbers affected and in need of emergency food aid:

5. Initial on-going rapid assessments indicate that about 110,000 people (20,000 households) have been displaced as a result of flooding with at least 48 people confirmed dead. In all the affected districts, the floods have caused varying levels of destruction- from crops¹ to livestock and infrastructure (roads, bridges, railway line, power lines, public buildings, schools and private dwellings and water and sanitation facilities) and access to basic services has been highly affected. The most affected districts are Chikwawa and Nsanje where an estimated population of 14,000 households (77,000 people) are completely stranded with no access to cooking facilities and need assistance in form of ready to eat meals.
6. The total emergency food requirements under this IR-EMOP for an estimated affected population of 77,000 amounts to 77 MT of high energy biscuits.
7. WFP in conjunction with other partners are currently undertaking rapid assessments to determine the full extent of the floods and the damage and displacement caused.

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Justification for an immediate response, expected impact:

8. WFP food assistance will be provided under PRRO 200692 targeting the flood victims in all the affected areas. This IR-EMOP will be linked to the PRRO and will enable timely provision of immediate food assistance; and support logistics operations through the provision of boats and air support. The bulk of the food items required for the general food distribution (GFD) will be made available under this PRRO. Meanwhile, WFP will initially use its existing food stocks (from other ongoing programme interventions) to respond to the floods, to be replenished once procurement of the required food items is done.
9. The CO is currently implementing the Malawi protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200692 which addresses the food needs of the food insecure households who experienced a poor crop harvest following erratic rainfall and prolonged dry spells in the previous agricultural season as informed by the Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC). Approximately 700,000 people in 20 districts were identified as in need of food assistance during the 2014/15 lean season (December – March) and WFP has been providing support to the most vulnerable people in the five most affected districts since December 2014 under the PRRO. A total of 13 of the 20 PRRO districts have been affected by these floods.
10. The unexpected onset of flooding may result in the current relief response extending in duration and/or increasing in beneficiaries to account for the newly affected population. This event may also necessitate the shifting of transfer modality (from cash to food) depending on market access in flood affected areas. WFP is coordinating closely with the UN humanitarian country team and the government to strengthen food security and logistics to put in place an effective response plan.

¹ Floods have occurred at the time when most farmers had just finished planting their crops

11. The objective of the response under this IR EMOP is twofold: a) to save lives by meeting immediate food needs of the flood affected households and, b); support initial recovery efforts towards restoration of the livelihoods of those affected by the floods. Specifically, the response operation will aim at reducing the risk of food insecurity of the floods affected people through provision of food rations to help prevent loss of life and maintain their nutritional status as well as support rehabilitation of community and household assets in order to restore livelihoods.

12. **Duration of assistance (maximum three months):** 60 days starting from 17 Jan 2015.

13. **Number of beneficiaries and location:** High Energy Biscuits in daily rations of 200g will be distributed to the 14,000 most vulnerable households (77,000 people) that are entirely cut off in Nsanje and Chikhwawa for 5 days (200g per person per day).

Food basket composition and ration levels:

14. WFP will provide a 60 days food ration to the affected populations in the 15 districts affected by floods², with basic and essential food commodities including the high energy biscuits as well as cereals, pulses, Supercereal and vegetable oil. Cereals, pulses, Supercereal and vegetable oil will be provided under the current PRRO, while HEB snacks will be provided to some localised populations who have difficult access to cooking facilities for the first 5 days through this IR-EMOP. The table below summarizes the biscuit ration:

Food Commodity	Quantity (g/person/day)	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat(g)
HEB	200	900	24.0	30.0
Total Ration³	200			
% of requirements supplied by ration		43.0	46.0	75.0
% of energy supplied by protein			10.7	30.0
% of energy supplied by fat				

Total food aid requirements (mt): 77 MT

Mode of implementation:

15. Targeting of the flood victims will be guided by the inter-agency assessment findings and recommendations as well as reports from the district councils through DoDMA. The affected population will be assisted through monthly in-kind food transfers either at the camps or designated final distribution points. Other agencies will provide non-food support.

16. The food ration is designed to cover the food gap as determined by the on-going rapid assessments. WFP will provide food assistance through NGO partners. NGO partners will facilitate beneficiary sensitisation, targeting and registration and distribution of the food assistance. Biscuit distributions are planned to commence the week beginning 19 January 2015.

² Of the 15 districts affected by floods, 13 are among the 20 districts targeted by PRRO 200692

³ The rest of the ration will be covered from cereals(450); Pulses (61); Supercereal(50) and Vegetable Oil(17) distributed under the current PRRO.

17. Commodities stored at WFP central warehouses in Blantyre & Lilongwe will be transported by road to affected locations, direct to FDPs or extended delivery points (EDPS) that will be opened closer to the flood affected areas. Additional commodities locally procured or overseas may be transported direct to EDPs or FDPs subject to urgency and accessibility of locations. Commercial transporters will form main transport source and WFP Fleet of 4 X 4 trucks will be used for most difficult to reach locations.
18. The IR-EMOP includes augmented logistics services that will include Boats and Air Operations (helicopter/s) for delivery of commodities to populations in areas cut off by the flooding, with no road access. Boats will mainly be deployed in the flooded areas on the Shire River in Chikwawa and Nsanje districts. The IR-EMOP Budget includes the cost of airlifting the HEB's from Blantyre to the EDP's.

PART 2: EMOP BUDGET (attached)

19. Total IR EMOP budget is attached as Annex 1. Estimated costs for this IR-EMOP total US\$ 981,874, which includes a total food value of US\$94,710 and logistics support costs amounting to US\$ 694,681.

PART 3: EMOP APPROVAL

- 1) IRA funding is available to cover EMOP budget

Calum Gardner, Director, RMBB: , Date: --/--/----

- 2) EMOP is approved

Chris Nikoi, Regional Director, RBJ: Date: --/--/----

Annex 1: Budget Summary

Fund Centre:	MWCO
Functional Area:	EMOP
Project Number:	200810
Project Start Date:	17-Jan-15
Project End Date:	16-Mar-15
Duration (months):	2

Cost Components	Number of Beneficiaries ^{1/}			Value (US\$)	% of DOC	% of Total Project Costs
Food Tool	77 000	Tonnage (mt)	Rate per mt			
Cereals		-	\$0.00	\$0	% of Food DOC	
Pulses		-	\$0.00	\$0		
Oil and Fats		-	\$0.00	\$0		
Mixed and Blended Food		77	\$1 230.00	\$94 710		
Other		-	\$0.00	\$0		
Total Food Transfers		77	\$1 230.00	\$94 710	12%	
External Transport			\$3 617.81	\$278 571	34%	
LTSH			\$5 404.02	\$416 110	51%	
ODOC Food			\$322.78	\$24 854	3%	
Total Food Tool DOC			\$10 574.61	\$814 245		83%
% of overall Food distribution costs (DSC and ISC included) over Total project costs						

	Number of Beneficiaries ^{1/}			Value (US\$)		
Cash and Voucher Tool	-		% of C&V Transfer			
Cash Transfers				\$0	% of C&V DOC	
Voucher Transfers				\$0		
Total Cash and Vouchers Transfers				\$0	0%	
C&V Related costs			0%	\$0	0%	
		C&V Delivery	0%	\$0	0%	
		C&V Other	0%	\$0	0%	
Total C&V Tool DOC				\$0		0%
% of overall C&V transfer costs (DSC and ISC included) over Total project costs						

Capacity Development & Augmentation Tool	Value (US\$)	
Total Capacity Development & Augmentation Tool costs	\$0	0%
% of overall Capacity Development & Augmentation costs (DSC and ISC included) over Total project costs		

	Number of Beneficiaries ^{1/}			Value (US\$)	DSC as % DOC
Total Costs	77 000				
Total Direct Operating Costs (DOC)				\$814 245	
Direct Support Cost (DSC)				\$103 395	13% 11%
Total WFP direct project costs (US\$)				\$917 640	
Indirect Support Costs (ISC) 7%				\$64 235	7%
TOTAL WFP COSTS				\$981 874	100%