

BUDGET REVISION OF SO FOR APPROVAL BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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Sierra Leone Special Operation 200927 BR No. 1

Service Provision for Ebola Phase 3 Rapid Response, Readiness and Recovery

	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
Total WFP cost (USD)	5 388 247	1 053 968	6 442 215

TYPE OF REVISION

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

NATURE OF REVISION

- This budget revision to Special Operation 200927 extends the operation from 1 July through 30 September 2016 and increases the budget by USD 1,053,968.
- The revision will enable completion of transitional arrangements for WFP's common services strategy, in coordination with the Government, national disaster management authorities, United Nations Country Team, and partners. In parallel with Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 200938 (PRRO), WFP will build on the work of the Special Operation to enhance capabilities of the Government and partners in disaster risk management, including emergency logistics.

3. Specifically, the budget increase will:
 - Increase capacity development and augmentation by USD 623,088
 - Increase direct support costs by USD 361,930; and
 - Increase indirect support costs by USD 68,951.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION

4. Following the closure of regional Special Operation 200773, WFP launched Special Operation 200927 as a country-level operation to provide logistics augmentation and capability enhancement in support of partners and national disaster management authorities preparing for and responding to Ebola flare-ups and other disasters, including localized floods. At no cost to the user, the special operation has enabled WFP to stand ready to provide an able and dedicated rapid response mechanism for dealing with three concurrent Ebola chains of transmission, while further augmenting outbreak readiness and recovery activities of WFP and partners.
5. This budget revision will extend provision of common services support through the special operation framework to ensure preparedness and response measures are maintained in line with humanitarian community requirements, particularly for cargo transport and storage, ICT support and bilateral services. Where funding permits, or on a cost-recovery basis, this continuation of services will strengthen preparedness and response capacities of humanitarian partners and users, particularly during the rainy season when access to communities is obstructed and risks of virus transmission remain uncertain.
6. Cargo transport and storage continues to be managed through the Main Logistics Base located at Port Loko. WFP is currently reviewing the scope and management of this facility for future inclusion with the disaster risk management component of the PRRO that reinforces capability enhancement of the Sierra Leone national disaster management authority.
7. Engineering support to the humanitarian community continues to support the timely assembly and serviceability of rapid response infrastructure needs. Construction and electrical engineering staff continue to support partners with readiness requirements to ensure that rapid response units are fully established and operational within 96 hours after the announcement of an outbreak.
8. ICT support service provision has also continued to rely on WFP's in-country capacity to support establishment and maintenance of infrastructure and other support for partners. WFP will continue to provide limited support to partners as needed during the extension period.
9. Provision of passenger and cargo services through the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) operated through 31 March 2016 as previously planned. Intercity services between Conakry and Freetown will end 30 June 2016.
10. Logistics, ICT and engineering services outside the scope of Ebola readiness and response activities remain available to partners bilaterally on a cost recovery basis. Partners can also continue to access the UNHRD network with in-country support by WFP.
11. WFP has also designed and begun implementing a targeted emergency logistics and rapid response capacity building plan to support national disaster responders, providing both practical and classroom training to humanitarian partners, national disaster management authorities and other stakeholders. This activity will be refined and expanded within the PRRO.
12. This extension will enable wrapping up of Special Operation activities, including finalization of procurement processes for readiness and response equipment, scaling down remaining logistics common services support to agencies, provision of training to national disaster management partners, and planning for a transition to technical assistance and capability enhancement activities within the PRRO. The budget revision will also programme several unforeseen in-kind donations received by WFP between January and June 2016.