DRC – SO 200747 - Logistics Cluster Coordination and Information Management, Democratic Republic of Congo
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**TYPE OF REVISION**

- [ ] Resource allocation
- [x] Extension/Reduction in time
- [ ] Adjustment of fiscal year planning
- [ ] Other

**NATURE OF REVISION:**

1. This second budget revision to the Democratic Republic of Congo’s Special Operation (SO) 200747 is a no cost extension in time for three months, from 1 April 2017 until 30 June 2017. This budget revision will enable WFP to maintain ongoing logistics cluster activities such as logistics coordination and information management. During this period, information management/knowledge management (IM/KM) activities, within the project, will be strengthened, while WFP continues to assess opportunities to strategically position the cluster, going forward.
JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

2. In late 2016, SO 200747 received a contribution of approximately US$429,000 from the office of the Humanitarian Coordinator. The funds were intended to support WFP in the implementation of activities that would enhance the coordination and information management functions within the cluster, with particular attention on the development of the IM/KM system.

3. The funds were planned to have been fully utilized by the end of March 2017. However, due to unavoidable delays in implementation of the project, the resources, could not be fully absorbed, during the current project duration. To that effect, WFP has obtained authorization from the office of the Humanitarian Coordinator, to continue utilizing the funds, in implementing the cluster activities, up to the end of June 2017. Thus, WFP will extend the duration of this SO to:
   - Advance the activities of the DRC Logistics Cluster in line with recommendations made by the lessons learned mission, which was conducted in the DRC by the Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell in early 2016;
   - Enhance the logistics coordination as well as the information management platform activities, while strengthening the capacity of both humanitarian partners and the Government of the DRC;
   - Continue to support the National Civil Protection Department (NCPD), the Ministry of Social, Humanitarian Affairs and Solidarity (MSHAS) and the humanitarian community on capacity building for emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction in the DRC, in line with the IM/KM activity initiated in 2016.

IMPLEMENTATION TO DATE

4. Since the launch of SO 200747 in December 2014, WFP, as the lead agency of the logistics cluster, is using the SO to support and strengthen capacity of the Government of the DRC and humanitarian partners, operating within the country. In partnership with the logistics cluster, the Government and partners have identified logistics gaps and bottlenecks in delivering life-saving assistance to populations. In turn, the Logistics Cluster has proposed a set of mitigating measures, augmented the logistics coordination and information management capacity of the humanitarian community. Through the SO, WFP has managed to augment the logistics capacity of humanitarian responders and other humanitarian actors, in the country.

5. Through this SO WFP has provided support in coordination at both the national and provincial level. In 2016, more than 140 national and international organizations participated in the Logistics Cluster’s activities and regularly attended coordination meetings at national and provincial level.

6. The logistics cluster has supported the government and humanitarian community with information management activities. The cluster has made available information management products\(^1\) to support operational decision making and thus improve the efficiency of the logistics response in the country.

\(^1\) A wide range of information management products and mapping services are available on the dedicated logistics cluster DRC webpage http://www.logcluster.org/ops/drc.
7. This SO has supported the strengthening of partner’s data collection capacity through training on data collections and analysis. Partners have also been trained on the collection and sharing of Geographical Information System (GIS) logistics information, which is made available on the dedicated Logistics Cluster DRC webpage.

8. WFP has also strengthened the Government’s capacity in contingency planning activities through the establishment of IT tools and systems to support an effective and efficient response to disasters. Efforts are mainly focused on supporting the National Civil Protection Department (NCPD) and the Ministry of Social, Humanitarian Affairs and Solidarity (MSHAS).

LOGISTICS CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

9. The Lessons Learned Mission undertaken in early 2016, as well as a recent Logistics Cluster partner survey (Feb 2017) highlighted that the main components of the SO 200747 should be to:
   - Ensure a coordinated logistics response among humanitarian actors working in the country, enabling the delivery of food and non-food items to vulnerable populations; and
   - Provide relevant logistics information to the humanitarian community to enable the timely and effective identification and resolution of logistics bottlenecks.

10. During the extension period, the project will continue to focus on the following:
   - **Coordination platform:** The Logistics Cluster will continue to be operational in Kinshasa and in the provincial capitals of Bukavu, Goma, Bunia and Kalémie to coordinate the logistics response to the ongoing crisis.
   - **Information sharing platform:** Logistics related information (market prices, suppliers contact details, road access and constraints, partner’s logistics activities, partner’s logistics capacity, maps) will continue to be collected, and shared with partners through different Information Management (IM) products.
   - **Partners data collection capacity strengthening:** Training of partners in data collection and analysis, will remain a focus area, during the extension period. The logistics cluster will also continue to provide training on gathering and hosting of GIS database. Information, from the database, will be shared with partners by means of the most appropriate IM products.
   - **Support the Government of the DRC in contingency planning activities:** continued efforts in close collaboration with the MSHAS and the humanitarian community will take place during the extension period to support capacity strengthening for contingency planning.
   - The cluster will also continue to work with NCPD, MSHAS, and the humanitarian community to build sustainable, long term national and local capacity, which will play a key role in humanitarian preparedness and response coordination. Activities will focus on augmenting the capacity of local staff, through knowledge sharing and skills’ transfer.
As part of the ongoing support to logistics capacity augmentation in DRC, the logistics cluster will support WFP and members of the humanitarian community in updating the DRC Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA), an important source of information related to the logistics infrastructure and services within the DRC, which will be made available to partners and the public, through the cluster’s webpage http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Democratic+Republic+of+Congo

A three-month extension in time (1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017) will allow WFP to carry out these activities while at the same time consulting with partners on the elaboration of strategic positioning and financing of the cluster activities.