

PROJECT BUDGET REVISION FOR APPROVAL BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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| 5) To: | Initials | In Date | Out Date | Reason for Delay |
| Regional Director | | | | |
| 4) Through: | Initials | In Date | Out Date | Reason for Delay |
| Programme Adviser, RB | | | | |
| 3) Through: | Initials | In Date | Out Date | Reason for Delay |
| Logistic Officer, RB (change in LTSH and/or External Transport) | | | | |
| 2) Through: | Initials | In Date | Out Date | Reason for Delay |
| Resource Management Analyst, RB | | | | |
| 1) From: | Initials | In Date | Out Date | Reason for Delay |
| Bolivia Country Office | PM | | 19/04/2016 | |

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BR No. 1

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| Total revised number of beneficiaries | - |
| Duration of entire project | 4 months |
| Extension / Reduction period | Extension of 1 month |
| Gender marker code | n.a. |
| WFP food tonnage | - |

Start date: 01.02.16 **End date:** 30.04.16 **Extension/Reduction period:** 1 month **New end date:** 30.05.16

Cost (United States dollars)

| | Current Budget | Increase (Decrease) | Revised Budget |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Food and Related Costs | US\$ - | US\$ - | US\$ - |
| Cash and Vouchers and Related Costs | US\$ 1,214,825 | US\$ - | US\$ 1,214,825 |
| Capacity Development & Augmentation | US\$ 54,820 | US\$ - | US\$ 54,820 |
| DSC | US\$ 104,770 | US\$ - | US\$ 104,770 |
| ISC | US\$ 96,209 | US\$ - | US\$ 96,209 |
| Total cost to WFP | US\$ 1,470,624 | US\$ - | US\$ 1,470,624 |

CHANGES TO:

Food Tool

- MT
- Commodity Value
- External Transport
- LTSH
- ODOC

C&V Tool

- C&V Transfers
- C&V Related Costs

- CD&A
- DSC
- Project duration
- Other

Project Rates

- LTSH (\$/MT)
- ODOC (\$/MT)
- C&V Related (%)
- DSC (%)



NATURE OF THE INCREASE

1. *One-month extension in time –at no cost- until 30 May 2016, to allow beneficiaries to receive the cash of the last distribution cycle to be carried out in early May 2016.*

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION

Summary of existing project activities

2. *Heavy rains in the second half of 2015 have caused widespread flooding, especially along the Río Paraguay. In Asunción the river reached the record level of 7.84 meters, while the limit over which the river is at severe risk of flooding is only 5.5 meters. More than 33,000 families were affected by the floods throughout the Country.*
3. *In line with WFP Strategic Objective 1 (SO1), the IR-EMOP objective is to protect lives and livelihoods while enabling safe access to food for the households affected by floods.*
4. *The project includes three rounds of general cash distribution (GCD) to address the urgent needs of 6705 affected families in Asunción. The cash is transferred to the beneficiaries through the TIGO Money platform. Beneficiaries have received a SIM card and the TIGO Gourmet card where the money is transferred. The card can be used, like a debit card, to purchase different kinds of items in more than 4000 shops associated to the TIGO platform.*

Conclusion and recommendation of the re-assessment

5. *WFP has carried out an in-depth EFSA to collect baseline information. A WFP-hired company has collected information from households and key informant's groups before the first distribution. The information has been presented recently to the RB and shared with the UNDAC team currently in Paraguay.*

Purpose of change in project duration

6. *As WFP has no formal presence in Paraguay all financial transactions are carried out through UNDP Paraguay.*
7. *The transfer of funds to beneficiaries is carried out as follows:*
 - a. *WFP funds are transferred from WFP global account to the UNDP global account in New York*
 - b. *WFP Bolivia requests UNDP Paraguay to transfer funds to TIGO.*
 - c. *TIGO transfers to the beneficiary's card.*
8. *Approximately two months ago, UNDP closed down its global bank account in New York without informing WFP. Therefore, the WFP transfer was rejected and UNDP Paraguay refused to undertake any fund transfers to TIGO due to 'lack' of funding in the main UNDP global account.*
9. *With the support of WFP-HQ, the problem was solved and the second cash transfer to WFP beneficiaries took place in late March.*
10. *However, the problem persists. UNDP Paraguay is claiming that no additional funds are available for the WFP operation hampering the third and last cash distribution.*



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- 11. As the operation is ending on 30 April the risk is that, if the internal UNDP problem is not solved soon, WFP will not be able to transfer the last cash contribution to the 6705 families before the project end-date.**
- 12. Therefore, the project needs to be extended by one month to assure that all beneficiaries receive their cash entitlement. The extension does not involve additional costs.**
- 13. This revision does not involve changes in the number of beneficiaries, modalities or the amount of cash transfers.**

Hazard / Risk Assessment and Preparedness Planning

- 14. New and more severe flood are forecast in Paraguay from June onward. More than 210,000 people are expected to be affected countrywide.**
- 15. An UNDAC team is currently in Paraguay to assess needs and gaps. A CERF proposal and a new EMOP could be eventually prepared depending on the UNDAC assessment's findings to assist part of the affected families.**
- 16. UNDP internal financial problems will hopefully be resolved soon. Without a legal presence in Paraguay, WFP has to rely on the UNDP financial procedures.**

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