



World Food Programme

Memorandum

Proforma for requesting an IRA allocation for preparedness activities

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Subject: Request for funds allocation from the Immediate Response Account (IRA)
for Special Preparedness Activity

PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

RATIONALE:

On 26 November 2018, a correspondence to the IASC Emergency Directors Group announced that the chance of a weak to moderate of an El Niño episode developing by the fourth quarter of 2018 has recently increased to 80 per cent, triggering Phase 2 of the Inter-Agency Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Early Action to El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Episodes. Papua New Guinea (PNG) has been identified as a high-risk country by the Global ENSO Analysis Cell.

Based on previous experience and lessons learned from WFP's support in monitoring and response to the 2015-16 ENSO episode in PNG, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) considers WFP's engagement during the preparedness phase to be of critical added value. As such, the PNG Resident Coordinator has officially requested WFP to support programmatic and logistics preparedness related to the forecasted impact of the 2018-19 ENSO drought.

This request is in line with WFP's proposed draft iMCSP for the Pacific which focuses on capacity strengthening of national partners for enhanced emergency preparedness and response.

cc:

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The IR-PREP would allow WFP to provide support requested by the PNG HCT to (i) enhance national programmatic and logistics preparedness in the event an emergency response would be required and (ii) guide early action through improved analysis and evidence of at risk populations using WFP's mVAM capabilities and 72 hours impact assessment tools.

The specific deliverables under this IR-PREP are:

- 1) *Programmatic preparedness for effective and coordinated drought emergency response and identification of options for early action.*

The Food Security Cluster will be strengthened, and a coordinated action plan will be prepared to effectively respond to the risk of drought impacts on vulnerable populations.

- 2) *Logistics preparedness to ensure optimal emergency supply chain procedures in case a drought emergency response is required.*

The logistics of providing humanitarian supplies in PNG are incredibly challenging. Support in preparing for an emergency supply chain is essential. This requires, pre-contracting with suppliers and transporters, identification of airlift capacity and potential supply routes, prepositioning of supplies in strategically located humanitarian staging areas, setting up agreements on standard operating procedures, and so forth.

- 3) *Strengthening ENSO impact monitoring and analysis on vulnerable populations.*

WFP will intensify its mVAM surveillance capacity in PNG through making available remote sensing analysis, targeted mobile phone surveys and 72 hours impact assessment analyses.

WFP will provide the support of one international programme coordinator and one international logistics officer to augment the capacity of the RCO, the food security cluster, Disaster Management Team (DMT) and the National Disaster Centre (NDC)/Emergency Controller of the Government of PNG. The programme coordinator will provide the required programmatic support to ensure the forecasted ENSO drought will have minimal impact on the food security conditions in PNG. The logistics officer will ensure adequate logistics preparation and coordination in line with developing early action planning of HCT partners. In addition, WFP will provide remote support for VAM analysis to be supplemented by several in-country missions.

IRA AMOUNT REQUESTED: US\$ 236,083

The Government of PNG is currently considering a request from humanitarian partners to release funds to support emergency preparedness as well as initiate procurement and stockpiling of humanitarian equipment and goods as part of the preparedness actions.

DFAT has approached WFP and FAO with a request to submit a joint proposal to support the PNG Government's efforts in preparing for the predicted ENSO drought in 2019. This proposal is currently under preparation.

DURATION OF THE ACTIVITY: 01 January 2019 – 31 March 2019

JUSTIFICATION:

Despite no WFP presence in PNG, WFP RBB has engaged in the country since 2016 with an EMOP, bi-annual mVAM surveys, and one LEO in response to vital humanitarian needs and specific requests from the UN RC/HCT. The mVAM survey data has been leveraged by government and partners to support operational planning as a key reliable data source in the country. PNG is an oversight country under RBB, and currently does not fall under any CSP. It has been included in the iMCSP for the Pacific, which is currently under development. This proposal is in line with the spirit of the proposed iMCSP, which calls for targeted, timely, and effective preparedness actions which enable national governments to respond to emergencies.

Experience has shown the high vulnerability of PNG to food insecurity linked to drought. Further, the country is still recovering from a 7.5 magnitude earthquake which struck the Southern Highlands on 26 February 2018 and has exacerbated existing food security vulnerability and poverty.

The high probability forecast for ENSO drought and the significant impact this may have on the food security situation in PNG warrants an early engagement of WFP. The IR-PREP would allow WFP to be better linked-in with the national efforts being made to prepare and respond to the possible impact which may result in significant savings through a more effective, coordinated and appropriate response.

PART 2: DETAILED BUDGET

Cost Categories	2019
Transfer Value	\$ 0
Transfer Costs	\$ 115,382
Implementation Costs	\$ 0
Adjusted DSC	\$ 106,292
WFP Direct Costs	\$ 221,674
ISC	\$ 14,409
TOTAL	\$ 236,083