

**Country & Project No.: Congo DR, SO 10744.0**

**B/R No.: 01**

**BUDGET REVISION OF SO FOR THE APPROVAL OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR**

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>In Date</u>	<u>Out Date</u>	<u>Reason For Delay</u>
<b><u>ORIGINATOR</u></b>				
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**APPROVAL**

Country Director

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>Previous Budget</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>New Budget</b>
<b>Total WFP cost (US\$)</b>	US\$ 8,124,316	US\$ 0	US\$ 8,124,316

**TYPE OF REVISION**

Extension in time

**NATURE OF REVISION:**

Extension in time for 3 months; from 30.04.09 till 30.07.09

**JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:**

Humanitarian needs in DRC remain high despite the recent holding of the long awaited elections, and the end of the transition period; these needs are due to a decade of political and military turmoil.

Despite the peace deal signed in January 2008 between armed factions and the government of DRC, security in the eastern part of the country remains fragile. The resumption of fighting in the Ituri and Kivu regions and resulting additional displacements of the population entail a strengthened presence of humanitarian community, which need safe and cost effective air transportation to reach the beneficiaries in the most remote locations.

WFP UNHAS should re-deploy shortly a Dornier 328 Jet Aircraft to Kinshasa and a PAC 750 or similar aircraft based in the eastern part of the country in order to reinstate provision of air service within the DR Congo.

**RECOMMEDATION**

Given the continued presence of the humanitarian community in the eastern part of the country and hence the need for safe air transportation, a budget revision of SO 10744.0 for an extension in time without additional resources is recommended for approval. At the end of the 3 months the CO will review whether there is need to increase the project budget.

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