



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:

Chad is facing a serious food and nutritional situation. Most health centers in country have been reporting a significant increase in admissions to the acute malnutrition treatment program. This is especially the case in N'Djamena where findings from the July 2017 survey, coordinated by the Ministry of Health showed that acute malnutrition rates among children exceed the WHO emergency thresholds. In the first quarter of 2018, the number of severely malnourished children hospitalized at the Chad-China Friendship Hospital has increased by 45% compared to the same period in 2017. The hospital, supported by NGO Alima, admitted 170 sick and severely malnourished children.

Since 2009, no data about food safety in N'Djamena has been collected. The factors associated with currently increasing number of cases of malnutrition are yet to be determined and there is a significant information gap on the number of people affected and the extent of the nutritional crisis.

Therefore, there is an urgent need for a rapid assessment of the food and nutrition security situation to better understand the level of vulnerability of households and determine the underlying factors of the situation. Accessing this information could guide a holistic response by WFP and other partners in the medium term.

WFP has proposed its support to the Government of Chad through Système d'Information durable sur la Sécurité alimentaire et d'Alerte précoce (SISAAP) to conduct

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a nutrition and food security rapid assessment in N'Djamena as soon as possible to support the national contingency plan led by DNTA (Food Technology and Nutrition Division).

Moreover, Chad Country Office will need additional technical and financial support to set up a nutrition response capacity in Ndjamena. The Rapid Response Team has offer a three months support through a deployment of a Nutritionist who will work with the Nutrition Team in N'Djamena. The consultant will be deployed in Chad to support:

- i) the implementation of a nutrition and food security rapid assessment that can facilitate access to information on nutritional and food security status,
- ii) prepare and facilitate a rapid and substantial scaling up of nutrition interventions in N'Djamena and
- iii) the capacity strengthening of WFP staff and partners on the design, implementation and monitoring of emergency nutrition response.

Tools to support active mass screening activities and sensitization on key family practices on nutrition and health will be needed during the operation. The cost to purchase this equipment has been integrated into the budget to allow smooth and optimal implementation of nutrition response.

In summary, the IR-Preparation will cover the costs related to the:

- Implementation of Nutrition and food security rapid assessment
- Deployment of the rapid response team for a period of three months to support the coordination of activities and the capacity building of the parties involved in the response
- Acquisition of equipment for the optimal management of the program such as MUAC tapes measurement for children and adults, Image box for sensitization activities, pallets for NGO food storage, ICT equipment for partners involved in the response and fuel for monitoring activities

IRA PREP. AMOUNT REQUESTED: US\$ 300,000

WFP will need 300,000 **US\$ to roll out the nutrition and food security rapid assessment and ensure smooth coordination of the nutrition plan in N'Djamena.**

All contributions received so far by the Country Office have been committed to support the overall nutrition response in the Sahel (during the lean season) and in emergency contexts such are Lake Chad Basin crisis in the Lac, CAR new refugee's crisis in southern parts of the country. WFP Chad will use the requested contributions to support the emergency nutrition response in N'Djamena.

DURATION OF THE ACTIVITY: 3 months (15August – 12 November 2018)

The Nutrition and Food security rapid assessment is planned from 20th of August to 20th of September.

The nutritionist from OSN rapid response team will be deployed from 15th of August to 15th November 2018.

JUSTIFICATION:

WFP Chad Country Office has focused its nutrition response in rural areas that showed high levels of vulnerability. According to the last two SMART surveys, the higher malnutrition rates were reported in the regions of Ennedi Ouest, Ennedi Est, Borkou, Kanem, Barh el Gazal, Batha, Wadi Fira and Salamat. Given that WFP aims to ensure an integrated package of assistance to the most vulnerable households, nutrition programmes are implemented in areas with high level of food insecurity and malnutrition. Traditionally, these are the regions of the Sahelian belt, the Lake Chad Basin and the East. In these locations, WFP has an established presence with sub-offices overseeing cooperating partners' activities. The country office in N'Djamena ensures the overall coordination and provides technical guidance.

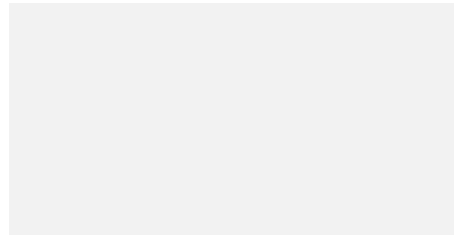
As such, the capital city has not been targeted for nutrition and food security assessment. The country portfolio cannot support the current nutrition response plan for N'Djamena as WFP Chad has limited resources and all efforts are concentrated and targeted in rural areas. The operational capacity of the office is being stretched out to support the difficult lean season and the new arrivals of CAR refugees in the south. Based on the results of findings from July 2017 SMART survey (coordinated by the Ministry of Health) showing an increase of malnutrition rates of children above WHO emergency thresholds from 11,7%(2016) to 16,3%(2017) for GAM, there is an urgent need to intervene in order to assist vulnerable affected population.

To be able to respond in N'Djamena, WFP Chad has been already granted an IRA funds through the Immediate Response Emergency Operation (IR-EMOP 201128), for Emergency Nutrition Response in N'djamena to implement the assistance and is now asking for an Immediate Response Account (IRA) for Special Preparedness Activity. With limited technical and financial resources, the CO need additional support. This funding will allow WFP and its partners to start assessing the current situation in N'Djamena in order to better tailor this rapid response.

PART 2: DETAILED BUDGET

Attach the budget estimate using the standard SO Project Budget Plan Format.

Fund Centre:	TDCO
Functional Area:	SOP
Project Number:	201130
Project Start Date:	15-Aug-18
Project End Date:	12-Nov-18
Duration (months):	3



	Value US\$	% overall Budget	% of DOC
Capacity Development and Augmentation (CD&A) costs	\$264,325	88%	
Direct Support Costs (DSC)	\$16,391	5%	6%
Total WFP direct project costs (US\$)	\$280,716	94%	
Indirect Support Costs (ISC) 6.5%	\$18,247	6%	
TOTAL WFP COSTS	\$298,962	100%	

1/ This worksheet includes total amount for all years.

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