

Republic of Congo PRRO 10312.1: B/R No 6.
“Assistance to Populations Affected by Conflict and Poverty”
B/R No: 06.

BUDGET REVISION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>In Date</u>	<u>Out Date</u>	<u>Reason For Delay</u>
<u>ORIGINATOR</u>				
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<u>CLEARANCE</u>				
Programme Officer, OMXP
Chief, OMXP
Chief, OMLT (change in LTSH and External Transport)
Director, FLB
<u>APPROVAL</u>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Director

PROJECT	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
Food cost	US\$ 5,542,096	US\$ 719,870	US\$ 6,261,966
External transport	US\$2,857,661	US\$ 246,449	US\$ 3,104,110
LTSH	US\$3,204,225	US\$ 459,285	US\$ 3,663,510
ODOC	US\$ 144,636	US\$ 94,000	US\$ 238,636
DSC	US\$ 1,507,044	US\$ 303,755	US\$ 14,775,267
ISC (7%)	US\$ 927,897	US\$ 127,635	US\$ 1,055,532
Total WFP cost (US\$)	US\$ 14,183,559	US\$ 1,950,994	US\$ 16,134,553

<u>TYPE OF REVISION</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional commodity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional DSC	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional external transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional ODOC	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension or Reduction in time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional LTSH	

<u>NATURE OF REVISION:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 months extension in time (from 1st April, 2009 – 31st March, 2010) - Additional of 1,853mt mixed commodities: 1,050 mt rice, 470 mt pulses, 219 mt vegetable oil, 67 mt CSB, 16 mt salt and 31 mt sugar. - Additional associated costs. - Allow time for preparation of successor development project.

<u>JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:</u>

During the past two years, the Government of RoC has made some commendable efforts to re-build the socio-economic infrastructure and increase the resources allocated to the social sector; however this positive trend is likely to be adversely affected by the decline of oil prices (the main source of income). Consequently, the Government has reduced its 2009 budget by 50% compared to last year.

In February 2008 a SDA carried out stated that more than 50% of the population in the Republic of Congo is living under the poverty line (equivalent to 544.40 FCFA/day or approximately US\$ 1). The most food insecure area remains the Pool region. The population remains dependant on imports that accounted for approximately 6% of the 2008 Government budget. The SDA report noted that global acute malnutrition is at 8%, underweight 14%, and stunting 30% among children below 5years of age.

In November 2008, the PRRO evaluation mission noted that the number of children reached for the school feeding programme was only 39% of the planned mainly due to the late arrival of food and of the weaknesses in the implementation of the program by government. The mission had also found that the number of people living with HIV was underestimated and recommended expansion of this programme to reach more affected people.

This extension will allow the CO to improve the implementation of the activities as highlighted by the evaluation mission and preparation of the new programme for which the design requires an appraisal planned for the first half of 2009.

During the extension the CO will reach 112,500 beneficiaries through expanding school feeding activities to areas where UNICEF is implementing programmes for pygmies' children; scaling up support to PLHIV on PMTCT, ART, TB patients on DOTs & Orphans and Vulnerable children and focusing on food for work activities to contain the spread of Cassava mosaic virus.

The targeting criteria and food rations remain the same.

As anticipated in the design of the current PRRO document, general food distribution and supplementary feeding programmes will be scaled down.

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