

Regional EMOP- 10465.0

B/R No.:007

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(Assistance to IDPs in Togo and Refugees in Ghana and Benin)

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
<u>CLEARANCE</u>				
Programme Officer, ODMF	
Chief, ODMF	
Chief, ODTF (change in LTSH and/or External Transport)	
<u>APPROVAL</u>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Director

PROJECT	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
Food cost (US\$)	US\$ 3,967,526	US\$ 2,945,907	US\$ 6,913,433
Total WFP cost (US\$)*	US\$ 7,936,421	US\$ 4,719,028	US\$ 12,655,449
* ISC included			

<u>TYPE OF REVISION</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional commodity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional DSC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional ODOC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional LTSH
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional external transport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension in time	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy issue	<input type="checkbox"/> M&E
<input type="checkbox"/> Change in project orientation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (substitution of commodity)		

NATURE OF REVISION:
Increase in food commodities by 7479 MT 5150 MT of Maize, 750 MT of Beans, 745 MT of CSB, 718 MT oil 24 MT of salt and 92.20 MT of sugar) with associated costs (LTSH, ODOC and DSC) and a one-month extension in time from August 1st 2008 to August 31st 2008. Cancellation of the remaining 757.74 MT OBC for Ghana (474 MT of Maize, 42.2 MT of Beans, 197 MT of CSB, 37.54 MT oil and 4 MT of salt). Ghana is implementing a new PRRO « Assistance to Most Vulnerable Refugee Caseloads in Ghana in support of Government Strategy to promote Repatriation, resettlement and self-reliance” which took over the Regional EMOP 10465.0.GHA".

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:
The Togo Regional Emergency Operation (EMOP 10465.0) was launched in July 2005 to provide assistance to 10,000 IDPs in Togo and 38,000 refugees, in Benin (21,000) and Ghana (17,000). In December 2006, the budget was revised to extend the operation to July 31st 2007 to assist UNHCR with the repatriation process. A final revision took place in May 2007 to accommodate for the nutritional rehabilitation of those areas of Togo most affected by malnutrition and food insecurity, an objective that was integral to the project document. Under this revision, 70,000 moderately malnourished children were scheduled for assistance over a 12-month period.
Further analysis of the situation has demonstrated a need to expand the targeted beneficiaries of this last intervention to account for several factors that could undermine food security and nutritional status in the affected regions of Kara, Savane and Maritime. First is the necessity to extend the assistance to include pregnant and lactating women who suffer from malnutrition. In addition to the benefits to the women themselves, assistance to mothers is the best way to alleviate malnutrition in children 0-6 months, one of the project's original target groups. Assistance to the families of beneficiary children is also needed to prevent relapse. In addition, the process of repatriation has begun, with several UNHCR convoys bringing back refugees from Benin and Ghana. An estimated 11,000 refugees are expected to return in the coming months, which could put additional stress on the already limited resources of their home communities. Assistance to those refugees, in the form of return packages, as well as promotion of income-generating activities through food-for-work (FFW) are needed to ensure food security in the return communities. All activities mentioned above are necessary in order to efficiently reduce malnutrition and increase food security in the affected regions.
In addition, heavy rainfalls which started in June are causing one the worst floods in West Africa.

Togo is one of the most affected countries that have led to the overflowing of the Oti river and crops failure. A current joint WFP-FAO-Red Cross together with the Government of Togo has estimated 60000 flood-affected people in the north region of Savane in need of urgent food assistance.

The purpose of this B/R is to reallocate existing resources as well as request additional commodities in order to meet the stated goal of the intervention, namely a nutritional rehabilitation of those areas of Togo that are most affected by malnutrition and food insecurity and the areas affected by the floods.

It is estimated that a total of 70,000 malnourished children, 70,000 mothers of children malnourished, 6,000 pregnant or lactating women, 6,000 returnees, 8,000 FFW beneficiaries and 60000 flood affected people will now require assistance. Family rations of maize, beans and oil will be given to FFW beneficiaries (60 days), returnees (60 days), pregnant or lactating women (180 days), and mothers of children being discharged from the nutritional centers (30 days). The latter three groups will also receive CSB, and in the case of the returnees, salt. Children will receive individual rations of CSB, oil and sugar (90 days + 30 days upon discharge).

Flood affected beneficiaries will receive full family rations of maize, beans, CSB, oil and salt for the first two months.

Based on the above rations, the total food requirement for the project is 9030.44 MT. A first CERF allocation was granted to jump start operations and will cover project needs for malnourished children for the first three months (17,000 beneficiaries). It is further estimated that 1551.437 MT will be carried over from the current EMOP (EMOP 10465.0 B/R 006). As per B/R 006, activities for this EMOP relate only to Benin and Togo, thus canceling the remaining OBC for Ghana. Commodities currently allocated to Benin (547.455 MT) will remain as part of a contingency plan for Togo.

The net requirement for all activities mentioned above will therefore be 7479 MT (5150 MT of Maize, 750 MT of Beans, 745 MT of CSB, 718 MT oil, 24 MT of salt and 92 MT of sugar). A large part of the commodities will be distributed in northern Togo (Savane and Kara) which implies supplementary transport and logistic facilities. Additional resources are required also for M&E from Benin country office.

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