

**PROJECT BUDGET REVISION FOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR**

5) To:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
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**Special Operation CAR 200997 BR No. 1**

*Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster Augmentation in Central African Republic*

PROJECT	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
CD&A	\$ 1 742 369	\$ 0	\$ 1 742 369
DSC	\$ 163 150	\$ 0	\$ 163 150
ISC	\$ 133 386	\$ 0	\$ 133 386
<b>Total WFP cost (US\$)</b>	<b>\$ 2 038 906</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 2 038 906</b>

**TYPE OF REVISION**

☐ Resource allocation
 ☒ Extension/Reduction in time
 ☐ Adjustment of fiscal year planning
 ☐ Other

**NATURE OF REVISION**

This budget revision is for an extension in time to augment Logistics Cluster and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster activities in the Central African Republic (CAR) from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. As remarked in the 2017 CAR Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), the country still suffers from limited logistics capacity and infrastructures; this adds to the volatile security situation and to the expected challenges deriving from the country being a landlocked one. As a consequence, access for humanitarian actors to the people most affected by the crisis is limited and remains one of the top priority in CAR.



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### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

1. In December 2013, a surge of violence and sectarian conflict in CAR triggered a humanitarian crisis, causing large scale displacement, food insecurity and disruption of already limited provision of basic services. On 11 December 2013, the IASC Principals declared the humanitarian crisis in CAR a Level-3 emergency and activated a system wide response.
2. Despite the deactivation of the Level-3 emergency in May 2015, and the largely peaceful electoral process that took place between December 2015 and February 2016, almost the entire population has been affected by the political crisis. The recent Emergency Food Security Assessment found that 50 percent of the population is food insecure; additionally, OCHA estimates that 2.35 million people out of the 4.8 million population are in need of humanitarian assistance.
3. The conflict in the Central African Republic has not only produced widespread displacement and increased humanitarian needs, but has also further damaged the already dilapidated infrastructure and all but incapacitated the transport sector.
4. In response to the onset of the crisis, WFP launched a Special Operation (SO 200605) to provide WFP and the humanitarian community with augmented logistics and emergency telecommunications support services. The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster was activated in 2007, and the Logistics Cluster reactivated in August 2013, to assist the humanitarian community overcome numerous logistics and telecommunication gaps and bottlenecks, as well as, to support the humanitarian response to the crisis. SO 200605 has been subject to five budget revisions, and was extended until 30 April 2016.
5. The main objective of this budget revision is to ensure a continued, coordinated logistics response for the ongoing emergency and an efficient utilization of resources and logistics capacity through the cluster approach. The Logistics Cluster will also continue to liaise closely with WFP Logistics and UNHAS to maximize existing air transport capacity.

### **JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION**

1. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency funds to support this Special Operation (SO) have been confirmed in October 2016, 3 months after the starting date of the SO. The implementation of Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters activities has therefore been delayed. In order to successfully reach the objectives of the Special Operation, an additional period of time is required.
2. The selection of implementing partners for road structure rehabilitation activities as well as common storage services is currently ongoing. The three (3) months remaining on the initial SO200997 period will not be sufficient to achieve our goals. An extension in time would allow us to propose up to six (6) months agreements to selected implementing partners for long term projects.

### **ACTIVITIES**

1. The activities will remain the same as in the initial SO200997.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Budget Revision 1 covering for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 with the same level of resources is recommended for approval by the Country Director.