

**Information Note of IR-EMOP Project Document
Delegation of Authority to Director of Emergencies**

TO: Denise Brown, Director of Emergencies, OSE (for approval)

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

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**IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMERGENCY OPERATION 201107
Assistance to Victims of Hurricane Irma in Cuba
PROJECT DOCUMENT**

PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:

Location and Cause:

1. On 8-10 September 2017, category 5 hurricane Irma, with winds reaching 250 km per hour, struck Cuba resulting in strong winds, rains and coastal flooding.

Effects:

2. According to the Cuban Civil Defence, 10.1 million people in thirteen of Cuba's fifteen provinces were affected by the hurricane: Ciego de Avila, Sancti Spiritus, Villa Clara and Camaguey were reported as the worst affected provinces, in addition to a serious impact recorded in the provinces of Holguin, Las Tunas, Guantanamo, and Matanzas.
3. Thanks to preparedness efforts, more than two million people (18% of the Cuban population) were evacuated to either centres authorized by local governments or to the homes of relatives or friends, in compliance with the guidelines of the Cuban Civil Defence General Staff. A significant number of people remain evacuated as they cannot return to their homes.
4. The President of Cuba highlighted the extensive severe damage to buildings, the electric system, agriculture and tourism. Flooding still affects coastal cities and northern communities, including Havana, where the water penetrated 500 meters beyond its seawall (Malecon). Coastal and mountain communities became isolated due to the flooding of rivers and the destruction of roads.

Damages caused to agricultural production, processing, storage and distribution units have affected the food security of the population.

5. A prolonged drought had already debilitated the productivity of the affected areas. Although the Government took significant measures to promote early harvests and the evacuation of livestock, Hurricane Irma has further decreased food production capacity in the affected areas. Markets are currently functioning on a very limited scale, but the situation is expected to normalize in the coming weeks, at least in the main cities.
6. The damage to road infrastructure limits access to the affected population and may lead to an increase in prices of non-subsidized food commodities in local markets. The food security of the most vulnerable, such as children under 5, pregnant and lactating women and elderly people, is likely to be at risk.
7. The protective function of food-based social safety nets has also been affected by the damages caused by the hurricane.

WFP IR EMOP:

Justification for an immediate response, expected impact:

8. WFP Cuba will support the Government to meet the immediate food needs of the worst affected communities, to prevent a deterioration in their food security. Particular attention will be provided to needs of the most vulnerable groups. The quick availability of funds will allow for the local procurement of commodities to ensure the timeliness of WFP's response.
9. WFP will contribute to cover the gap between the food needs of the affected population and the ration provided by the public distribution system. This gap is normally bridged by families' food production and market purchases. The passage of hurricane Irma, however, has destroyed extensive areas of agricultural production, disrupted local markets, thus limiting the access and availability of food in affected communities.

Duration of assistance (maximum three months):

10. The IR EMOP will be implemented for one month, from 15 September to 15 October 2017.

Number of beneficiaries and location:

11. WFP will provide assistance to 664,000 people in 22 municipalities identified in collaboration with national authorities in the northern coastal areas of the worst affected provinces of Ciego de Avila, Sancti Spíritus, Villa Clara, Matanzas and Camaguey.
12. In the 14 most affected municipalities, all families (559,000 people) will benefit of general food distributions for a period of 20 days. In the other 8 municipalities, food distributions will be targeted to the most vulnerable groups (105,000 people).

Food basket composition and ration levels:

13. Beneficiaries will receive a basic daily ration composed of rice, beans and vegetable oil. This ration will complement commodities provided by the Government.

Total food aid requirements (mt): 1,382

14. WFP will borrow from the CP 200703 a total of 797mt of rice and 390mt of beans from the prepositioned in-country stock.
15. Additionally, WFP will locally procure 195mt of vegetable oil, while rice and beans will be procured regionally. As per regular practice in Cuba, food commodities will be handed over to the Government upon arrival.

Mode of implementation:

16. WFP assistance will be distributed through national safety net programmes.
17. The Government of Cuba, through the Ministry of Domestic Trade, will be responsible for the internal transport, handling, storage and distribution of food commodities to beneficiaries using government distribution channels. The local government in the 22 targeted municipalities will be directly responsible for ensuring the timely distribution of commodities.
18. MINCEX (Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment) will be WFP's coordinating partner. To monitor the operation, the WFP staff will make random visits to provincial and municipal warehouses and to final distribution points to beneficiaries (bodegas).

PART 2: EMOP BUDGET

<i>Cost Components</i>			<i>USD</i>
<i>Food Tool</i>	MT	Rate/mt	
<i>Rice</i>	797	560.00	446,330
<i>Beans</i>	390	1,000.00	390,345
<i>Veg Oil</i>	195	1,895.20	369,810
Total Food Transfers	1,382		1,206,486
External Transport		85.89	118,736
LTSH			0
ODOC Food		8	11,060
<i>Q&Q and Superintendence services.</i>			
Total Food DOC			\$ 1,336,282
<i>Cash and Voucher Tool</i>		% of Trfs	
Total Cash and Vouchers Transfers			
C&V Related costs			0
<i>Describe C&V Related costs here.</i>			
Total C&V DOC			\$ 0
<i>Capacity Development & Augmentation Tool</i>			
<i>Describe CD&A costs here.</i>			
Total CD&A DOC			0
Total Direct Operating Costs (DOC)			\$ 1,336,282
Direct Support Cost (DSC)			65,478
<i>A percentage of salaries of local staff directly involved in the implementation of the IRA. Travel expenses of the monitoring visits from Havana office to the affected municipalities (some of them 600KM from Havana). Recurring Expenses like vehicle running cost for the monitoring visits and Communications and IT services.</i>			
Total WFP direct project costs			\$ 1,401,760
Indirect Support Costs (ISC)		7%	98,123
TOTAL WFP COSTS			\$ 1,499,883

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: --/--/----

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Director of Emergencies: [Name & Signature], Date: --/--/----