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IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMERGENCY OPERATION IR-EMOP 200441 Assistance to Flood Affected Families in Paraguay PROJECT DOCUMENT

PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:

Location:

1. Heavy rains generated in *El Chaco* region, Paraguay, have flooded large areas of land affecting villages, agriculture production and infrastructure.

Cause:

2. According to the National Emergency Secretariat of the Republic of Paraguay, floods have been caused by extensive rain as a result of accumulated precipitations during a very short period of time (20 days). The negative impact of these precipitous rains is further worsened by the topographic and soil conditions of the *El Chaco* region.

Effects:

3. These heavy rainfalls have resulted in the overflow of major rivers causing losses in agricultural production and infrastructure. In less than 15 days, 700 mm of rain were reported in the region, causing the flooding of large areas and the overflow of the Rio Pilcomayo. As of 25 April this year, some **14,000 families (nearly 70,000 people)** had been affected by the destruction of their livelihoods: lost crops, loss of livestock and isolation due to the destruction of roads. The region is characterized by a high percentage of indigenous people living on subsistence farming (staple crops are maize, beans, sweet potato and sesame). Therefore, the subsistence farmers are highly vulnerable to food insecurity and malnutrition.

Total numbers affected and in need of emergency food aid:

4. According to the Paraguayan National Emergency Secretariat (SEN), the most affected departments in *El Chaco* region are:

- Boqueron: 3.485 families
- Alto Paraguay: 1.543 families
- Presidente Hayes: 8.626 families

These 13,654 families represent 68,270 persons.

5. Two WFP technical missions were fielded to Paraguay to assess the impact of recent weather events on food security and nutrition.
6. Out of the 13,654 families, WFP has been requested to assist the **5,000 most vulnerable families**, approximately 25,000 people (mostly indigenous and the most vulnerable in the country) with emergency food assistance. The first response of the Government of Paraguay, coordinated by the National Emergency Secretariat (SEN), distributed food and water. Until 20 April, the SEN had distributed a 232mt of food to 5,800 affected families. SEN indicated that given the dimension of drought and of the floods, they have nearly exhausted their resources and request urgent WFP assistance. However, the Minister stressed that the level of damage to the livelihoods requires food assistance for at least six months for the affected households to recover their sources of food and income.

WFP IR EMOP:**Justification for an immediate response, expected impact:**

7. The affected families are subsistence farmers that heavily depend on agriculture. The floods have destroyed not only their crops, but also their food reserves and other key assets, leaving these families in high risk of food insecurity.
8. The Government of Paraguay (GoP) declared on 3 April 2012 a state of national emergency through decree 8744. On 2 May, the GoP formally requested WFP's support to assist the affected population.
9. The GoP has expressed its willingness to direct all international assistance for food assistance through WFP, becoming the main partner for resource mobilization.

Duration of assistance: Three months, from 14 May to 13 August 2012.

Number of beneficiaries and location:

10. A total of 5,000 families, 25,000 persons, will be assisted for 60 days in *El Chaco* region, departments of President Hayes, Boquerón and Alto Paraguay. Joint assessments together with the GoP and with other partners are being carried out to refine and update the needs.
11. The targeted beneficiaries are indigenous families and subsistence farmers.

Food basket composition and ration levels:

PRODUCT	QUANTITY (g.)	ENERGY (Kcal)	PROTEIN (g.)	FAT (g.)
Rice	500	1,800	35	3
Vegetable Oil	123	1,089	-	123
Wheat Flour	500	1,750	58	8
Beans	500	1,675	100	6
Iodized Salt	25	-	-	-
TOTAL*	1,648	6,314	193	139
Nutritional content per person		1,263	39	28
Recommended daily intakes**		2,100	49	64
% Adequation		60	78	43

Total food aid requirements (mt): 494.40 mt

Mode of implementation:

12. General food distributions will be carried out. Priority for food assistance will be given to families living in shelters, women and children and the elderly.
13. The following are the criteria for selection of communities: communities without access to other humanitarian food assistance. Households experiencing high food insecurity due to the emergency, with possible long-lasting negative effects on their livelihood strategies. Isolated communities; communities with difficult access. Activities can be coordinated and complemented with partners and UN agencies.
14. The selected commodities for distribution are part of the “food basket” which is usually distributed by the National Emergency Secretariat (SEN). All the commodities will be purchased locally.
15. LTSH costs will be covered by the SEN which provides personnel, storage, trucks and other vehicles. The budget considers the purchase of a portable storage facility for the affected area where there are no storage facilities.
16. The proposal is based on the displacement of a team of WFP staff from the regional roster, led by the Deputy-Regional Director.

PART 2: EMOP BUDGET (attached)

17. Total IR-EMOP budget is attached as Annex 1.
18. Estimated costs for this IR-EMOP total \$840,880 which includes a total food value of US\$498,585.

19. DSC expenses include cost of all staff being brought in on TDY plus travel. The staffing structure will be supported and managed by the RB. However, the staff will be National staff on TDY from other countries in the region.

PART 3: EMOP APPROVAL

- 1) IRA funding is available to cover EMOP budget

Chief, RMBP: John Crisci, Date: --/--/----

- 2) EMOP is approved

ODP Regional Director: 08/May/2012

Annex 1 – Budget Summary

Fund Centre:	Paraguay
Functional Area:	EMOP
Project Number:	0
Project Status:	New
BR Number:	0
Start Date:	15-May-12
End Date:	15-Aug-12
Duration (months):	3

Food and Capacity Augmentation Portion

<i>Cost Category</i>	Tonnage (mt)	Rate per mt	<i>Value (US\$)</i>		<i>Value (US\$)</i>
Commodity					
Cereals	300.00	\$700.00	\$210,000		\$210,000
Pulses	150.00	\$1,450.00	\$217,500		\$217,500
Oil and Fats	36.90	\$1,850.00	\$68,265		\$68,265
Mixed and Blended Food	-	\$0.00	\$0		\$0
Other	7.50	\$376.00	\$2,820		\$2,820
Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries					\$0
Voucher Transfer to Beneficiaries					\$0
Total Commodity	494.40	\$1,008.46	\$498,585	59%	\$498,585

External Transport		\$0.00	\$0	0%	\$0
LTSH	2/	\$10.00	\$4,944	1%	\$4,944
ODOC	2/	\$72.82	\$36,000	4%	\$36,000

*Total Direct Operating Costs
(DOC)*

\$539,529

Direct Support Cost (DSC)	2/	\$498.26	\$246,340	29%	\$246,340
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DSC as a % of DOC

46%

Total WFP Direct Costs		\$1,589.54	\$785,869	93%	\$785,869
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Indirect Support Costs (ISC) 7%		\$111.27	\$55,011	7%	\$55,011
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Total WFP Costs		\$1,700.81	\$840,880	100%	\$840,880
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Total number of Beneficiaries excluding overlap ^{1/}		25,000			0
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