

Syria SO No. 200477

Logistics & Telecommunications Augmentation and Coordination to Support Humanitarian Operations in Syria
B/R No.: 02

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

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PROJECT: Syria SO 200477			
Start Date: 20 July 2012 End Date: 31 December 2013 Extension Period: N/A New End Date: N/A			
	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
	US\$	US\$	US\$
ODOC	5,453,355	2,746,892	8,200,247
DSC	4,713,474	2,302,114	7,015,588
ISC	711,678	353,430	1,065,108
Total WFP cost	10,878,507	5,402,436	16,280,943

<u>TYPE OF REVISION</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional DSC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional ODOC	<input type="checkbox"/> Extension in time	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

NATURE OF REVISION

1. Budget Revision No. 2 is proposed for Special Operation (SO) 200477 “Logistics & Telecommunications Augmentation and Coordination to Support Humanitarian Operations in Syria” in light of the recent, severe, deterioration of the situation within Syria, the scale-up of humanitarian assistance both in Syria and the surrounding countries, and the activation of the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters.
2. BR No.2 aims to provide the necessary logistics and emergency telecommunications support, for both WFP operations, and the wider humanitarian community responding to the crisis in Syria.
3. Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) component was limited in the previous budgets. BR No.2 follows on from BR No. 1 by aligning the project with the escalating needs within Syria and the activation of the ETC.
4. It includes an increase in the ODOC costs by \$2.7 million and an increase in the DSC costs by \$2.3 million.

BACKGROUND:

5. The violence in Syria has escalated since March 2011 spreading throughout the country and severely affecting the main cities of Homs, Hama, Idleb, Dara’a, Deir-es-Zuir, Albu Kamal, Qamishly, Hasakh, and Aleppo as well as the capital Damascus. Populations living in these areas are affected by the impact of a prolonged military siege as well as the lack of access to basic necessities which include; food, water, medical supplies, electricity and fuel.
6. To date it is estimated by the United Nations that over 60,000 people have died due to the conflict and that 3 million people have been directly affected by the crisis and need urgent humanitarian assistance. The directly affected populations include those injured, families forced to flee their home areas along with the relatives and communities hosting them, and over 500,000 refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and North Africa.
7. Furthermore, the conflict is hindering the effective importation and movement of goods as well as the continuation of normal levels of trade within Syria. Insecurity is further hampering the ability of humanitarian actors to provide humanitarian assistance.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

8. WFP is launching a revised SO for the provision of logistics and emergency telecommunications support to the humanitarian community following the activation on 14 January 2013 of both Logistics and ET clusters. While Budget Revision No 2 comes quickly on the back of BR No. 1 the situation within Syria is evolving quickly and therefore additional requirements need to be met.
9. A large percentage of the resources requested in this Budget Revision are for Emergency telecommunications support and coordination to be provided through the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) to both the humanitarian community at large, and to support the implementation of Logistics Cluster activities. Specifically, this will include:
 - In close collaboration with UNHCR coordinate common ICT activities throughout the region;

- Provide regular operational information and updates through the establishment of a dedicated Information Management platform;
- Preparedness to provide common security telecommunications and data services in three (3) locations in Syria, this once the prohibition of importing ICT equipment in Syria will be lifted;
- Pre-positioning of ICT equipment in Syrian neighboring countries, and
- Provide common ICT services in Turkey and Iraq as per need in support of the wider Syria crisis response, and support to UNHCR common ICT services as per request.

10. Logistics Cluster support will focus on three key areas; coordination, provision of common services and information management including Geographic Information Systems (GIS). While all these services are already in place a rapid increase in scale is required.

A. Coordination: The following coordination services will be provided:

- Regular logistics coordination meetings in which partners will be invited to participate (frequency will be determined by participants).
- Contingent upon security conditions, a coordination unit will be established in Damascus to facilitate the overall response strategy and optimise the use of logistics assets. The unit will be staffed by a dedicated Logistics Officer. If needed and requested, and should the security situation permit, additional logistics coordination units can be established (in Aleppo or other locations).
- Additional logistics coordination units located in neighboring countries are also envisaged in order to assist with logistics coordination for relief deliveries. As part of the logistics coordination mechanism, these cells will also ensure liaison with respective National Authorities and Technical Services. As the situation on the ground evolves, these units can be relocated to Syria.

B. Logistics Services: Access and security permitting, the following services will be provided free of charge to the users, or on a cost-recovery basis (to be confirmed).

- **Warehousing and staging areas.** The Logistics Cluster will make temporary storage capacity available in Damascus and Safita (near Tartous). Additional locations might be considered if needed and requested by partners. Warehouses in neighboring countries will operate as staging areas for a maximum duration of three months. Temporary storage services will include handling, consolidation and tracking in the Logistics Cluster's warehouses and staging areas.
- **Road transport.** Upon request from partners the Logistics Cluster will provide or facilitate transport services from surrounding countries as well as from Logistics Cluster hubs inside Syria located in Damascus and Safita to final delivery points across Syria (exclusive of offloading).
- **Sea transport.** When required, vessels can be contracted on a time charter basis for the transportation of humanitarian cargo to Syrian ports or ports in

surrounding countries. Customs will remain under the responsibility of the user/shipper. Handling and cargo tracking will be put in place.

C. Information Management and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Logistics Information Management activities will be managed by a dedicated Information Management team and the following services will be provided:

- Consolidated overview of regional and in-country logistics situation, including gaps and bottlenecks, based upon information provided by the humanitarian community.
- Provision of updated operational information, details on potential congestion of ports and airports, administrative procedures, as well as the publication of situation reports, snapshots and briefings.
- Information on customs regulations (while the Logistics Cluster will share information on customs, it will not carry out undertake customs clearance on behalf of others organizations).
- Dissemination of information will take into account the sensitive nature of the Syria crisis.
- GIS/mapping tools and products, including specific maps related to logistics infrastructure, will be developed and shared. Additional tools and maps will be developed either by the GIS Cell in Rome or by deploying GIS specialists on the ground, based on needs.

11. Fuel Depots: In anticipation of fuel shortages throughout the country WFP will set up and operate an additional 4 fuel depots located in key cities across the country. This, when added to the existing fuel depot in Damascus, brings the total number of fuel depots under WFP management within country to 5. These depots will store fuel for both WFP and the wider humanitarian community's operations. Fuel will be distributed to the wider humanitarian community on a cost recovery basis.

12. The WFP Emergency Coordinator appointed for Syria and the sub-region will be the Fund Manager for this Special Operation and their Head of Finance will be the Allotment Manager.

Two sub-funded programmes will be created:

- a. Emergency telecommunications augmentation (to be managed by the ETC Coordinator)
- b. Logistics augmentation and coordination, inclusive of security (to be managed by the Logistics Coordinator for Syria and the sub-region)

In light of the above, this budget revision for an increase of USD 5,402,436 is submitted for approval by the Deputy Executive Director, COO.

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