



World Food Programme

BUDGET REVISION OF SO FOR APPROVAL BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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Malawi SO 200685 BR02
*Aviation Services, Logistics Augmentation and Cluster Coordination
 in Response to Floods in Malawi*

PROJECT	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
Total WFP cost (US\$)	US\$ 2 212 707	US\$ 575 552	US\$ 2 788 259

TYPE OF REVISION

- Additional DSC
 Additional CD&A
 Extension in time
 Change in project orientation
 Other

NATURE OF REVISION:

1. This second Budget Revision (BR02) to Malawi Special Operation 200685 will increase budget requirements and extend the project in time by four months (from September to December 2015) in order to support the Government of Malawi in constructing five Bailey Bridges¹ in areas where infrastructure was damaged by devastating floods in early 2015. The bridges are an in-kind donation from the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

2. The construction had been planned for mid-2015. However, a combination of delays in the process and a lack of project capacity has postponed implementation, which is now planned to commence in September 2015. Additionally, this BR will adjust the DSC associated with the in-kind donation.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

3. Heavy rains which began in late-December 2014 and peaked in early January 2015 (400 percent higher than average rainfall took place over a one week period) caused flash floods which washed away roads and bridges and displaced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes.

¹ Temporary bridges of steel designed for rapid assembly from prefabricated standard parts.

4. On 13 January 2015, the President of Malawi declared a state of national disaster across 15 of the country's 28 districts. According to the National Preliminary Response Plan (PRP), some 370,000 flood-affected people were in need of urgent food assistance during this period.
5. Given the scale of the disaster and the state of the infrastructure, the Government of Malawi requested the activation of inter-sectoral coordination groups. As lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, WFP supported the government with logistics coordination and augmentation services.
6. On 16 February 2015, WFP held a meeting to discuss the infrastructure damages with the Ministry of Transport and Public Works (MoTPW), the department of Road Authorities (RA) and the Malawi Defense Forces (MDF). The authorities highlighted an urgent need for reconstruction of bridges to support the post-flood recovery process. A Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), a joint effort facilitated by the World Bank, was conducted in February 2015. A road infrastructure assessment jointly undertaken by MoTPW, RA, MDF and WFP formed part of the PDNA. The assessment identified five priority roads with bridges that required emergency repair. These roads were prioritized as major access points to isolated areas affected by the floods.
7. WFP approached MSB through its existing corporate Standby Partner agreement to request the donation of Bailey Bridges for the five priority locations identified in the PDNA. A joint MSB and WFP assessment mission in April 2015, however, concluded that only three locations out of the five were suitable for the installation of Bailey Bridges (in the districts of Phalombe, Thyolo and Zomba in the country's south). MSB recommended installing two further Bailey Bridges at different locations within both the Phalombe and Thyolo districts.
8. The three districts of Phalombe, Thyolo and Zomba have been classified as "highly at risk" of food insecurity by the Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee's (MVAC) assessment of July 2015.² As a result of flooding and dry spells that occurred during the 2015-2016 growing season the populations in these areas are envisaged to be in need of humanitarian assistance from October 2015 to March 2016. Improving access to Phalombe, Thyolo and Zomba is critical to reach the populations in these districts.
9. MSB agreed to deliver five Bailey Bridges inclusive of transportation costs to Beira in Mozambique, and to deploy an engineer to oversee the construction works and the installation of the bridges.
10. The bridges were initially planned for delivery in Beira, Mozambique in June 2015. This BR will cover the extension of the Standby Partner engineer to oversee the project and its implementation upon delivery of the bridges in early September 2015. This BR will also account for an adjustment in DSC costs associated with the in-kind donation.
11. A revised plan for implementation has been drawn up and agreed to by all parties (MoTPW, RA, MDF and WFP):

Month	Activity	Responsible
August 2015	Transport first shipment of Bailey Bridges from Beira to Malawi	WFP
	Contracting Construction Companies for the three sites	RA
September 2015	Transport second shipment of Bailey Bridges from Beira to Malawi	WFP
	Construction works on three sites	RA
October 2015	Transport Bailey Bridge to sites	WFP/MoTPW
	Installation of bridges	RA/MDF
December 2015	Inauguration of the bridges and handover to the Government of Malawi	WFP/MoTPW

²The Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee comprises Government, inter-government, academic and non-profit member organizations including (but not exclusively) Government of Malawi, WFP, FAO and UNDP.