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BUDGET REVISION OF SO FOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

5) To:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
John Aylieff, Country Director ETCO				
4) Through:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
Ilaria Dettori, Programme Adviser, RBN				
3) Through:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
Steve Nsubuga, Logistic Officer, RBN				
2) Through:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
Josefa Zueco, Resource Management Analyst, RBN				
1) From:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
Paola Corrado, Logistics Officer, ETCO				

**Ethiopia & SOP 200752
BR No. 02**

PROJECT	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
Total WFP cost (US\$)	US\$ \$6,281,982	US\$ 0.00	US\$ \$6,281,982

TYPE OF REVISION

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

NATURE OF REVISION:

The objective of this BR is to extend the project by 5 months up to 31/12/2016 from the current project end date of 31/07/2016. The project has experienced unanticipated operational delays due to reasons explained below and has incurred minimal expenditures to date. The project as it is now, is fully funded and its competition is not foreseen to require additional funding.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

WFP has committed through this project to construct a new 80 m single span steel modular bridge, approximately 700m of elevated approach causeway as well as some minor rehabilitation works to the adjacent approach roads to the bridge on either side. Through this commitment, the project seeks to:



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- a) Enhance efficiencies in the supply of food aid for Salahad and Lagahida by reducing transport cost and delivery time.
- b) Increase local access and trade between communities on both sides of the river (socio-economic benefits).
- c) Open an already neglected area for further humanitarian development by improving accessibility.
- d) Improved access to health care facilities, education and justice systems.
- e) Improve security by providing greater access to remote areas.

To date, the project has faced unanticipated delays putting its successful completion at risk, including jeopardizing relationships with the community who have anxiously been waiting for the positive benefits the project was expected to bring as above.

Despite the contract being signed in October 2015, startup of activities has been challenged following the reassignment of designated project staff to other priorities by the regional government board. While a new team was assigned to resume the project activities in January 2016, the learning process for them combined with other administrative challenges have contributed to the project continuing to run behind schedule.

Since early March the works had progressed steadily until recently when the region has been subject to flash flooding and the infrastructure has particularly suffered with collapsed bridges and roads washed away. The flash floods also resulted in the temporary river crossing at the construction site being washed away. These access difficulties are affecting supply lines to the site and accordingly, progress. This is currently delaying the project further, with the expectation of another 2 months delay overall to the project.

The request for a BR for extension of time until end of December 2016 will enable the project to make up for the delays experienced to date, allowing WFP to fulfill its commitments.