TO: Denise Brown, Director of Emergencies, OSE (for approval)  
DATE: 10 September 2017

THROUGH: Calum Gardner, Chief, RMBB (for budget clearances/availability of resources)

FROM: Miguel Barreto, Regional Director, Regional Bureau Panama

CC: Rehan Asad, Chief of Staff

REGIONAL IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMERGENCY OPERATION 201105  
Assistance to Victims of Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Jose in the Eastern Caribbean  
PROJECT DOCUMENT

PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:

Location and Cause:
1. Hurricane Irma turned into a powerful category 5 hurricane and has already affected various Eastern Caribbean islands, Hispanola and Turks and Caicos and is currently affecting Cuba and the Bahamas and is in route for the United States. Irma has since been downgrade to category 4, but is still considered a massive storm and is expected to continue to cause significant damage.
2. Hurricane Jose, a category 4 hurricane is following just a few days behind Irma, but is beginning to shift north as it enters the Caribbean. However, this shift was not before affecting the Eastern Caribbean islands already hit by Irma. Strong winds and heavy rainfall is expected for Montserrat, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands, among others.

Effects:
3. The hurricanes have brought strong winds, heavy rains and a storm surge that raised water levels. The hurricane has led to flooding, electricity and water shortages, and damages to road and communication infrastructure, buildings and agriculture.
4. Barbuda and St. Martin are the most affected islands according to initial reports. Significant damages have also been reported in Anguilla, St. Kitts and Nevis, the British Virgin Islands, the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba, Turks and Caicos and the Bahamas.
5. Over 90 percent of buildings in Barbuda have incurred damages with more than 60 percent of the population evacuated to Antigua. Antigua was also
heavily affected by the hurricanes

6. Anguilla has suffered significant infrastructure damage, although road clearance is underway and the airport has opened for emergency services only.

7. Nearby St. Martin / St. Maarten has also incurred significant damages and loss of property as has St Kitts and Nevis.

Total numbers affected and in need of emergency food aid:

8. About two hundred thousand people were affected across the Eastern Caribbean, including in territories of the US (US Virgin Islands), UK (British Virgin Islands, Anguilla), France (St. Martin) and the Netherlands (St. Maarten). The most vulnerable populations will need critical lifesaving food assistance in the aftermath of the hurricane. WFP assessments and United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) teams will support governments to determine the exact impact of the hurricane and inform the geographic targeting of food assistance.

9. Under this operation, WFP plans to provide an immediate food assistance through High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) to support 16,700 people and cash based transfers (CBT) to 20,000 people. Country level targeting will be adjusted based on further clarification of needs.

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

10. According to initial information received from government, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), UN agencies and other actors, affected families have lost productive and household assets and housing. WFP’s food assistance under this immediate response emergency operation will complement assistance provided by the Governments, other United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations with the objective to save hurricane-affected vulnerable people’s lives and protect their livelihoods in the emergency. CBT will follow this immediate assistance provided through country level emergency response, based on the results of needs assessments conducted.

Duration of assistance (3 months):

11. The IR EMOP will be implemented from 11 September to 10 December 2017.

Number of beneficiaries and location:

12. WFP will provide immediate assistance through HEB followed by CBT in hurricane affected areas. Priority will be given to the most vulnerable, including families living in shelters, families with malnourished children or children under two, female-headed households, pregnant and lactating women and elderly people.

Food basket composition and ration levels:

13. WFP will distribute a three-day ration of HEBs (400g/day/person) to hurricane-affected vulnerable populations, meeting full energy requirements.

14. Further food assistance will be provided through CBT (USD $20/person/month) for two months to meet basic needs through a multi-purpose cash transfer.
Total food aid requirements:
15. WFP will provide 20 mt of HEB in the form of immediate assistance
16. At the same time, WFP will immediately plan for CBT with a total transfer value of US$ 0.8 million.

Mode of implementation:
17. WFP will deploy its emergency programme staff to the affected countries to complement Supply Chain and Emergency Telecommunications teams deployed through a Special Operation. Combined, these teams will assist in the damage and needs assessment, management of food assistance and provide supply chain support.

18. Immediate food assistance in form of HEBs will be airlifted from Haiti to Antigua for further distribution in the Caribbean according to the needs determined for each location. In addition, through a Special Operation, WFP will transport and provide critical non-food items, including five mobile storage units (MSUs), tarpaulins, two prefabs, generators and other logistics support equipment.

19. CBT modalities will be rapidly developed with partners based on the situation of each country/island. Where feasible, assistance will be provided through government social protection programmes in order to utilize existing mechanisms. Where required, cash in envelop options will be utilized. WFP will coordinate closely with other partners planning cash based assistance as part of either the immediate response or early recovery to avoid duplication and ensure common approaches.

20. Antigua will serve as the main WFP hub for the Eastern Caribbean to ensure coordination with the UN System, CDEMA and other actors. Both the IRM EMOP and the SO will be run out of Antigua, which will cover operations in Antigua and Barbuda and St Kitts and Nevis. If requested, the Antigua hub could also support St. Martin, Anguilla, the US or British Virgin Islands or other affected areas.
## PART 2: EMOP BUDGET

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### Total Direct Operating Costs (DOC)

- Total Direct Operating Costs (DOC) $731,172
- Direct Support Cost (DSC) $128,883

### Total WFP Direct Project Costs

- $1,380,577

### Indirect Support Costs (ISC)

- 7% $96,640

### Total WFP Costs

- $1,477,218
PART 3: EMOP APPROVAL

1) IRA funding is available to cover EMOP budget

   Chief, RMBB: [Name & Signature], Date: --/--/----

2) EMOP is approved

   Country Director, [Country]: [Name & Signature], Date: --/--/----
   or
   Regional Director, RB@: [Name & Signature], Date: --/--/----
   or
   Director of Emergencies: [Name & Signature], Date: --/--/----