

Yemen Project No. 200130
“Air Passenger Service and Logistics Cluster Coordination in Support of the Humanitarian Response in Sa'ada”

B/R No.: 5

➤ BUDGET REVISION FOR SOs FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DED & COO

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PROJECT	Previous Budget US\$	Revision US\$	New Budget US\$
ODOC (US\$)	1,725,473	1,119,488	2,844,961
DSC (US\$)	1,364,942	379,636	1,744,578
ISC (US\$)	216,329	104,939	321,268
Total WFP cost (US\$)	3,306,744	1,604,063	4,910,807

<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 of the project to include the period 1st January - 31st December 2013
- An increase in ODOC and DSC to support the activities detailed below.

BACKGROUND:

1. Yemen is facing an increasingly complex humanitarian crisis. Families displaced by the Sa'ada conflict and refugees from the Horn of Africa continue to rely on humanitarian assistance for survival. Similarly, Al Qaeda elements continue to fight government forces in Abyan governorate, southern Yemen, which has led to large displacements of people to Aden and other governorates in the south. At the same time the combined effects of the global food, fuel and financial crises have increased poverty in Yemen and have further exacerbated the vulnerability of a population that is already suffering from alarming rates of hunger and malnutrition. The government's ability to provide basic services is challenged by oil prices and oil production. All these elements continue to add new shocks to an already critical humanitarian crisis in the country. The Humanitarian Country Team has therefore requested the continuation of the following Logistics Cluster activities: enhancement of emergency preparedness and response, provision of information sharing platforms, strengthened coordination and fuel provision to humanitarian agencies, air passenger service to secure regular movement of staff and materials, and advocacy for the smooth importation of relief goods.
2. The Logistics Cluster was originally activated in support of the humanitarian operations in Sa'ada, and since May 2010 has provided air passenger services to Sa'ada. Since July 2012 WFP flights to Hodeidah have been added to the flight schedule for humanitarian actors in Yemen. Given the problems traveling by road from Sana'a to Sa'ada with its tribal insecurity, carjacking, low level clashes, kidnappings, internal grievances, landmines, unexploded ordinance and overall poor road conditions, air travel is the safest and best option for the movement of humanitarian actors.
3. As a result of the on-going political crisis, Yemen's economy continues to be effected. One of the most visible effects of the deteriorating economy is the severe scarcity of fuel products. Since June 2011, the Logistics Cluster has been required to fill the gap. As a result three fuel storage facilities have been established in WFP warehouse compounds in Sana'a, Haradh and Aden with a total storage capacity of 380,000 litres serving the humanitarian community. Fuel is delivered under the Logistics Special Account funding mechanism on cost recovery basis.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

1. The Humanitarian Country Team has stressed the necessity to continue and maintain coordinated and cohesive logistics systems to ensure the uninterrupted supply of life-saving relief items within Yemen, and to continue providing an air passenger service to humanitarian aid agencies, facilitating their response countrywide.
2. At the same time the Humanitarian Country Team has intermittently requested ad hoc air charters to/from Sa'ada for the movement and/or evacuation of relief personnel in Sa'ada governorate.
3. Safe and secure access is still a major challenge, limiting humanitarian organizations' ability to provide regular assistance and hampering the implementation of comprehensive needs assessments in northern Yemen.
4. The fuel crisis continues to impede the humanitarian response in Yemen. Many UN agencies and I/NGOs continue to find it difficult to obtain sufficient supplies of fuel to sustain their operations.

WFP — in its capacity of Logistics Cluster Lead Agency — has been tasked by the Humanitarian Country Team to secure access to fuel for the wider humanitarian community until the crisis is resolved.

5. WFP Yemen therefore proposes a Budget Revision with an extension in time for this Special Operation (SO) 200130, thereby continuing logistics support to the current relief activities for the humanitarian community as outlined below:

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Four flights per month will be scheduled from Sana'a – Sa'ada - Hodeidah, permitting safe access for humanitarian aid agencies to the north and west.
2. The Logistics Cluster will continue providing coordination and information sharing support including GIS mapping to humanitarian agencies.
3. WFP will continue procuring fuel products from official dealers and supplying them to recipient organizations on a full cost-recovery basis (plus an administrative fee) through Service Level Agreements.
4. The established Logistics Cluster coordination cell in Sana'a will continue chairing regular logistics meetings between the UN and I/NGO focal points.
5. WFP will assign dedicated staff for management of the air passenger service as well as to the fuel provision. The latter will dispense fuel at each location and ensure that safety standards are adhered to. Standard Administrative and Operating Procedures for WFP Yemen's fuel facilities and use of UNHAS service have been shared with all participating organizations, outlining user safety guidelines.
6. The attached SO budget details the costs necessary to maintain and operate the UNHAS service, fuel facilities (including staff/equipment and operating costs) and coordination services.

In light of the above, this budget revision for the extension in time of the project for one year from 1st January - 31 December 2013 is recommended for the Regional Director approval.

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