

Country¹ & Project No.: 10421.0-DEV-1LC
Capacity-Building for “Integrated Micronutrient Programmes in Central America and Belize”
B/R No.: 2

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	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
ODOC	US\$ 3,588,400	US\$ (1,217,406)	US\$ 2,370,994
DSC	US\$ 1,993,690	US\$ 1,217,406	US\$ 3,211,096
ISC (7%)	US\$ 390,746	US\$ - 0 -	US\$ 390,746
Total WFP cost (US\$)	US\$ 5,972,836	US\$ - 0 -	US\$ 5,972,836

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

NATURE OF REVISION:
The Executive Board approved the Regional LAC Development Project 10421.0 Capacity-Building for “Integrated Micronutrient Programmes in Central America and Belize” in June 2005 for a period of three years. In April 2008, the project was extended until 30 June 2009 and geographically expanded to include Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru.

The project has been actively supporting regional and national governments in their efforts to control and prevent micronutrient deficiencies. In November, 2008, the Spanish government confirmed a contribution of USD\$3,234,153 (Euro 2.5 million) in order to further support WFP in these key capacity development activities. This budget revision is necessary to absorb the Spanish contribution for 2009 activities and to re-align

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the project budget to be in line with the management plan. In addition, this budget revision extends the existing project 10421.0 until 31 December 2009 and expands the geographic coverage to include Cuba, Colombia, Haiti and Dominican Republic.

The project budget has sufficient open planning to absorb the Spanish contribution. However, in order to align the 2009 project planning to reflect the planned activities and to align the project budget to be in line with the Management Plan, the project planning for previous years has been decreased. In addition, the project planning has been adjusted to increase DSC costs and decrease overall ODOC costs. The overall net adjustment to the project budget is zero.

The revision will allow WFP to reinforce and consolidate current efforts on advocacy, strengthening/creation of networks, institutional strengthening, technical assistance, South-South and triangular cooperation, and knowledge management in order to support capacity development in the fight against hidden hunger (micronutrient deficiencies) as part of the responses to the global crisis affecting the region.

This budget revision is made to realign the project budget to meet estimated requirements and to extend the project until the end of 2009. There is no change to the overall budget of the project.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

Due to the confirmation of the Spanish contribution, the project can further implement the planned activities throughout 2009. This revision of the project plan is necessary to ensure the project plan for 2009 is properly aligned in WINGS for reporting purposes.

In a demand-driven approach, the project has supported the development of national policy and programming to increase governments' commitment and capacity to design and implement integrated micronutrient programmes for children 6 to 36 months.

PURPOSE OF EXTENSION

WFP's new strategic plan overarching goal is "to reduce dependency and to support governmental and global efforts to ensure long term solutions to the hunger challenge". The "hunger challenge" is becoming much difficult due to the current global crisis. Regional and governmental capacities are being stretched to adequately respond to the increasing needs. There is a risk that the micronutrient deficiencies dimension of the crisis may be overlooked when analyzing consequences and designing responses within a context of competing priorities and diminishing resources. The current global crisis is affecting the nutritional status of the most vulnerable and the need to strengthen regional and national capacity is now more critical than ever.

The objectives of the planned activities are in line with Strategic Objective five, in particular with the objective of "strengthen the capacities of countries to design, manage and implement tools, policies, and programmes to predict and reduce hunger."

Planned 2009 Activities

The planned 2009 activities were developed in consultation with national authorities and key players. All WFP Country Offices plus Belize and Costa Rica have elaborated 2009 operative plans for the completion and strengthening of ongoing processes and products and to initiate the implementation of other activities in response to current crisis.

Planned activities are designed to build upon the gains made by previous and on going activities in the following key areas:

- 1) Informing policy formulation, institutional strengthening/creation of networks:** (in conjunction with Project 10411.0 and in the framework of the "Regional Initiative towards the Eradication of Child Under-nutrition in LAC"). WFP will continue to advocate for and promote information sharing throughout the region on micronutrient issues. Specific activities will include:

- Organize technical consultations with governments, UN agencies, and key players in order to initiate micronutrient programmes and/or support the strengthening of ongoing micronutrient programmes and improvement of strategies;
- Develop a series of studies in conjunction with the partners that will identify the nutritional gaps of existing safety nets in Latin America and study the impact of the current crises on the most vulnerable populations;
- Continue to promote the sharing of knowledge and best practices through the vitamin and mineral portal on Nutrinet.org.

2) Technical assistance: WFP will continue to support countries in the region with the creation and strengthening of their integrated micronutrient interventions through technical assistance, South-south and triangular collaboration. Activities will be demand driven in order to support the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of national micronutrient programmes. Other specific activities will include supporting national nutritional surveys and assistance in the development of nutritional indicators, review of community education strategies to improve infant and young child feeding practices emphasizing adequate use of fortified complementary foods and technical cooperation for the implementation of strategies on the use of multiple micronutrient powder supplementation.