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IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMERGENCY OPERATION KYRGYZ REPUBLIC IR EMOP 200158 FOOD SUPPORT TO POPULATION AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: INTERETHNIC CONFLICT

Location: Osh, Jalalabad provinces of the Kyrgyz Republic

Cause:

1. The south of the Kyrgyz Republic is the most densely populated of the country, and inhabited by multiethnic groups. Ethnic tension has been growing in southern Kyrgyzstan in recent months, following the overthrow of the government in early April. On 10 June serious violence erupted in the city of Osh between ethnic Kyrgyz and Uzbeks. There was killing of civilians, looting and destruction of property in the city. Several districts have suffered widespread arson, massive destruction of infrastructure and loss of assets.

2. According to official statistics, out of Kyrgyzstan's population of 5.3 million, ethnic Kyrgyz make up 69.6 percent and Uzbeks 14.5 percent. In the south, Uzbeks comprise about 40 percent of the population in the Jalalabad region and approximately 50 percent in the neighbouring region of Osh. Several thousand ethnic Uzbek Osh residents have been reported to cross the border into Uzbekistan. Many other citizens have been made homeless or displaced by the unrest.

3. The general context of extreme poverty in the Republic, where - according to WFP's Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) of April 2010 - one out of five households is food-insecure, has been exacerbated by the disruption of economic and agricultural activities in April and by the recent violence in the Southern part of the Republic.

4. The Government has attempted to provide support to the affected population (through extremely limited means and lack of experience). However, the ability to ensure security for the civilians and address the rising needs remains uncertain. The Government officially requested the United Nations to provide humanitarian support to the residents of Osh city through addressing the priority needs in food, shelter, and water, sanitation and health.

5. Assessments conducted by WFP's existing partners from the affected area show that food is the highest priority for the displaced population and those trapped within the cities of Osh and Jalalabad. Markets were destroyed or looted and food stocks available at the household level will be depleted within days.

Effects:

6. The food is meant to meet the basic food consumption needs of households affected by the unrest, who have been left without shelter and assets, and to compensate for the unavailability of food at markets through a fair process of distribution of humanitarian aid. Food will be distributed in coordination with the Government's Committee for Humanitarian Assistance and WFP's existing counterparts in the field.

Total numbers affected and in need of emergency food aid:

7. The resources under this IR EMOP will be used to mobilize high-energy biscuits (HEB) through airlifts. The food will suffice to assist approximately 40,000 of the most acutely affected people with ready-eat-food rations. It will target IDPs and other conflict-affected people with no or limited ability to cook food. Because of the fragile security and lack of access for direct programme implementation, WFP will organize distributions through operational Cooperating Partners (CPs) and in coordination with functioning local authorities.

Justification for an immediate response, expected impact:

8. As a consequence of the conflict the population was left without assets and access to food. Preliminary assessments by WFP's counterparts in the targeted areas suggest that the needs of the affected population are massive due to large-scale destruction of housing and loss of assets. Distributions will be organized in the locations identified jointly with CPs and the Government. The latter will support the process through security during delivery and distributions.

9. WFP will draw from existing in-country stocks to extend immediate support and will need to replenish those stocks immediately to sustain the ongoing programme in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Duration of assistance: 17 June – 17 September 2010

Number of beneficiaries and location: 40,000 persons affected by the conflict in the South of the Republic.

Food basket composition and ration levels:

Initial distributions of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) 2100 kcal per person per day							
Commodity	Ration (g/person/day)	Beneficiaries	Duration (days)	МТ			
HEB	467	40,000	4				
Total				80			

Total food aid requirements (mt): 80 MT

Mode of implementation: General Food Distribution

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

Laurent Bukera, Chief, RMBP:

2) EMOP is approved

Daly Belgasmi, RD ODC

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Annex 1 – Budget Summary			
Cost Category	Tonnage (mt)	Rate per mt	Value (US\$)
Commodity			
Cereals	-	\$0.00	\$0
Pulses	-	\$0.00	\$0
Oil and Fats	-	\$0.00	\$0
Mixed and Blended Food	80.00	\$1,170.00	\$93,600
Other	-	\$0.00	\$0
Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries			
Voucher Transfer to Beneficiaries			
		\$1,170.0	
Total Commodity	80.00	0	\$93,600
External Transport	\$3,000.00	\$240,000	

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LTSH	\$105.00	\$8,400
ODOC	\$181.00	\$14,480
Direct Support Cost (DSC)	\$1,355.94	\$108,475
Total WFP Direct Costs	\$5,811.94	\$464,955
Indirect Support Costs (ISC) 7%	\$406.84	\$32,547
Total WFP Costs		
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