

**Central African Republic SO 200605**

**Logistics Support to WFP Operations, and Logistics & Emergency Telecommunications Cluster Augmentation in Central African Republic**

**B/R No.:3**

**BUDGET REVISION OF SO FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>In Date</u>	<u>Out Date</u>	<u>Reason For Delay</u>
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Director, OSL	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b><u>APPROVAL</u></b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director	.....	.....	.....	.....

	<b>Previous Budget</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>New Budget</b>
<b>Total WFP cost (US\$)</b>	US\$ 9,120,643	US\$ 1,008,312	US\$ 10,128,955

<b><u>TYPE OF REVISION</u></b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional DSC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional CD&A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension in time	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in project orientation
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			

**NATURE OF REVISION:**

In response to the crisis in Central Africa Republic, Special Operation 200605 was launched in July 2013 to provide WFP and the humanitarian community with augmented logistics and emergency telecommunications support services. This budget revision seeks an extension in time of the SO for 3 months until 31 March 2015, with additional resources to cover programmatic needs, staffing, and recurring costs during this period. This BR will ensure the continuation of Logistics Cluster, Emergency Telecommunications Cluster, and road rehabilitation services currently being provided to the humanitarian community.

**BACKGROUND:**

Special Operation 200605 was planned to provide WFP and the humanitarian community with augmented logistics and emergency telecommunications support services required to respond to the evolving crisis in the Central African Republic. This has been achieved through: the deployment of a trucking fleet; the repair of looted and damaged infrastructure; and the strengthening of structures to support the emergency telecommunications and Logistics Clusters. The Special Operation had

five components: truck fleet augmentation and workshop rehabilitation; rehabilitation of damaged WFP warehouses; logistics cluster support; Emergency Telecommunications Cluster support and services; and bridge rehabilitation. Together, these components intended to augment WFP and aid agencies capacities to respond to humanitarian needs.

This SO budget revision aims to ensure Logistics Cluster and Telecommunication Cluster activities continues and that the implementation of WFP rehabilitation projects keep moving forward.

### **JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:**

1. Through this budget revision, WFP aims to extend SO 200605 until 31 March 2015 to:
  - Continue the range of activities already being implemented by the Logistics Cluster and the Emergency Telecommunication Cluster support services,
  - Improve overall coordination on addressing logistics challenges faced by the humanitarian community working in CAR,
  - Incorporate into the overall project plan Standby Partner in-kind contribution costs that were programmed in 2014, but not budgeted for, and
  - Gather required information with humanitarian partners in preparation of an envisaged BR 4, with review of activities and the financial budget to continue to provide coordination and support to the humanitarian community throughout 2015.
2. The continuation of regular logistics coordination meetings are needed to help partners optimize the use of resources available and to identify gaps while avoiding duplication of efforts. The Logistics Cluster will also maintain provision of information management services, including the creation of IM products, GIS/mapping, cargo tracking, and the maintenance and population of a dedicated webpage for logistics operational documents.
3. The ETC will continue to provide services to the humanitarian community through the already established infrastructure. When possible, the ETC will also carry out assessments and roll out services in locations where the sites are ready and security permits.
4. A purchase of 20 trucks was provided for under the original SO, and the lease of an additional 40 trucks included in BR 2. However, due to lack of funding, the aforementioned augmentation of WFP's fleet was not achieved. This gap in transport capacity has severely constrained WFP's ability to support ongoing EMOP and PPRO operations and those of the humanitarian community. The local commercial transport industry cannot meet the entire humanitarian demands, the current WFP fleet of trucks will continue to provide transport services on cost recovery basis and increased storage capacity setting up mobile warehouses in locations to respond to the emergency.
5. A leading request from partners is for the rehabilitation of bridges and barges around the country. The high volume of humanitarian convoys on roads in CAR is significantly contributing to the further deterioration of dilapidated roads and bridges, compromising the viability of future access for all humanitarian actors. Through coordination meetings, it was highlighted that road and bridges must be rehabilitated to improve the timely access to the remote locations where affected populations are in need of humanitarian assistance. Through this BR, a total of four damaged bridges hampering access to two regions in the south-east and north-west of the country will be repaired and reinforced. The work will be carried out by the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), a WFP partner, and will benefit all humanitarian partners as well as support the local economy by facilitating access between regions.

6. Six Standby Partner deployees were seconded as service in-kind contributions to support the Logistics and ETC response in CAR in 2014. Four of these were not budgeted in the SO project plan for 2014. This BR takes the retroactive, corrective measure by accounting for them in the overall SO budget.

#### **MONITORING & EVALUATION:**

7. The following key performance indicators will be used to monitor the implementation of the activities:
  - Number of bridges rehabilitated (Target: 1 to 2 )
  - Global Logistics Cluster coordination meetings per month (Target: 2)
  - Number of logistics information management products produced and shared
  - Number of ETC Information management products produced and shared (Target: Monthly ETC Service map and ETC Sitrep)
  - Number of operational areas covered by common security telecommunications network. (Target: 6)
  - Number of operational areas covered by data communications services (Target: 1 new location and 5 existing to maintain)
  - Number of storage units installed (Target: 8)
  - Amount of cargo moved for the humanitarian community
  - Number of organisations supported through logistics cluster services

#### **EXIT STRATEGY:**

Following a review of the evolving situation, it is envisaged that a subsequent budget revision will extend the project and explore exit strategy options in 2015.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**In light of the above, this budget revision for an extension in time and an additional \$1,008,312 in resources for CAR SO 200605, is recommended for approval by the Regional Director, with the budget attached.**

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