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**TRANSITIONAL ICSP AND PROJECT BUDGET REVISION(S) FOR T-ICSPs
FOR APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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SUBJECT: The Gambia, T-ICSP (January-December 2018), DEV 200327 BR 6 and PRRO 200557 BR 5

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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 and the T-ICSP document: *Development Project 200327 and Protracted Relief & Recovery Programme 200557*

The resulting T-ICSP consists of the following Strategic Outcomes.

- Strategic Outcome 1: School aged children in the most food-insecure areas have adequate access to safe and nutritious food throughout the year.
 - Strategic Outcome 2: Targeted children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women in The Gambia have enhanced nutritional status throughout the year.
 - Strategic Outcome 3: National and subnational institutions have strengthened capacity to manage food security and nutrition policies and programmes by 2030.
 - Strategic Outcome 4: Government efforts towards achieving Zero Hunger by 2030 are supported by effective (and coherent) policy frameworks.
3. Indicate the total value of the T-ICSP, including revised/total beneficiary caseloads.
Total Value: USD 7,734,288
Total beneficiaries (excl. overlap): 156,123
 4. The increase in cost will cover the provision of an additional 3,449.37 mt of food, at a total cost of USD 3,262,645 for the period January to December 2018.
 5. Expected date of EB submission of the subsequent CSP and issues that might impact the preparation of the CSP (if any).
The subsequent CSP will be submitted on 30 June 2018 for the EB session in November 2018. No issue is foreseen that might impact the preparation of the CSP



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Project 1 ---- DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, 200327, The support for establishing the foundation for a transition to a nationally-owned and sustainable home-grown school meals programme, BR 6

Total Revised number of beneficiaries	147,153		
Duration of entire project	1 August 2012 – 31 December 2017		
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018		
WFP food tonnage	20,740		
Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Increase	Revised Budget
Food and Related Costs	14,678,074	1,728,748	16,406,822
Cash & Vouchers and Related Costs	1,397,927	1,535,627	2,933,554
Capacity Development & Augmentation	1,544,720	373,595	1,918,315
DSC	3,851,042	647,250	4,498,292
ISC	1,503,023	299,965	1,802,988
Total cost to WFP	22,974,786	4,585,185	27,559,971

Cost (United States dollars)			
	Current Budget	Increase	Revised Budget
Food Transfer	9,304,161	1,249,528	10,553,689
C&V Transfer	1,159,905	1,376,863	2,536,768

Beneficiaries		
Current	Increase/Decrease	Revised
147,153	0	147,153

1. Rationale for the intervention/budget revision.

In line with the Interim Country Strategic Plan, support for establishing the foundation to a nationally-owned and sustainable home-grown school meals programme is being extended from 1st January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

WFP has completed its handover of school meals in two regions (West Coast and Lower River Region) to the Government, thereby decreasing the total number of beneficiaries by 47,500 children in 2018.

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

These activities are reflected in the attached T-ICSP under three Strategic Outcomes.

Strategic Outcome 1 will strive to ensure that school aged children in the most food-insecure areas have adequate access to safe and nutritious food throughout the year. This outcome encompasses activities 1, 2 and 3 that will provide daily nutritious meals to pre-primary and primary schools in vulnerable and food insecure areas while also providing capacity strengthening to national and subnational institutions for better management of school meals. Activity 3 brings in the home grown school feeding component, linking the school meals with smallholders and providing market support.

Strategic Outcome 3 (activity 7) aims to strengthen the capacity of national and subnational institutions to implement improved assessments and evaluations of social safety nets in order to better progress towards zero hunger. School meals is central to



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this.

Under Strategic Outcome 4 (activity 8), WFP will provide technical assistance to the Government for the National Development plan, creating fiscal space for Social Protection and the preparation of an implementation plan for the School Meals Policy.

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).

This budget revision and associated T-ICSP address the recommendations raised at the pre s-PRP in the following manner:

Social safety net has been excluded from SO1 as recommended. The number of activities was reduced by merging activities within SR5 and SR6. The recommendation to combine SO1 and SO2 was not adopted, as the Gambia country office decided to remove the assets creations activity under then SO2 from the T-ICSP. As a result, the resilience building SO under SR1 was removed from the T-ICSP entirely, following consultations with and the approval of RBD and OSZ. Concerning the recommendation to avoid duplication of capacity strengthening between SO1 and SR5, the country office decided to maintain the separation of these interventions for strategic reasons. On account of this decision, capacity strengthening activities remain under SO1 as capacity strengthening for school meals, whilst capacity strengthening for social protection and disaster risk reduction were maintained under SR5.



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Project 2 ---- PRRO 200557, Targeted nutrition and livelihood support to vulnerable people impacted by floods and drought in The Gambia, BR 5

Total Revised number of beneficiaries	241,000
Duration of entire project	15 June 2013 – 31 March 2018
Duration of assistance covered in this proposal	1 April – 31 December 2018
WFP food tonnage	8,586

Cost (United States dollars)

	Current Budget	Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget
Food and Related Costs	11,237,120	1,872,522	13,109,642
Cash & Vouchers and Related Costs	5,334,347	-13,389	5,320,959
Capacity Development & Augmentation	430,727	68,832	499,559
DSC	2,586,767	364,435	2,951,202
ISC	1,371,227	160,468	1,531,695
Total cost to WFP	20,960,188	2,452,868	23,413,056

Cost (United States dollars)

	Current Budget	Increase	Revised Budget
Food Transfer	8,596,101	1,612,373	10,208,474
C&V Transfer	4,547,000	0	4,547,000

Beneficiaries

Current	Increase/Decrease	Revised
241,000		241,000

1. Rationale for the intervention/budget revision.

The present budget revision is required to accommodate the activities of the transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (T-ICSP), which is a bridge between WFP's current approach to programming and the new approach, which will begin in the form of a five-year Country Strategic Plan on 1 January 2019.

The present request for an extension in time will enable WFP to continue to provide blanket supplementary feeding for children 6 to 23 months during the lean season, as well as to treat malnutrition among children 6 to 59 months with specialised nutritious foods. Resilience building will be expanded both in scope and quality in vulnerable communities through capacity strengthening for the establishment of an integrated early warning system.

The PRRO was initially set up to respond to the climatic shocks that affected The Gambia in 2011 (drought) and 2012 (flooding). Since then, it underwent several extensions in order to address root causes, such as rising malnutrition levels, and to support resilience building activities, such as capacity development for Disaster Risk Management. Cyclical climatic shocks during the implementation period warranted this approach. The project experienced pipeline breaks due to a lack of funding. Malnutrition rates remain high, therefore the need remains to continue with the activities, following a joint programming initiative (WFP/FAO/UNICEF) funded by the EU.

The PRRO evaluation report in 2014 recommended that WFP introduce more activities in order to maximize nutritional benefits and introduce behavioral change programmes with the aim of addressing the underlying factors and increasing rates of malnutrition without losing nutritional gains that had already achieved.



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The joint programme funds received by WFP through the partnership with other UN Agencies from the European Union (11th European Development Fund, EDF/Envelope B) will support the nutrition programme under the PRRO.

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

These activities are reflected in the attached T-ICSP under two Strategic Outcomes.

Strategic Outcome 2 aims to enhance the nutritional status of targeted children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women throughout the year. Activities 4, 5 and 6 under this Strategic Outcome will provide targeted supplementary feeding for children 6-59 months and PLW, blanket supplementary feeding for children 6-23 months, and SBCC for mothers, caregivers and other community members. Activity 6 supports national institutions through capacity strengthening for the management of nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific activities.

Strategic Outcome 3 aims to strengthen the capacities of national and subnational institutions to manage food security and nutrition policies and programmes by 2030. Activity 7 under this Strategic Outcome will assess (Zero Hunger Score/SABER) and strengthen the capacities of Government and other partners for disaster risk reduction and social protection.

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).

No concerns were raised at the pre s-PRP.