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**TRANSITIONAL ICSP AND PROJECT BUDGET REVISION(S) FOR T-ICSPs
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**SUBJECT: Nepal T-ICSP (January – June 2018)
CP 200319, PRRO 200875, PRRO 200787, SO 200848, SO 200999, SO 201025,
TF 201062, TF 200958, TF 200992**

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1. I have reviewed the documentation and confirm that it meets the required quality standards, and appropriately addresses concerns/recommendations raised in the s-PRP/e-PRP.
2. I recommend approval of these budget revisions: CP 200319, PRRO 200875, PRRO 200787, SO 200848, SO 200999, SO 201025, TF 201062, TF 200958, TF 200992, as well as of the T-ICSP document here attached.
3. The resulting T-ICSP consists of the following Strategic Outcomes.

Strategic Outcomes 1 : School-aged children in food insecure and remote rural areas have sustainable access to food by 2022;

Strategic Outcomes 2 : Refugees from Bhutan in eastern Nepal maintain access to adequate food.

Children 6-23 months old, pregnant and lactating women and other vulnerable persons in Nepal have improved nutritional status by 2030;

Strategic Outcomes 3 : Improved availability of pro-smallholder public goods and services in vulnerable communities in central and western Nepal by 2030;

Strategic Outcomes 4 : Capacities of national and local authorities are enhanced to prepare for and respond to food insecurity and emergencies by 2030.

4. The total value of the T-ICSP is USD24,255,302 which is including an overall increasing to 2018 plan by USD2,117,395. Total beneficiaries is 547,246.
5. The increase in cost will cover the provision of an additional 5,488 mt of food, at a total WFP cost of USD 24,487,420 for the period January to June 2018.

The expected date of EB submission of the subsequent CSP is in June 2018, with a planned start of the CSP on 1 July 2018. At this time, there are no issues that might impact the preparation of the CSP.



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Project 1: CP 200319 "Nepal Country Programme", BR no. 3

Total Revised number of beneficiaries	316,000		
Duration of entire project	1 January 2013 – to 30 June 2018		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 January 2018 – to 30 June 2018		
WFP food tonnage	120,597		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Increase	Revised Budget
Food and Related Costs	146,119,248	4,379,674	150,498,922
Cash & Vouchers and Related Costs	22,786,504	1,475,675	24,262,179
Capacity Development & Augmentation	6,037,251	966,137	7,003,388
DSC	27,183,429	987,679	28,171,108
ISC	14,148,850	546,642	14,695,492
Total cost to WFP	216,275,282	8,355,806	224,631,088

Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Increase	Revised Budget
Food Transfer	67,559,299	2,096,640	69,655,939
C&V Transfer	17,898,587	790,000	18,688,587

Beneficiaries		
Current	Decrease	Revised
1,094,000	(778,000)	316,000

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget revision is a straightforward extension in time (EiT) of Nepal Country Programme (CP) 200319. The EiT bridges the end date of the CP 200319 to the planned start date of the WFP Nepal Country Strategy Plan (CSP) on 1 July 2018.

The CP has suffered from serious under funding, particularly for Component 1, "Livelihoods and Asset Creation" and Component 3, "Nutrition Support", while Component 4, "Capacity Development" has been implemented under a sequence of Trust funds and Component 2, "Education Support", has seen important multi-year funding.

While the CP has gone through 82 percent of its life-span, the funding (directed mainly to the Component 2 while multilateral allocations have sustained Components 1 and 3) covers only 26 percent of planned needs.

The focus of the CP during the six months extension remains unchanged as the same activities are planned within the original geographic area in the west of the country, however, with a narrower geographic focus as dictated by the limited funding expected. Also unchanged are for Component 1 and 3 the rations and working/feeding days. Implementation modalities as defined in the original project document and the supporting supply chain remain unchanged during the six months extension.

Under Component 3, the Community based treatment of acute malnutrition sub-activity is not being extended as it has never been implemented, while Component 4 is not included in the CP EiT and considered as an extension of the Neksap Trust Fund BR (see Project 6).

Under this BR the pilot, implemented in 2017, which replaced Super Cereal with locally available commodities (rice, pulses and oil) for children in basic education (Component 2) see a wider implementation in 2018; this is in line with the longer-term hand-over strategy and with the funding proposal submitted to the donor.



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Based on above funding considerations, the six months extension presented for approval, is based on currently confirmed or about to be confirmed contributions, thus the extension is a resources based and does not create additional unrealistic budget plan for the extended period.

2. Indicate how these activities are included in the attached T-ICSP.

The six months (1 January to 30 June 2018) planned activities under CP are captured in the following T-ICSP under Strategic Outcomes:

SO 1: "School-aged children in food insecure and remote rural areas have sustainable access to food by 2022", Activity 1 "Provision of school meals, and strengthening capacity" and Strategic Result 1 "Access to food".

SO 3: "Children 6-23 months old, pregnant and lactating women and other vulnerable persons in Nepal have improved nutritional status by 2030", Activity 3 "Support the Government to design and implement programmes for the prevention of malnutrition", Strategic Result 2 "End malnutrition".

SO 4: "Improved availability of pro-small-holder public goods and services in vulnerable communities in central and western Nepal by 2030", Activity 4 "Enhance resilience and improve adaptation to shocks and to the effects of climate change", Strategic Result 3 "Enhance resilience and improve adaptation to shocks and to the effects of climate change".

3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ICSP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).

N/A.



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Project 2 : PRRO 200875 "Supporting Food & Nutrition Security while Building Back Better Nepal", BR no. 2

Total Revised number of beneficiaries	340,000		
Duration of entire project	1 January 2016 – 31 June 2018		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018		
WFP food tonnage	11,750		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Decrease	Revised Budget
Food and Related Costs	18,772,034	(1,423,796)	17,348,238
Cash & Vouchers and Related Costs	28,951,669	(2,563,217)	26,388,452
Capacity Development & Augmentation	524,921	361,149	886,070
DSC	11,289,264	(1,318,061)	9,971,203
ISC	4,167,652	(346,075)	3,821,577
Total cost to WFP	63,705,540	(5,290,000)	58,415,540

Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Decrease	Revised Budget
Food Transfer	9,536,650	(724,423)	8,812,226
C&V Transfer	19,683,335	(1,258,284)	18,425,051
Beneficiaries			
Current	Decrease	Revised	
340,000	(192,802)	340,000	

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget Revision (BR) aligns the end date of the PRRO to the planned start of the Nepal Country Strategy Plan (CSP) on 1 July 2018. This entails a reduction in time of the PRRO of six months and a commensurate decrease in overall budget.

The planned needs for the first half of 2018 are aligned to available or expected resources for the period; in light of the limited funding available, the PRRO refocuses the planned activities from seven to three districts, thus reducing the number of beneficiaries to 4,400 households for Food for Asset (FFA) and 23,800 households for Cash for Assets (CFA).

The BR takes into consideration an adjusted food baskets for the FFA activity, where the vegetable oil is removed, and a revised Cash Based Transfer (CBT) value for the CFA activity, with an increase to US\$5/per person/day thus aligning with actual district rates.

For the extended period, the PRRO will discontinue assistance to children 6 to 59 months with moderate acute malnutrition. The capacity building activity for rice fortification has been extended for the duration of the BR.

The ODOC, LTSH and CBT related costs are aligned with actual costs as defined in recently approved Filed Level agreements (FLAs) and the recently approved revised LTSH rate.

2. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ISCP.

The six months (1 January to 30 June 2018) planned activities under PRRO are captured in the T-ISCP under Strategic Outcomes SO 4 "Improved availability of pro-small-holder public goods and services in vulnerable communities in central and western Nepal by 2030", Activity 4 "Enhance resilience and improve adaptation to shocks and to the effects of climate change" and



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Strategic Result 3 "Enhance resilience and improve adaptation to shocks and to the effects of climate change", and SO 3 "Children 6-23 months old, pregnant and lactating women and other vulnerable persons in Nepal have improved nutritional status by 2030", Activity 3 "Support the Government to design and implement programmes for the prevention of malnutrition" Strategic Result 2 "End malnutrition".

3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ISCP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).

N/A.


Project 3. PRRO 200787 "Support to Refugees from Bhutan", BR no. 4

Total Revised number of beneficiaries	23,500		
Duration of entire project	1 January 2015 - 30 June 2018		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 January 2018 - 30 June 2018		
WFP food tonnage	9,294		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Increase	Revised Budget
Food and Related Costs	5,175,052	673,524	5,848,576
DSC	1,747,487	106,329	1,853,816
ISC	484,578	54,590	539,167
Total cost to WFP	7,407,116	834,443	8,241,559

Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Increase	Revised Budget
Food Transfer	3,999,381	436,950	4,436,331
Beneficiaries			
	Current	Decrease	Revised
	23,500	(8,670)	23,500

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget Revision (BR) is for a six month extension in time (EIT) of the PRRO 200787, in support of the refugees from Bhutan living in Nepal. The EIT is required in order to bridge to the start of the Nepal Country Strategic Plan (CSP) on 1 July 2018.

The BR also updates the number of refugees planned for 2017 as the resettlement process has slowed down starting early 2017 resulting in a higher number of people remaining in the camps. Thus the increase in tonnage is for both 2017 and 2018.

The BR does not introduce a new focus, implementation strategy, or expected outcomes and does not introduce changes in modalities of food transfer.

2. Indicate how these activities are included in the attached T-ICSP

The six months (1 January to 30 June 2018) planned activities under PRRO are captured in the T-ICSP Strategic Outcome 2 "Refugees from Bhutan in eastern Nepal maintain access to adequate food", Activity 2 "GFD for Refugees from Bhutan" and Strategic Result 1 "Access to food".

3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ICSP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).

N/A



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Project 4 : SO 200848 "Logistics and Telecommunications Augmentation and Coordination in Response to the Earthquake in Nepal", BR no. 6

Duration of entire project	28 April 2015 – 30 June 2018		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 January 2018 – 30 June 2018		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Increase	Revised Budget
Capacity Development & Augmentation	28,027,493	1,040,010	29,067,503
DSC	5,870,139	258,538	6,128,677
ISC	2,372,835	90,898	2,463,733
Total cost to WFP	36,270,467	1,389,446	37,659,913

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget Revision (BR) is for an extension in time of six months of SO 200848 needed to align the end date of the Special Operation (SO) 200848 and bridge with the start of the Nepal CSP planned for 1 July 2018; the extension takes into account the need for additional time to complete activities planned with existing resources under the SO.

The BR foresees an increase in Capacity Development and Augmentation, Direct Support Costs and In Indirect Support Costs.

Following two major earthquakes of 25 April 2015 and 12 May 2015 WFP launched the SO 200848 to support the government and humanitarian community's relief efforts and to coordinate the response through Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters.

The July 2015 BR No. 1 of the SO 200848 included under the SO the Remote Access Operations (RAO) and halted the Cluster activities initially carried out under the SO. RAO provided technical guidance and quality assurance in trail rehabilitation as well as used porters and/or pack-animals to establish a common logistics supply chain to reach people living in remote high altitude villages inaccessible by road.

The subsequent BRs extended in time the SO up to the end of 2017 to allow the continuation of RAO transport activities up to July 2016, the procurement of non-food items (NFI) to preposition as emergency preparedness items and the expansion of the trail, road and bridges (TRB) rehabilitation activities.

The TRB rehabilitation activities are underway however, delays in implementation are resulting from an earlier and longer than expected monsoon season, difficult access to the start of the respective trails, due to the increased number of landslides and the slow pace in which these slips are cleared, and late reception of the formal requirements from local Government representatives in the respective Districts. This results in the need to extend the SO in order to complete the activities that will spill over into 2018 and be completed just before the start of the monsoon season in June 2018.

2. Indicate how these activities are included in the attached T-ICSP.

The six months (1 January to 30 June 2018) planned activities under Special Operation 200848 are captured in the T-ICSP under Strategic Outcome SO 4 "Improved availability of pro-small-holder public goods and services invulnerable communities in central and western Nepal by 2030", Activity 4 "Enhance resilience and improve adaptation to shocks and to the effects of



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climate change” and Strategic Result 3 “Enhance resilience and improve adaptation to shocks and to the effects of climate change”.

3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ISCP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).
N/A.



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Project 5 : SO 200999 "Augmentation of National and District Level Emergency Logistics Preparedness in Nepal" BR no. 1

Duration of entire project	1 November 2016 to 30 June 2018		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 May 2017 to 30 June 2018		
WFP food tonnage	-		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
Capacity Development & Augmentation	5,338,821	(1,676,516)	3,662,305
DSC	1,424,577	(678,551)	746,026
ISC	473,438	(164,855)	308,583
Total cost to WFP	7,236,836	(2,519,922)	4,716,915

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget Revision (BR) is for a reduction in time of 6 months of Special Operation (SO) 200999 and a corresponding budgetary decrease in Capacity Development and Augmentation, Direct Support Costs and Indirect Support Costs.

The BR does not introduce any changes in strategy nor activities or implementation modalities and the proposed decrease of the approved budget and activities will be included in the Country Strategy Plan (CSP).

The need for the BR is to align the end date of the SO 200999 with the start of the Nepal CSP that will start on 1 July 2018.

The SO was approved in late 2016 however, implementation is planned only for the second half of 2017 based on expected contributions; considering the shift in start of activities, the long term plan is to extend the SO up to mid-2020; this planned extension in time of activities, with no overall budget change, will be reflected in the CSP that will start in July 2018.

In consideration of this shift in start date of the SO, the overall 2017 and 2018 planned needs are reduced by around 50 percent.

2. Indicate how these activities are included in the attached T-ICSP

The six months (1 January to 30 June 2018) planned activities under Special Operation 200999 are captured in the T-ICSP under Strategic Outcome 5 "Capacities of national and local authorities are enhanced to prepare for and respond to food insecurity and emergencies by 2030", Activity 6 "Development of National Disaster Response Platforms and Strengthening EPR capacity" and Strategic Result 5 "Capacity Strengthening"

3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ICSP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).

N/A.



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Project 6 : SO 201025 "Construction of New Country Office for WFP Nepal", BR no. 1

Duration of entire project	1 October 2016 to 30 June 2018		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Decrease	Revised Budget
DSC	4,565,250	(542,002)	4,023,248
ISC	319,568	(37,940)	281,628
Total cost to WFP	4,884,818	(579,942)	4,304,876

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget revision is a reduction in time of the SO to align the end date with the planned start date of the WFP Nepal Country Strategy Plan (CSP) on 1 July 2018.

The SO implementation presents many uncertainties, the BR assumes that the land will be purchased in 2017 and that major commitments will need to be made with contractors, for the building of the new office, by mid-2018. It is expected that large portions of the commitments will need to be transferred to the follow up CSP.

2. Indicate how these activities are included in the attached T-ICSP

SO 5 "Capacities of national and local authorities are enhanced to prepare for and respond to food insecurity and emergencies by 2030", Activity 8 "Ensure business continuity to enable WFP to respond to a catastrophic disaster by establishing safe facilities", Strategic Result 5 "Capacity strengthening".

3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ISCP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).

N/A.



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Project 7 : Trust Fund 201062 "Bourlaugh Institute of South Asia (BISA): Capacity Strengthening crop yield forecasting", BR no.1

Duration of entire project	16 December 2016 to 30 June 2018		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Decrease	Revised Budget
DSC	59,813	(14,379)	45,435
ISC	4,187	(575)	3612
Total cost to WFP	64,000	(14,954)	49,047

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget revision is a straightforward reduction in time of the TF to align the end date for the TF and activities with the planned start date of the WFP Nepal Country Strategy Plan (CSP) on 1 July 2018.

The capacity strengthening activity and sub-national level crop yield forecasting for agricultural outlook assessments in Nepal will be reflected in the CSP with a budget equivalent to present budget reduction.

2. Indicate how these activities are included in the attached T-ICSP

The six months (1 January to 30 June 2018) planned activities under the TF are captured in the T-ICSP under Strategic Outcome 5 "Capacities of national and local authorities are enhanced to prepare for and respond to food insecurity and emergencies by 2030", Activity 7 "Strengthen capacities for food security monitoring and analysis" and Strategic Result 5 "Capacity Strengthening".

3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ICSP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).

N/A.



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Project 8: Trust Fund 200958 "Adapting to Climate-induced Threats to Food Production and Food Security in the Karnali Region of Nepal", BR no. 1

Total Revised number of beneficiaries	65,800
Duration of entire project	1 May 2016 to 30 June 2018
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018
WFP food tonnage	450

Cost (United States dollars)

	Current Budget	Decrease	Revised Budget
Food and Related Costs	1,487,010	(1,028,379)	458,631
Cash & Vouchers and Related Costs	5,823,649	(4,435,536)	1,388,013
Capacity Development & Augmentation	1,340,757	(946,228)	394,529
DSC	1,986,237	(773,982)	1,212,255
ISC	389,506	(287,125)	102,381
Total cost to WFP	10,127,160	(7,471,490)	2,655,670

Cost (United States dollars)

	Current Budget	Decrease	Revised Budget
Food Transfer	510,307	(352,835)	157,472
C&V Transfer	4,621,000	(3,512,124)	1,108,876

Beneficiaries

Current	Decrease	Revised
86,050	0	86,050

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget revision is a straightforward reduction in time of the Adaptation Fund TF to align the end date of the activity with the planned start date of the WFP Nepal Country Strategy Plan (CSP) on 1 July 2018.

The TF has not started as the MoU with the Government of Nepal has not been signed. It is expected that the signature will be finalised in the coming months and WFP will be able to start implementation towards the end of 2017. The start date of the TF is shifted by one year.

The budget decrease is directly linked to the reduced duration of the project and alignment with the start of the CSP; this budget decrease will be included in the CSP budget plan and the activity under the CSP will have an end date shifted forward by one year.

The full 2018 transfer amounts (food and cash) are planned for the first months of 2018 in order to allow ensure availability of food and cash required for distribution during the first half of 2018.

The budget revision does not introduce changes in strategy or activities with respect to what originally approved.

2. Indicate how these activities are included in the attached T-ICSP.

SO 4 "Improved availability of pro-small-holder public goods and services in vulnerable communities in central and western Nepal by 2030", Activity 4 "Enhance resilience and improve adaptation to shocks and to the effects of climate change", Strategic Result 3 "Enhance resilience and improve adaptation to shocks and to the effects of climate change".



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3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ISCP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).
N/A.



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Project 9 : Trust Fund 200992 "Community Development Program", BR no.1

Duration of entire project	1 May 2016 to 30 June 2018		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Decrease	Revised Budget
Capacity Development & Augmentation	815,629	(82,537)	733,092
DSC	345,788	(47,038)	298,750
ISC	46,456	(5,183)	41,273
Total cost to WFP	1,207,873	(134,758)	1,073,115

1. Rationale for the budget revision.

The Budget revision is a reduction in time of the TF to align the end date of the activity with the planned start date of the WFP Nepal Country Strategy Plan (CSP) on 1 July 2018.

The TF has seen a delay in the implementation: the TF main activity is in for capacity building of Local District employees. Since early 2017, with the implementation of the changes planned in the 2016 Constitution, the political internal boundaries in Nepal are to change and while these changes are being implemented, the capacity building activity is on hold.

Notwithstanding the delays in implementation that are beyond WFP's control, it is not clear if the contribution supporting this activity will be extended in time, so it is expected that once the activities will start again, these will need to be implemented within the same, shorter time-frame.

The budget decrease is linked to the reduced duration of the project, reduced implementation level in 2017 and alignment with the start of the CSP; this budget decrease will be included in the CSP budget plan.

The budget revision does not introduce changes in strategy or activities with respect to what originally approved.

2. Indicate how these activities are included in the attached T-ICSP

SO 5 "Capacities of national and local authorities are enhanced to prepare for and respond to food insecurity and emergencies by 2030", Activity 5 "Local government capacity enhanced at sub-district level", Strategic Result 5 "Capacity Strengthening".

3. Explain how the relevant Budget Revision and the associated T-ICSP addresses the concerns/recommendations raised at the s-PRP/e-PRP (if any).

N/A.