

**Country Afghanistan & Project No. 10514.0
B/R No: 01**

BUDGET REVISION FOR SOs FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SENIOR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE 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>APPROVAL</u>				
Senior Deputy Executive Director

PROJECT : SO-AFG-10514.0 "UN Humanitarian Air Service UNHAS"			
	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
Total WFP cost (US\$)	US\$15,728,347	US\$14,081,851	US\$29,810,198

<u>TYPE OF REVISION</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional DSC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional ODOC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension in time	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

NATURE OF REVISION:

Extension in time until 31 March 2008 with increase in budget:

ODOC US\$ 12,040,909;
DSC US\$ 2,040,942;

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

The reasons for continuation of UNHAS service in Afghanistan remain the same as those at the time of establishment of the current Special Operation (March 2006). Travel by road is still generally considered unsafe due to road conditions and the threat of terrorist attacks. Air travel a fraction of the travel time by road and to date, there are no domestic air carriers operating in compliance with ICAO Standard and recommended practices (SARPs) that regulate the safety of international civil aviation in the county.

WFP/UNHAS being an ICAO compliant service, is capable of responding to the emergency needs of the humanitarian community, timely evacuation of the international humanitarian aid workers and MEDEVAC cases. UNHAS will continue operating three aircraft and has sufficient staff in place, to continue supporting the operation.

The project objectives are unchanged from the original phase and remain to provide a safe, responsive, efficient and cost-effective air transport service for the humanitarian and development community for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Afghanistan; to provide the capacity for medical and emergency security evacuation when required; and to assist the national authority in conjunction with other international authorities in Search and Rescue operations when called upon. The project costs are expected to be recovered through income from fare revenue and the provision of miscellaneous services from UNAMA and other client organizations.

It is recommended to extend the project until 31 March 2008 and increase the budget for additional US\$ 14,081,851 to cover the aircraft operating cost for the period.

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