

**Nicaragua CP 105970**  
**B/R No.: 8**

**BUDGET REVISION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>In Date</u>	<u>Out Date</u>	<u>Reason For Delay</u>
<b><u>ORIGINATOR</u></b>				
Country Office or Regional Bureau on behalf of Country Office	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b><u>CLEARANCE</u></b>				
Project Budget & Programming Officer, RMBP	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chief, RMBP	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chief, ODLT (change in LTSH and/or External Transport)	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b><u>APPROVAL</u></b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director	.....	.....	.....	.....

**PROJECT**  
Start date: 01/01/2008 End date: 31/12/2012 Extension/Reduction period: 3 months New end date: 31/03/2013

	<b>Previous Budget</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>New Budget</b>
Food cost	26,062,226	1,177,362	27,239,587
External transport	2,836,704	94,301	2,931,005
LTSH	900,256	36,500	936,756
ODOC	818,321	582,363	1,400,684
DSC	1,796,857	62,001	1,858,858
ISC (7%)	2,269,005	136,677	2,405,682
Total WFP cost (US\$)	<b>34,683,369</b>	<b>2,089,204</b>	<b>36,772,572</b>

**TYPE OF REVISION**

Additional commodity     
 Additional DSC     
 Additional ODOC     
 Additional LTSH  
 Additional external transport     
 Extension in time     
 Other

**NATURE OF THE INCREASE**

1. This budget revision seeks to extend the current CP for three months from 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013 to continue supporting the target population while the new CP is being prepared for implementation in April 2013. The revised budget includes an increase in commodity of 1,379 mt of food, associated costs of US\$775,165, and ISC of US\$136,677. The total increase is US\$2,089,204.

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## JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION-IN-TIME AND BUDGET INCREASE

### Summary of existing project activities

2. The Country Programme (CP) in Nicaragua seeks to break the inter-generational malnutrition and hunger cycle in municipalities classified as extremely vulnerable to food insecurity in the departments of Jinotega, Madriz, Nueva Segovia, Matagalpa and the North Atlantic Autonomous Region (VAM 2008). CP 105970 has three main activities designed to address chronic food insecurity and under-nutrition among the most vulnerable groups of the population: mother and child health (MCH); school meals; and food-for-assets/food-for-training (FFA/FFT). The objective is to improve the nutritional status of women and children, support access to education for pre and primary school children and enhance livelihood activities.

### Purpose of extension and/ budget increase

3. The November 2011 national presidential elections prompted the government of Nicaragua to request that the Nicaragua UN Country Team provide an extension of three months of the Common Country Assessment and UNDAF deadlines. As a result, the four ex-com agencies with representation in Nicaragua (UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP and WFP) which originally scheduled the start of their new Country Programmes in January 2013, agreed to delay the starting date by three months in order to align their CP's to UNDAF. WFP's new CP 200434 has a scheduled start date of 1 April 2013.
4. This three month extension in time of on-going CP 105970 will enable WFP to continue to support food insecure households during the first quarter of 2013. WFP will provide food assistance to pregnant and lactating women and children under-3 in the dry corridor of the country through rural health posts, pre and primary schoolchildren in remote rural communities and to vulnerable households that depend on degraded natural resources for their livelihoods.
5. According to the National Health Survey (ENDSA 2006-2007) the prevalence of chronic undernutrition in children under 5 at national level is 21.7 percent, while in the departments of Nueva Segovia and Madiz, it is 28.3 percent and 35.3 percent, respectively. The Mother and Child Health component is helping to support the Ministry of Health's Surveillance and Growth Development Programme. The 1,261 mt of food under this component will help respond to the needs of mothers and children in rural health posts during the first three months of 2013 in 11 municipalities in Nueva Segovia and Madriz in the dry corridor of Nicaragua.
6. The School Feeding Programme, component 2 will require 1,118 mt of food. This component will be implemented in Matagalpa, Jinotega, Nueva Segovia, Madriz and the North Autonomous Atlantic Region (RAAN). Through this programme, WFP will assist an estimated 18 percent of the total government led national school feeding programme in remote and hard to reach communities. As of April 2013, WFP Nicaragua has agreed with the government to transfer WFP assisted schools located in Matagalpa, Nueva Segovia and Madriz to the Integral School Nutrition Programme (PINE) of the Ministry of Education. The new CP 200434 will continue to support the government's school feeding programme in indigenous communities in the RAAN and Jinotega.

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7. This BR also includes US\$500,000 for capacity augmentation budgeted under ODOC. WFP will provide technical assistance to the Government of Nicaragua to carry-out two nutritional studies in the country in January 2013 with results expected by February 2013. The first is an in-depth nutritional study among pregnant and lactating women and children under 3 in 37 municipalities of the country. These municipalities have the highest prevalence of undernutrition as per the 2007 Government Demographic Survey (ENDESA 2006/2007). This study will serve as a follow-up and will assist Government institutions in policy-making decisions and focalized interventions. The second study refers to the National Census of Height among First Grade Schoolchildren. WFP will provide technical assistance to support the Government to carry-out this census. Both studies will also include training workshops for government staff. These studies have been fully financed by the Swiss Cooperation for Central America.

<b>TABLE 1. BENEFICIARIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE</b>			
	<b>Beneficiaries</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Revised</b>
1 - MCH	100,000	20,000	120,000
2 - SF	350,000	175,000	525,000
FFW/FFT	150,000	-	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>195,000</b>	<b>845,000</b>

## FOOD REQUIREMENTS

8. This budget revision will result in a food increase of 1,379 metric tons as follows:

<b>TABLE 2. FOOD REQUIREMENTS BY ACTIVITY TYPE</b>			
	<b>Food requirement (mt)</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Revised</b>
1 – MCH	3,875	261	4,136
2 – SF	23,417	1,118	24,535
3 – FFW/FFT	4,829	-	4,829
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,121</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>32,500</b>

9. Food rations and distribution modalities are in line with the currently approved plan.

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