

Format for Information Note of IR-EMOP Project Document-Delegation of Authority to Country Directors

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**IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMERGENCY OPERATION 201039
REPUBLIC OF CONGO RESPONSE TO POPULATION DISPLACEMENT
IN POOL DEPARTMENT OF REPUBLIC OF CONGO
PROJECT DOCUMENT**

PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:

Location: Pool and Bouenza Departments, Republic of Congo, Brazzaville.

Cause:

1. Due to ongoing armed conflict between the Government forces and rebel groups, more than 60 deadly attacks have taken place since late September 2016 in Pool Department in the Republic of Congo.

Effects:

1. The violence started in April 2016, however the situation improved after about two months and many people returned to their villages. In June 2016, a Government and an inter-agency rapid assessment mission was conducted which estimated that there were 500 Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's). The findings of the underlined the need for assistance, particularly for children and women in the overloaded displacement sites, in the areas of shelter, water, health services, sanitation, food and nutrition.
2. The conflict escalated in September and resulted in thousands of people fleeing the affected areas. Most of the displaced people are settled in Pool Department and the neighbouring Bouenza Department. Others have fled to larger urban centres such as Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. The Government has requested WFP to focus its assistance to those in Pool and Bouenza.

Total numbers affected and in need of emergency food aid:

3. The Ministry of Social Affairs, Humanitarian Action and Solidarity conducted an assessment estimating 4,347 IDP's on 4 October.
4. In line with a joint UN-Government assessment done on 7-11 November 2016, the number of IDP's identified in Pool and Bouenza in need of

emergency food assistance is 15,303. A further deterioration of the situation and subsequent increases in the number of displaced persons is expected.

WFP IR EMOP:

Justification for an immediate response, expected impact:

5. A rapid assessment mission jointly conducted by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action and Solidarity and UN agencies (WFP, UNICEF, UNDP, WHO, UNHCR, FAO, UNFPA) in June, and subsequent assessments, have reported that a large number of the displaced people include children, women, and other vulnerable people such as the elderly and female-headed households. The displaced population lacks essential food and non-food items. They also face poor access to sanitation, water and health care services. Given limited capacity, charitable organizations cannot manage the needs of the affected population.
6. The Government provided the initial response on 7 October, providing food and non-food items for 15 days to affected populations in Pool and Bouenza Department.
7. Given the deteriorating situation, an immediate response was requested by the Government to which WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO and UNFPA are called to mobilize resources.
8. The UN and the Government undertook a joint emergency needs assessment on 7-11 November 2016, to obtain updated information on the humanitarian needs. WFP does not have an existing project vehicle that can accommodate the proposed response outlined in this document. Thus, the proposed IR-EMOP will allow WFP to respond to the Government request with an immediate response.
9. UNICEF and WHO will provide support to health centres and should the response extend beyond the period of the IR-EMOP there is the potential that Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) activities could take place in conjunction with partners.
10. The Government has three rub halls which were donated by WFP through the IR-EMOP 200408 in 2012. These storage units need rehabilitation, and some of the rub halls will be deployed to Pool Department to support the overall humanitarian response. An additional rub hall will be procured by the Government for additional warehouse capacity and WFP will provide technical support for the installation and set-up of the rub hall. The rub halls are located in Brazzaville and WFP has access to these areas.

Duration of assistance planned:

11. The project will go from 15 December 2016 to 14 March 2017. WFP is planning to provide cash-based assistance under this IR-EMOP from 15 December 2016 to 20 January 2017 (15 days in December and 20 days in January). Given challenges to attract funding for these types of interventions in the Republic of Congo, whilst the assessment report recommends support for a period of three months, WFP will provide support for a total of 35 days. WFP will explore implementing an EMOP for a six month duration post the IR-EMOP should the situation deem it necessary.

Number of beneficiaries and location:

12. The displaced people are currently settled in different localities and towns (Kinkala, Mindouli, Mbanzandounga, Louingui, Kibouende, Madzia and Louetete) in Pool and Bouenza Departments. With the influx of IDP's expected to continue over the next weeks, assistance will be provided to 15,303 people.

Food basket composition and ration levels:

13. WFP will provide cash based transfers (CBT) to 15,303 beneficiaries in the Pool and Bouenza Departments. The cash based response takes into consideration the unavailability of WFP stocks in Brazzaville except for vegetable oil and the market functionality in the affected areas. Acknowledging the UN restricted access to the affected areas, assistance will be provided through cooperating partners.
14. The affected areas are conducive for CBT as markets are integrated and functional, and local production is available. The average daily value of the transfer is USD 0.6 per person for 36 days from December 2016 to mid-January 2017. This transfer value is based on the value of a full food basket providing 2,100 Kcal/person/day on the local markets. The transfer will take place on a monthly basis.
15. The Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action and Solidarity and WFP will jointly target beneficiaries, with support of WFP's implementing partner in the field; the Ministry will be responsible for providing WFP with a preliminary list of the beneficiaries. A unique Identification Card will be provided to beneficiaries through a registration process with the local authorities and other stakeholders.

Total cash transfer requirement:

16. The total cost for the project is USD 500,000. The cash transfer costs amount to USD 321,363 of the total costs.

Mode of implementation:**17. Food availability:**

- a) Markets in Pool Department and Bouenza department are well supplied with local production and food is available in the markets;
- b) Pool Department is a major agriculture production area. Markets are well integrated and accessible in the areas not affected by the armed conflict; and
- c) Most of the IDPs (95 percent) are settled in the peri-urban areas and large urban centres including the Department capital which have functioning markets.

18. Cash distribution:

- a) No food distribution is planned to take place under this IR-EMOP. CBT will be provided via mobile money transfer with Airtel under an existing contract. The contract will be extended beyond December 2016 to provide CBT support to the affected populations covered under this IR-

EMOP.

- b) The service provider has sufficient capacity to reach most of the affected populations. Pool and Bouenza Departments have good mobile network coverage and a wide range of mobile money distribution points available.
- c) WFP will establish a coordination mechanism with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action and Solidarity, which has prior experience in the implementation of CBT. WFP will provide training to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action and Solidarity staff to strengthen capacity on the use of CBT in emergency contexts.
- d) All efforts will be made to ensure that the mobile money distribution points are in close proximity to the affected populations to minimize risks associated with collection of monthly cash based transfers.

19. Reporting , Monitoring and Evaluation

- a) With the Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action and Solidarity, WFP will ensure that a rigorous monitoring and evaluation system is established and regular data collection for post distribution monitoring takes place. Focus group discussions and questionnaires will be used to collect the data and assess the specific needs of the beneficiaries, in particularly the most vulnerable.
- b) WFP and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action and Solidarity are jointly providing mobile money transfers in several locations across the country, and joint monitoring tools have been developed.

20. Staffing

- c) WFP Programme Staff including one Emergency Officer (P3 level), one programme assistant (G6), and one monitoring and evaluation assistant (G4). The above staff will be responsible for overall management of the project, organizing the cash distribution, conducting monitoring, assessing performance against targets, and compiling reports. During the implementation of the project, issues of gender and protection will be given special attention.

PART 2: EMOP BUDGET					
Cost Components	Number of Beneficiaries ^{1/}		Value (US\$)	% of DOC	% of Total Project Costs
Food Tool	-	Tonnage (mt)	Rate per mt		
Cereals		-	\$0,00	\$0	% of Food DOC
Pulses		-	\$0,00	\$0	
Oil and Fats		-	\$0,00	\$0	
Mixed and Blended Food		-	\$0,00	\$0	
Other		-	\$0,00	\$0	
Total Food Transfers		-	\$0,00	\$0	0%
External Transport			\$0,00	\$0	0%
LTSH			\$0,00	\$0	0%
ODOC Food			\$0,00	\$0	0%
Total Food Tool DOC			\$0,00	\$0	0%
% of overall Food distribution costs (DSC and ISC included) over Total project costs					0%
	Number of Beneficiaries ^{1/}				
Cash and Voucher Tool	15 303		% of C&V Transfer	Value (US\$)	
Cash Transfers				\$321 363	% of C&V DOC
Value Voucher Transfer to Beneficiaries				\$0	
Commodity Voucher				\$0	
Total Cash and Vouchers Transfers				\$321 363	93%
C&V Related costs			7,16%	\$23 000	7%
<i>C&V Delivery</i>			4,98%	\$16 000	5%
<i>C&V Other</i>			2,18%	\$7 000	2%
Total C&V Tool DOC				\$344 363	69%
% of overall C&V transfer costs (DSC and ISC included) over Total project costs					91%
Capacity Development & Augmentation Tool				Value (US\$)	
Total Capacity Development & Augmentation Tool costs				\$33 198	7%

% of overall Capacity Development & Augmentation costs (DSC and ISC included) over Total project costs				9%
	Number of Beneficiaries ^{1/}			
Total Costs	15 303		Value (US\$)	DSC as % DOC
Total Direct Operating Costs (DOC)			\$377 561	
Direct Support Cost (DSC)			\$89 729	23,77% 18%
Total WFP direct project costs (US\$)			\$467 290	
Indirect Support Costs (ISC) 7%			\$32 710	7%
TOTAL WFP COSTS			\$500 000	100% 100%

PART 3: EMOP APPROVAL

- 1) IRA funding is available to cover EMOP budget

Chief, RMBB: [Name & Signature], Date: --/--/----

- 2) EMOP is approved

Country Director, [Republic of Congo]: [David Bulman], Date: 13/DECEMBER/2016