

Syria EMOP 200042

B/R No.:03

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>				
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Project Budget & Programming Officer, RMBP
Chief, RMBP
Chief, ODLT (change in LTSH and/or External Transport)
<u>APPROVAL</u>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Director

PROJECT	Previous Budget US\$	Revision US\$	New Budget US\$
Food cost	18,902,121	1,940,755	20,842,877
External transport	1,629,162	252,672	1,881,834
LTSH	1,384,953	98,253	1,483,206
ODOC	516,716	-	516,716
DSC	1,473,224	-	1,473,224
ISC (7%)	1,673,432	160,418	1,833,850
Total WFP cost (US\$)	25,579,609	2,452,098	28,031,706

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

NATURE OF THE INCREASE

1. Due to the need to continue emergency food assistance to the most vulnerable population in the North-East of Syria, this budget revision is an extension in time for one month until 31 December 2010 with additional commodity, external transport and LTSH.
2. There is no change in DSC and ODOC as funds currently available will cover this short extension.

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION-IN-TIME AND/OR BUDGET INCREASE

Summary of existing project activities

3. A prolonged drought has led to a rise in food insecurity in the North-East of Syria and has exhausted all coping mechanisms of an already structurally poor population. To address the situation, WFP launched the emergency operation under review for 300,000 beneficiaries identified as the most vulnerable out of 1.3 million drought-affected in Raqqa, Hasakeh and Deir Ezzor governorates.

4. This EMOP addresses WFP Strategic Objectives 1 and 5 and aims to: a) ensure an adequate and balanced food intake for small-scale farmer and herder households and to reduce their negative coping strategies; and b) enhance national capacities to respond to food security crises. It also contributes to achieving Millennium Development Goal 1. The immediate goals of this emergency food assistance are to prevent further reductions in the quantity (number of meals) and quality (diversity) of food consumed by the selected beneficiaries, as well as to decrease and prevent the morbidity and mortality associated with acute malnutrition. In addition to General Food Distribution for 300,000 beneficiaries, a supplementary feeding programme for 8,000 children under 5 and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLW) is implemented in Al Shadadi as part of a one-UN approach project. The operation was planned to start in December 2009 and to last until the 2010 harvest season. However, the delay in receiving funds in support of the operation, combined with delays in receiving food in the country have resulted in an actual delay in the start of distribution (March 2010) and in a reduction on the number of beneficiaries actually assisted; these total 190,000 herders, or only 63 percent of the target.

Conclusion and recommendation of the re-assessment

5. In June 2010, a FAO/WFP/Government pre-harvest assessment mission reported that household food insecurity and vulnerability of the population living in the North-East of the country was not over yet. Climate change manifested through three consecutive years of drought since 2006, irregular rains, drastic changes in temperature and spread of the yellow rust disease has added, this year, on the already difficult situation of crop failure of wheat and barley; this is worsening the already seriously damaged living conditions and nutritional status of the population. The mission recommended the continuation of food assistance to 1) farmers living in zones 3, 4 and 5; and 2) about 2,500 herder families still in need due to their high vulnerability.

6. In addition, an in-depth Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) is currently being conducted to refine the analysis of the pre-harvest mission and track any changes in vulnerability, nutritional status and coping mechanisms of the drought-affected population. The CO is currently at the 'analysis' phase, but preliminary observations of teams working in the EMOP drought project areas show no improvements in the humanitarian situation compared with previous years; more areas are instead falling into a status of food insecurity.

7. Preliminary observations from the EFSA indicate that the emergency in the North-East of Syria is not over and that an extension of this operation is required. However, it is essential to wait for final and accurate findings from the ongoing assessment to build decisions on a solid basis and align the assistance to the needs. In-depth analysis of different food security, agriculture and migration indicators and cross tabulation will require one additional month to finalize the EFSA findings and prepare for an appropriate response for the near future. Subject to the approval of this budget revision, the distribution of available stocks will continue to ensure that beneficiaries' food security status is protected from further deterioration.

Purpose of extension and/or budget increase

7. There are no major changes in the implementation strategy; distribution will continue through December as per original plan and according to available resources.

TABLE 1. BENEFICIARIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE			
	Beneficiaries		
Activity	Present	Increase	Revised
General Food Distribution	300,000	-	300,000
Supplementary Feeding	8,000	-	8,000
Total	300,000*	-	300,000*

* no. beneficiaries excluding overlapping

FOOD REQUIREMENTS

8. There are no changes in the ration that will remain as per current plan.

TABLE 2. FOOD REQUIREMENTS BY ACTIVITY TYPE			
	Food requirement (mt)		
Activity	Present	Increase	Revised
General Food Distribution	33,803	3,692	37,495
Supplementary Feeding	387	41	428
Total	34,190	3,733	37,923

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