

Cuba DEV 105890 - B/R No.9
Support to the National Plan for the Prevention and Control of Anaemia
in the Five Eastern Provinces of Cuba
B/R No.: 9

BUDGET REVISION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>In Date</u>	<u>Out Date</u>	<u>Reason For Delay</u>
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Country Office or Regional Bureau on behalf of Country Office
<u>CLEARANCE</u>				
Project Budget & Programming Officer, RMBP
Chief, RMBP
Chief, OSLT (change in LTSH and/or External Transport)
<u>APPROVAL</u>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director

PROJECT				
Start date: 1 Jan 2008 End date: 31 Dec 2014 Extension/Reduction period: N/A New end date: -				
<u>Cost (United States dollars)</u>				
	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget	
Food Related Costs	US\$ 11,646,849	US\$ 201,765	US\$ 11,848,615	
Cash and Vouchers and Related Costs	US\$ -	US\$ -	US\$ -	
Capacity Development & Augmentation	US\$ 558,268	US\$ 91,480	US\$ 649,748	
DSC	US\$ 871,522	US\$ -	US\$ 871,522	
ISC	US\$ 915,365	US\$ 20,527	US\$ 935,892	
Total cost to WFP	US\$ 13,992,004	US\$ 313,773	US\$ 14,305,776	

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

NATURE OF THE BUDGET REVISION

1. This budget revision (BR) of the Cuba development project (DEV) 105890 "Support to the National Plan for the Prevention and Control of Anaemia in the Five Eastern Provinces of Cuba" is requested in order to: Increase the overall budget; replace the distribution of CSB with MNPs for children in the age group of 6 to 35 months; and include children in the age group 36 to 59 months to be assisted with imported Super Cereal (CSB+).

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2. The revision will enable WFP to continue providing assistance to address anaemia which is a public health priority in the eastern region of the country, owing to the high anaemia prevalence of 39.5 percent in children between 6 to 23 months and 17 percent in the group of children between 24 to 59 months.
3. The proposed budget revision results in a total budgetary increase of US\$313,773 due to:
 - Increase of food requirements by 12 mt, while decreasing Super Cereal by 127 mt for a total net increase in food costs of US\$201,765; and
 - Increase capacity development and augmentation activities by US\$91,480.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET INCREASE

Summary of existing project activities

4. The project focuses its activities on the five eastern provinces of Cuba (Guantánamo, Santiago de Cuba, Granma, Holguín and Las Tunas) in support of the National Plan for the Prevention and Control of Anaemia. This programme aims to reduce the prevalence of anaemia among children under five and to support the achievement of the MDG target of reducing the prevalence of anaemia to 15 percent by 2015. WFP and the Government of Cuba have agreed on a two-track strategy:
 - Provision of Super Cereal (iron-rich food) and MNP by WFP complemented with a multi-stakeholder social communications campaign.
 - Increase efforts to enhance local production capacity of Super Cereal in order to improve household access to an affordable food basket. This includes establishing production of the commodity, improving household consumption patterns, enhancing food and nutritional surveillance, building national logistics capacity and supporting the phase-out of WFP assistance.
5. The approach of the operation involves training and communication in nutrition, including development of an integrated plan by the Ministry of Public Health, Federation of Cuban Women (Federacion de Mujeres Cubanas –FMC), UNICEF, the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and WFP for a social communications campaign aimed at mothers, health workers and food distribution personnel. The campaign will include monitoring and evaluation (M&E) by the National Centre for Health Promotion and Education (CNPES) to assess progress.

Purpose the budget increase

6. MNPs will continue to be distributed to children in three of the five eastern provinces as per budget revision 07 and will be expanded to cover the remaining two provinces. Through this budget revision, MNPs will be distributed to all children aged 6 to 35 months within the project.
7. Super Cereal will be distributed to children 36 to 59 months of age in the five eastern provinces. The original project planned to support this group, but this had previously not been possible due to lack of funding. Anaemia is still a health problem among this age group which does not receive complementary fortified foods subsidized by the government. According to research recently published by the Institute of Nutrition and Food Hygiene (INHA), less than 5 percent of children in

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this age group consume fortified blended food, mainly due to lack of access¹. Super Cereal serves as a vehicle for iron, but also helps to diversify the complementary feeding of young children.

8. Given current capacity limitations in local production, WFP will import Super Cereal. However, taking into account that one of the objectives of the National Plan for the Prevention and Control of Anaemia is to ensure the local availability, access and consumption of a fortified cereal for the population at risk, WFP will continue working with the government and supplier to augment existing production capacity and identify alternatives
9. While working on strengthening the local capacity to produce Super Cereal, significant emphasis will be given to activities aimed at strengthening institutional capacities through training of health practitioners and the reinforcement of the Nutritional Surveillance System (known locally as SISVAN). These efforts will pave the way for WFP's new strategy for Cuba, which will be implemented through the Country Programme currently under formulation and due to start in 2015.
10. WFP new strategic approach was developed to effectively address the changes Cuba is undergoing and to reflect the current operational constraints. Extensive economic reforms in 2012 have led to significant changes in government priorities in terms of social programmes, with a potential impact on the food security of vulnerable groups in Cuba.
11. Given the new focus on capacity building activities ahead of the new CP, additional staff resources need to be allocated to the workplan defined under this project for the remainder of the year.

TABLE 1 BENEFICIARIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

Activity	Beneficiaries		
	Present 2014	Increase/ Decrease	Revised 2014
Supplementary Feeding	155,885	91,063	246,948
Children receiving Super Cereal (6-35 months of age)	99,436	(99,436)	0
Children receiving MNPs (6-35 months of age)	56,449	98,101	154,550
Children receiving Super Cereal (36-59 months of age)	0	92,398	92,398
Total	155,885	91,063	246,948

¹ Pita G y col. El bajo consumo de alimentos ricos en hierro y potenciadores de su absorción se asocia con anemia en preescolares cubanos de las provincias orientales. 2005-2011. Rev Chil Nutr Vol. 40, N°3, septiembre 2013

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FOOD REQUIREMENTS

- 12.** MNPs will be provided to children 6-35 months of age and Super Cereal to children 36-59 months of age in the five provinces. MNPs will be procured internationally. The internal transportation costs of the MNPs will be covered by the government as is currently the case with Super Cereal.
- 13.** Rations remain as per previous BRs with 60 MNP sachets provided semi-annually to children aged 6 to 35 months and a daily ration of 50g of Super Cereal for children 36 to 59 months.
- 14.** The additional food requirements are reflected in table 2.

TABLE 2. FOOD REQUIREMENTS BY ACTIVITY TYPE			
Activity	Food requirement (mt)		
	Present	Increase/Decrease	Revised
Supplementary Feeding	14,488	-115	14,373
Super Cereal	14,479	-127	14,352
MNPs	9.44	12	21.44
Total	14,488	-115	14,373

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Logframe 0.1 for the project 105890 DEV-CUCO-Supp. Nat. Plan / Prev. Anaemia

Improved sustainable food and nutritional security for the Cuban population by 2012, with emphasis on the most vulnerable groups. (MDGs 1, 4 and 5)

Project Status: Approved

Project Approval Date: 1st January 2008

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK		
Results	Performance indicators	Risks and assumptions
SO4: Reduce undernutrition and break the intergenerational cycle of hunger.		
<p>Outcome SO4.1</p> <p>Reduced undernutrition, including micronutrient deficiencies among children aged 6–59 months, pregnant and lactating women, and school-aged children¹⁵. Related to comp 1 and 3.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prevalence of iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) among children under 5 (% , Hb<110g/L) Target: 19 (Aug 2011) Location: Five eastern provinces Source: Joint survey ➤ Proportion of target population who participate in an adequate number of distributions Target: > 66% Data source: WFP monitoring reports ➤ Proportion of eligible population who participate in programme (coverage) Target: MAM treatment coverage: > 50% in rural areas, 70% in urban areas, and > 90% in camps; MAM prevention coverage: >70% Data sources: WFP monitoring reports 	<p>Multilateral WFP resources available annually.</p> <p>Government commitments fulfilled.</p> <p>Stable CSB production and distribution.</p> <p>Stable production and distribution of fortified supplements.</p> <p>Acquisition of better feeding habits.</p> <p>No single intervention will reduce anaemia prevalence: only a combination of actions such as supplying fortified food, medical supplements and training in nutritional behavior will give results. Such actions are planned in the UNDAF (2014-2018).</p>
<p><u>Output A:</u> Food, nutritional products, non-food items, cash transfers and vouchers distributed in sufficient quantity and quality and in a timely manner to targeted beneficiaries</p>	<p>A.1 Number of women, men, boys and girls receiving food assistance, disaggregated by activity, beneficiary category, sex, food, non-food items, cash transfers and vouchers, as % of planned</p> <p>A.2 Quantity of food assistance distributed, disaggregated by type, as % of planned</p> <p>A.3 Quantity of non-food items distributed, disaggregated by type, as % of planned</p>	
<p><u>Output E:</u> Policy advice and technical support provided to enhance management of food supply chain, food assistance, nutrition and food security systems, including food security information systems</p>	<p>E.1 Number of national assessments/data collection exercises in which food security and nutrition were integrated with WFP support</p> <p>E.2 Number of technical support activities¹⁹ provided on food security monitoring and food assistance, by type</p>	

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<p><u>Output F:</u> National systems for monitoring trends in food security and nutrition strengthened</p>	<p>F.1 Number of government counterparts trained in collection and analysis of food and nutrition security data</p> <p>F.2 Number of food security and nutrition monitoring/surveillance reports produced with WFP support</p>	
<p><u>Output I:</u> Increased WFP fortified foods, complementary foods and special nutrition products purchased from local suppliers</p>	<p>I.1 Quantity of fortified foods, complementary foods and special nutrition products purchased from local suppliers</p>	
<p><u>Output K:</u> Messaging and counseling on specialized nutritious foods and infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices implemented effectively</p>	<p>K.1 Proportion of women/men beneficiaries exposed to nutrition messaging supported by WFP, against proportion planned</p>	

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