

## Format for Information Note of IR-EMOP Project Document

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### IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMERGENCY OPERATION CHINA 200132 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO QINGHAI EARTHQUAKE PROJECT DOCUMENT

#### PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

##### NATURE OF EMERGENCY:

1. **Location:** Yushu Prefecture, Qinghai Province, PR China
2. **Cause:** At 07:49 on Wednesday 14 April, An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale occurred in the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu in Qinghai province, some 800 km southwest of Xining, the Capital of Qinghai province.
3. **Effects:** At 19 April there were approximately 2,000 people confirmed dead, and more than 12,000 injured. Some 100,000 people have been evacuated from their homes. Food stocks and infrastructure for transporting food to markets are also badly damaged.
4. **Total numbers affected and in need of emergency food aid:** The Ministry of Civil Affairs reports that 100,000 people have been evacuated. Many of them are being housed in temporary camps. The affected area stands at 4,000 meters above sea level and temperatures are still sub-zero, especially overnight.
5. The counties of Yushu Prefecture are among the counties identified by the government as the poorest in the country. They were ranked as having the worst food security status in China in a recent food security study by WFP, IFAD and FAO.
6. The Government has already dispatched more than 1,000 tons of food assistance, but has called for more from within China, and from international aid. UNICEF's government counterparts have requested food items suitable for mothers and young children, to be distributed with their micronutrient supplements.
7. The government, Red Cross and other approved NGOs are assisting those living in temporary accommodation. WHO has sent medicine to counter the effects of high altitudes for rescue workers and is procuring medical supplies. UNICEF is sending school tents, warm clothes and blankets as temperatures in the area which is 4,000 above sea level are below freezing; UNFPA is preparing reproductive health and hygiene kits. UNDP is preparing a cash for work project.

**WFP IR EMOP:**

**8. Justification for an immediate response, expected impact:** The Ministries of Agriculture and Commerce have specified the need for food in their communication with WFP. They indicated that their pipeline is full until mid-May and requesting that WFP food be provided subsequently.

9. A modest contribution of food would provide life-saving sustenance to survivors living with minimal shelter in sub-zero conditions and meet the nutritional needs of children aged 6-36 months would be covered. In addition, it would be an important signal of solidarity from WFP to the people and government of China.

**10. Duration of assistance (maximum three months):** From 16 to 29 May 2010 for general food distribution for 50,000 people (14 days) and from 01 May to 31 July for the supplementary feeding for 1,800 children (90 days).

**11. Number of beneficiaries and location:**

Approximately 51,800 people will receive an emergency relief ration in Yushu Prefecture.

**12. Food basket composition and ration levels:** WFP will procure sufficient barley and vegetable oil to provide 50,000 people rations for 14 days, and 1,800 children aged 6-36 months supplementary food for three months. Barley is the cereal traditionally eaten by the Tibetan ethnic group which makes up 95 percent of the population in Yushu. The ration size of 500 grams of barley for use in GFD is in line with what is currently being distributed by the government.

Distribution type	Commodity	Ration/person/day	Calories	MT
GFD	Barley	500g	1,700	350
	Vegetable oil	25g	220	18
		525g	1,920	368
Supplementary	Barley	300g	1010	50
	Vegetable oil	25g	220	4
		325g	1230	54
Total MT				<b>422</b>

**13. Total food aid requirements (mt):** 422 metric tons of barley and vegetable oil.

**14. Mode of implementation:** The Qinghai bureau of Civil Affairs (TBC) will distribute WFP's commodities for general food distribution as part of their emergency relief food parcel to families displaced by the earthquake. The Qinghai bureau of Health will distribute the supplementary feeding commodities together with the UNICEF micronutrient supplements.

**PART 2: EMOP BUDGET (attached)**

Total EMOP budget (up to US\$500,000) is attached as Annex 1.  
(To use standard EMOP Project Budget Plan Format)

**PART 3: EMOP APPROVAL**

1) IRA funding is available to cover EMOP budget

Chief, RMBP: Laurent Bakera, Date: --/--/----

2) EMOP is approved

Regional Director, OMB: Kenro Oshidari, Date: --/--/----