



World Food Programme

REVISION OF SO FOR APPROVAL BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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Regional Director				
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Programme Adviser, RB				
3) Through:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
Logistic Officer, RB				
2) Through:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
Resource Management Analyst, RB				
1) From:	Initials	In Date	Out Date	Reason for Delay
Regional Bureau	N/A			

Special Operation 200993

Regional Bureau for Southern Africa - Augmentation of WFP support to the SADC Secretariat and member states in response to El Niño-related drought BR02

PROJECT	Previous Budget	Revision	New Budget
Total WFP cost (US\$)	US\$ 3 165 767	US\$ 577 233	US\$ 3 743 000

TYPE OF REVISION

- Additional DSC
 Additional CD&A
 Extension in time
 Change in project orientation
 Other

NATURE OF REVISION:

- Budget revision two will extend this Special Operation by three and a half months from mid-April until end July 2017 to ensure continuity of timely support to member states in southern Africa relating to annual vulnerability assessments. The budget revision will effect changes to component two of the Special Operation: “enhanced assessment and monitoring to support effective decision-making”.
- The budget increase and extension in time will enable WFP to provide prioritized technical assistance to SADC during the critical assessment months of June and July and allow for a transition period prior to the formal start of WFP’s support to the regional vulnerability assessment and analysis (RVAA) programme under a Regional Trust Fund to be funded by DFID and SDC as of 1st August. DFID has indicated support for the transition period under this BR.



JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION:

Component two: enhanced assessment and monitoring to support effective decision-making

3. The annual food and nutrition security assessments in the region are planned to commence between May and June 2017. This budget revision will enable the provision of financial support and technical assistance to prioritized SADC member states conducting annual assessments.
4. DFID and Swiss Development Corporation (SDC) have requested WFP to provide services to SADC in order to implement the regional vulnerability assessment and analysis (RVAA) Strategic Plan 2017-2021. The five year project was approved by DFID/SDC and SADC in April 2017.
5. This Special Operation will house interim and prioritized activities proposed under the RVAA project, whilst the Trust Fund is under development (with a start date of 1 August 2017). This BR will enable the recruitment of support staff that will be based at SADC in Gaborone to ensure that the capacity is in place to support the regional assessments referenced above and also facilitate a thorough handover and transition from the previous RVAA programme.
6. WFP will provide technical assistance to VAA in SADC and Member States (MS) to achieve the following outcomes: 1) Regional VAC structures strengthened and incorporated into SADC administrative and financial structures; 2) VAA approaches and methods strengthened, harmonised and integrated; 3) RVAA information products visible, accessible and influential to regional and national policies, strategies and programmes; 4) Enhanced regional learning, innovation and resilience building.
7. In addition to the support to annual VAC assessments, other key activities included in the BR are the deployment of a temporary Programme Coordinator to support handover, recruitment start-up activities and a quarterly Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee (RVAC) dissemination meeting.