

<b>BUDGET REVISION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR</b>
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	<u>Initials</u>	<u>In Date</u>	<u>Out Date</u>	<u>Reason For Delay</u>
<b><u>ORIGINATOR</u></b>				
Country Office or Regional Bureau on behalf of Country Office	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b><u>CLEARANCE</u></b>				
Project Budget & Programming Officer, RMBP	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chief, RMBP	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chief, ODLT (change in LTSH and/or External Transport)	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b><u>APPROVAL</u></b>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Director	.....	.....	.....	.....

<b>PROJECT</b>			
	<b>Previous Budget</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>New Budget</b>
	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Food cost	32,847,363	2,321,512	35,168,875
External transport	3,079,390	273,051	3,352,441
LTSH	2,846,826	272,818	3,119,644
ODOC	675,751	24,982	700,733
DSC	2,198,356	112,709	2,311,064
ISC (7%)	2,915,338	210,355	3,125,693
<b>Total WFP cost (US\$)</b>	<b>44,563,023</b>	<b>3,215,427</b>	<b>47,778,450</b>

**TYPE OF REVISION**

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional external transport | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension or Reduction in time | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                      |   |

## **NATURE OF THE INCREASE**

1. This budget revision foresees an extension in-time of one month bringing the end date of the EMOP to 30 June 2011.
2. The extension in time results in:
  - an increase in commodities equal to 4,061 mt, representing the gross needs for the extended period;
  - increase in external transport and LTSH (LTSH rate of US\$67.18/mt) for the increased tonnage; and
  - the increase of DSC and ODOC representing gross needs for the one month extension.

## **JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION-IN-TIME AND BUDGET INCREASE**

### **Summary of existing project activities**

3. A prolonged drought wave (years 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009) has led to continued food insecurity in the North-East of Syria, where coping mechanisms have been exhausted among an already structurally poor population. WFP launched the emergency operation (EMOP) 200042 in December 2009 to assist 300,000 beneficiaries identified as most vulnerable out of 1.3 million drought-affected people in Raqqa, Hasakeh and Deir Ezzor governorates.
4. The EMOP addresses WFP Strategic Objectives 1 and 5 and aims to: a) ensure adequate and balanced food intake for small-scale farmer and herder households and 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 the operation are to prevent further reductions in the quantity (number of meals) and quality (diversity) of food consumed, as well as to decrease and prevent the morbidity and mortality associated with child malnutrition. In addition to GFD for 300,000 beneficiaries, a supplementary feeding programme which includes blanket feeding for 2,500 children under 2 with Nutributter®, is implemented in Al Shadadi district of Al Hassakeh governorate as part of the one-UN approach under the Drought Response Plan 2009.
5. The operation was planned to start in December 2009 and to last until July 2010 harvest season. However, the late arrival of commodities in country, resulted in the shifting of the start of distribution to March 2010 and extension in time up to 31 May 2011. The extension was based on the results of the EFSNA, conducted in October 2010, which indicated the need to continue with assistance until the next harvest in May 2011. Since the beginning of 2011 and thanks to a large in-kind contribution, the emergency distribution is successfully reaching the planned 300,000 beneficiaries.

### **Conclusion and recommendation of the re-assessment**

6. As said, findings from EFSNA October 2010 provided the bases for extending the current EMOP from January to May 2011 with enriched food basket and continuation of nutritional component for children under 2 years. Due to the deteriorating situation and the already perceived lack of sufficient rainfall, the extension had envisaged a joint pre-harvest assessment by FAO, WFP and GOS in May 2011. Scope of the pre-harvest exercise is to provide preliminary results on 2011 crops and the impact on the affected population. However, due to current political situation in the country the planned mission is expected to be delayed till last week of May.
7. In Syria, 75 percent of agricultural land is rain fed; hence pre harvest mission findings and recommendations are crucial for the design of the next phase of food assistance. Since

February 2011, the CO (through its weekly monitoring of rainfall data) has noted that north eastern areas continue to receive 30 – 40 percent rainfall less with respect to last year, a good indicator to determine that situation is far from improvement for farmers and herders. Among others the CO weekly price monitoring indicates that local market prices of staple food (wheat flour, bulgur and chickpeas) are on rise in the drought affected areas increasing the vulnerability of the affected households left with very few resources.

### Purpose of extension and budget increase

8. The extension in time is needed to continue the emergency food assistance to the most vulnerable population in the North-East of Syria. There are no changes in the implementation; distribution will continue through June as per caseload and ration of previously approved budget revision (n.4) and according to available resources.

### FOOD REQUIREMENTS

9. The additional and total food quantities needed for achieving the revised project are provided below

TABLE 1. FOOD REQUIREMENTS BY ACTIVITY				
Activity	Commodity type	Food requirement (mt)		
		Present	Increase	Revised
General Food Distribution	Cereals	39,347	2,619	41,966
	Pulses	10,877	675	11,552
	Vegetable Oil	4,149	277	4,426
	Iodized salt	564	38	602
	Dates	600	-	600
	Wheat-Soya Blend	2,250	450	2,700
Supplementary Feeding	Wheat-Soya Blend	278	-	278
	Sugar	30	-	30
	Vegetable Oil	50	-	50
	Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food (Plumpy'doz <sup>®</sup> )	28	-	28
	Ready-to-Use Supplementary (Nutr butter <sup>®</sup> )	12	2	14
	Dates	36	-	36
<b>Total</b>		<b>58,221</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>62,282</b>

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