



World Food Programme

Decision Memorandum

To:	Mr. Jim Harvey Chief of Staff, OED	Date: 16 November 2015
Through:	Mr. Ramiro Lopes da Silva Assistant Executive Director, OS	
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From:	Mr. Stefano Porretti Director of Emergencies, OSE	

Subject: Peru Country Office requests fund allocation for IR-PREP for specific preparedness activities in relation to El Niño .

Issue

The purpose of this memorandum is to request your approval for an allocation of US\$ 103,345 to support special preparedness activities in Peru in relation to El Niño.

Background

The Multisector Committee of the National Study of El Niño has estimated a 95% probability that the coastal phenomenon will take place between the months of December 2015 and June 2016, with February being the most critical month. Additionally there is a 55% likelihood of El Niño reaching a strong or extraordinary magnitude. This is anticipated to trigger some of the greatest emergencies in recent years in Peru due to heavy rains and flooding in areas that are normally dry and thus unprepared to handle these events.

Preparedness measures of the Government of Peru are primarily aimed at infrastructure and do not focus on the humanitarian response, which has led to an identification of gaps in food assistance, logistics and telecommunications. Furthermore the capacity of the National and Regional Government to assist the potential populations to be affected are severely limited by budget constraints. Under a cooperation agreement with WFP, the National Institute for Civil Defense (INDECI) has requested support in the preparedness, with activities to include:

- 1) Support for the initial assessment of food security in an emergency through the participation of experts from WFP during the first emergency;
- 2) Implementation of mobile devices to prepare an index of victims and upload them to Government system for disaster management;
- 3) Purchasing of 4 mobile storage units for food and humanitarian aid;



The duration of this project will be for 3 months (15 November 2015 to 14 February 2016).

The detailed request from the Peru CO and the budget for preparedness activities are attached. Budget is totalling US\$ 183,691, but we will currently allocate the US\$ 103,345 required for 2015. Remaining balance will be allocated in 2016.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this proposal, for an allocation of US\$ 103,345, be approved as the proposed will augment WFPs operational capacity in the region and offer resources to support preparedness in Peru.

Decision by the Chief of Staff, OED:

Approve: _____

Disapprove: _____

Discuss with me: _____

Date: _____

cc: Regional Bureau/Country office
Chief RMB
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