

Country & Project No.: CP-BGD-10410.0
B/R No.: 105/905

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>				
Country Office or Regional Bureau on behalf of Country Office
<u>CLEARANCE</u>				
Programme Officer, OMXP
Chief, OMXP
Chief, OMLT (change in LTSH and/or External Transport)
Director, FLB
<u>APPROVAL</u>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director

PROJECT: CP-BGD-10410.0 "Country Programme (2007-2010)"

	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
Food cost (US\$)	US\$ 142,978,538	US\$ 3,263,190	US\$ 146,241,728
Total WFP cost (incl. 7% ISC)	US\$ 217,620,411	US\$ 3,814,521	US\$ 221,434,932

TYPE OF REVISION

- Additional commodity**
 Additional DSC
 Additional ODOC
 Additional LTSH
 Additional external transport
 Extension or Reduction in time
 Other

NATURE OF REVISION:

This budget revision reflects the following changes in the Enhance Resilience component Act 4 of CP 10410.0:

- An increase of 5,750mt (rice 5,150mt, vegetable oil: 390mt, salt: 110mt and biscuits: 60mt) and;
- Introduction of vegetable oil and salt as new commodities.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

The remote tribal area of Chittagong Hill Tracts in the south-eastern part of Bangladesh is suffering from severe food shortages due to bamboo flowering (started in 2007 and spreading to a larger area) leading to a large increase in the rodent population feeding on green and ripen paddy, vegetable saplings and other crops in the fields and harvested crops in the granaries.

A rapid, preliminary UN assessment showed that more than 90 percent of the crops have been destroyed by rats, leading to severe food insecurity for 25,680 households mainly Shifting (*Jhum*) cultivators. Normal income generating activities and coping mechanisms used to improve household food security in lean times, such as bamboo extraction, handicrafts livelihoods, and casual labour have all been severely affected by the crisis. The assessment recommended provision of a general food ration to the worst affected areas in order to meet the basic short-term food needs of the affected population.

In order to assist the affected population, the Country Office will initiate immediate life saving assistance (May-August 08) with essential commodities (rice, vegetable oil and salt). The initial assistance will target households those are in desperate need of food assistance.

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The proposed fifth budget revision will provide framework for receiving confirmed cash contributions from CERF, ECHO and Aus Aid (US\$ 1 million, US\$ 1.6 million and Aus \$300,000 respectively) as well as mobilizing resources for the shortfall of four months distribution. The confirmed contributions will allow country office to make 3 rounds of distribution and efforts will be made to mobilize resources for the fourth round distribution. The situation will be reassessed in August and future assistance to the affected population will be designed based on findings.

The food basket for the Rodent crisis consists of rice, vegetable oil and salt. The biscuits included under this budget revision are meant for emergency stock and for which funding is available from the last Spanish contribution (SPA2007-005HQ 01).

In line with the approved Country Programme, the CO request approval of this budget revision to include an increase in budget provision within the US\$309.2 million approved ceiling.

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