

South Sudan 2013 CHF Standard Allocation Project Proposal

for CHF funding against Consolidated Appeal 2013

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This project proposal shall be submitted by cluster partners in two stages to the Cluster Coordinators and Co-coordinators for each project against which CHF funds are sought. In the first stage, before cluster defenses, applying partners fill sections I and II. The project proposal should explain and justify the activities for which CHF funding is requested and is intended to supplement information already available in the CAP Project Sheets. The proposals will be used by the cluster Peer Review Team in prioritizing and selecting projects for CHF funding during CHF Standard Allocation round. Partners should also fill and submit to cluster coordinator/ co-coordinator the CHF Project Summary (Annex 1). In the second stage projects recommended for funding by the CHF Advisory Board must complete Section III of this application and revised/update sections I and II if needed.

SECTION I:

CAP Cluster	Emergency Telecommunications
<p>CHF Cluster Priorities for 2013 Second Round Standard Allocation This section should be filled by the cluster Coordinators/Co-coordinators before sending to cluster partners. It should provide a brief articulation of Cluster priority activities and geographic priorities that the cluster will recommend for funding from the CHF in line with the cluster objectives highlighted in the CAP 2013.</p>	
<p>Cluster Priority Activities for this CHF Round Maintain frontline services for humanitarian response though providing basic security telecoms and a hybrid power system (solar and generator) and deploy ICT staff to ETC emergency sites, and continue to provide coordination and IM Activities.</p>	<p>Cluster Geographic Priorities for this CHF Round Unity, Upper Nile, and Jonglei States, South Sudan</p>

SECTION II

<p>Project details The sections from this point onwards are to be filled by the organization requesting CHF funding.</p>															
<p>Requesting Organization WFP</p> <p>Project CAP Code SSD-13/CSS/55200/R/561</p> <p>CAP Gender Code</p> <p>CAP Project Title <i>(please write exact name as in the CAP)</i> Provision of emergency data connectivity and security telecommunications to the Humanitarian Community in the Republic of South Sudan</p> <p>Total Project Budget requested in the in South Sudan CAP US\$1,921,526</p> <p>Total funding secured for the CAP project (to date) US\$225,000</p>	<p>Project Location(s) - list State and County (payams when possible) where CHF activities will be implemented. If the project is covering more than one State please indicate percentage per State</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>State</th> <th>%</th> <th>County/ies (include payam when possible)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Unity</td> <td>33.3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upper Nile</td> <td>33.3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jonglei</td> <td>33.3</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Funding requested from CHF for this project proposal US\$400,000</p> <p>Are some activities in this project proposal co-funded (including in-kind)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(if yes, list the item and indicate the amount under column i of the budget sheet)</i></p> <p>Indirect Beneficiaries N/A</p> <p>CHF Project Duration (12 months max., earliest starting date will be Allocation approval date) 6 months (1 September 2013 to 28 February 2014)</p>	State	%	County/ies (include payam when possible)	Unity	33.3		Upper Nile	33.3		Jonglei	33.3			
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A. Humanitarian Context Analysis

Briefly describe (in no more than 300 words) the current humanitarian situation in the specific locations where CHF funded activities will be implemented. Provide evidence of needs by referencing assessments and key data, including the number and category of the affected population¹

The Republic of South Sudan (RoSS) has a population of approximately 8.5 million and is comprised of ten states spread across an area of 650,000 square kilometers. It remains one of the least-developed areas in the world.

South Sudan continues to have very limited infrastructure with regards to public telecommunications and relies on Global System for Mobile (GSM) providers with limited coverage in State capitals. There has been a reduction in the available commercial providers to now only four (Zain, MTN, VivaCell, and GemTel), two of which carry the majority of traffic and have a significantly stretched capacity.

Needs in the emergency telecommunications sector have not changed significantly in the first half of 2013. The public telecommunications infrastructure in South Sudan remains very weak, with limited mobile phone and dependant on generators and access to fuel for operation. Commercial landscape internet and data connectivity with wireless coverage is only available in Juba and is expensive, making it difficult to extend communication services to remote locations. Commercial two way satellite ground station providers (VSAT) are available for the field but are often unreliable, expensive, and require each organization to have their own satellite connectivity.

For organizations responding the crises in remote parts of the country, telecommunications access is critical both to coordinate the humanitarian response and to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian personnel. Currently, many deep field coordination hubs are lacking basic security telecommunications features such as access to mobile telephone networks.

ETC has been operating on behalf of the humanitarian community using Very High Frequency/High Frequency (VHF/HF) radio bandwidth that was provided under the Government of Sudan, prior to secession in July 2011. ETC continues to coordinate with the Government of South Sudan in terms of licenses, regulations, etc. required for telecommunications in South Sudan.

The above requirements have been included as part of the Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) for South Sudan 2013.

B. Grant Request Justification

Briefly describe (in no more than 300 words) the reasons for requesting CHF funding at this time. Explain how CHF funding will help address critical humanitarian gaps in your cluster. Explain the value added by your organization (e.g. geographical presence). Indicate if any other steps have been taken to secure alternative funding.

The CHF funding for this project will be used to maintain frontline services for humanitarian response in two emergency sites for six months during the onset of an emergency. ETC plans to purchase their own emergency response equipment (the current equipment is on loan). The purchase of equipment will allow ETC to implement basic security telecommunications (and the power) without having to rely on a third party. Additionally, ETC will be able to respond to emergencies more quickly and efficiently as the equipment will be light weight mobile kits which are easily transported.

C. Project Description (For CHF Component only)

i) Contribution to Cluster Priorities

Briefly describe how CHF funding will be used to contribute to the achievement of the cluster priority activities identified for this allocation.

The ETC will establish reliable and cost efficient security telecommunications and Internet Services Provision solution for NGOs and UN Agencies in up to two emergency locations by carrying out the following:

- a. Provide sustainable telecommunications security, data and voice communication services through pooling optimization, and coordination of existing resources;
- b. Deploy experienced technical teams to establish and maintain the installed systems;
- c. Provide data connectivity, basic security telecommunications and ensure their 24/7 continuity in terms of electrical power.

ii) Project Objective

State the objective/s of this CHF project. Objective/s should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound (SMART)

To provide full security telecommunications and data connectivity (as identified in CAP 2013) in up to two common humanitarian emergency locations at the same time for a consecutive six months by ensuring critically required equipment, human resource surge capacity, and coordination until humanitarian partners can set up their own connectivity systems.

iii) Proposed Activities

List the main activities to be implemented with CHF funding. As much as possible link activities to the exact location of the operation and the corresponding number of direct beneficiaries (broken down by age and gender to the extent possible).

1. Maintain the necessary staffing to operate the current setup and ensure that the surge capacity will be available to implement any forthcoming government regulation changes related to frequency allocation for the humanitarian community;
2. Coordinate the ETC activities in South Sudan;
3. Replace and reposition the current on loan equipment for ETC data connectivity with South Sudan ETC owned equipment;
4. Complete ETC response by establishing basic telecommunications and the power.

iv). Cross Cutting Issues

Briefly describe how cross-cutting issues (e.g. gender, environment, HIV/AIDS) are addressed in the project implementation.

Gender equality is a consideration in the recruitment of staff for the ETC projects, particularly national staff, and in the selection of service providers for the ETC (Internet, consulting, local procurement, etc.)

¹ To the extent possible reference needs assessment findings and include key data such as mortality and morbidity rates and nutritional status, and how the data differs among specific groups and/or geographic regions. Refer situation/data/indicators to national and/or global standards.

v) Expected Result/s
Briefly describe (in no more than 100 words) the results you expect to achieve at the end of the CHF grant period.

1. Improve operational security environment for staff and assets;
2. Improve ETC preparedness and ability to respond to new emergencies;
3. Enhance operational response and coordination among humanitarian organizations in South Sudan.

List below the output indicators you will use to measure the progress and achievement of your project results. At least three of the indicators should be taken from the cluster defined Standard Output Indicators (SOI) (annexed). Put a cross (x) in the first column to identify the cluster defined SOI. Indicate as well the total number of direct beneficiaries disaggregated by gender and age.

SOI (X)	#	Output Indicators (Ensure the output indicators are consistent with the output indicators that will be used in the results framework section III of this project proposal).	Target (indicate numbers or percentages) (Targets should be disaggregated by age and sex as per the standard output indicators list and add-up to the number of direct beneficiaries identified page 1)
	1.	Number of data connectivity kits procured and prepositioned	3
	2.	Number of emergency areas covered	2
	3.	Percentage of users reporting delivery of the service as "satisfactory" and within "satisfactory" timeframe	80%
	4.	Number of Local ETC Working Group Meetings held	6
	5.	Number of IM products produced	12

vi) Implementation Mechanism
Describe planned mechanisms for implementation of the project. Explain if it is implemented through implementing partners such as NGOs, government actors, or other outside contractors.

For a successful and effective project implementation, ETC will carry out the following:

- Deploy technical staff on TDY from regional hubs, ETC partners, and WFP FITTEST to establish and maintain systems and carry out the needed assessments.
- Procure and deploy the necessary equipment based on emergency status and ability to respond to up to two emergencies at one time including data connective, basic security telecoms (and power for the system).
- Coordinate the implementation through regular ETC Working Group meetings and through the established dedicated information management platform.

vii) Monitoring and Reporting Plan
Describe how you will monitor and report on the progress and achievements of the project. Notably:

1. Explain how will you measure whether a) Activities have been conducted, b) Results have been achieved, c) Cross-cutting issues have been addressed, and d) Project objectives have been met
2. Indicate what monitoring tools and technics will be used
3. Describe how you will analyze and report on the project achievements
4. Ensure key monitoring and reporting activities are included in the project workplan (Section III)².

The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster will monitor progress and achievements in the project by looking at:

- Regular attendance to ETC meetings and exchange of information/feedback between the actors
- Number of complete response kits procured and prepositioned
- Number of emergencies areas covered
- Percentage of users reporting delivery of service and response if efficient and timely. To do so, the Cluster will carry out a user satisfactory survey in November 2013.

D. Total funding secured for the CAP project	
Please add details of secured funds from other sources for the project in the CAP.	
Source/donor and date (month, year)	Amount (USD)
CHF – April 2013-September 2013	US\$225,000
Pledges for the CAP project	n/a

² CHF minimum narrative reporting requirements will include the submission of a final narrative report and where applicable a narrative mid-term report. Narrative reports will include a progress on the project achievements using the outputs indicators listed in this project proposal.

SECTION III:

The logical framework is a tool to present how the implementation of CHF funded activities and their results (outputs and outcomes) will contribute to achieving higher level humanitarian results (project and cluster objectives) and how these results will be measured.

Fill in the logical framework below for this project proposal ensuring the information provided is in accordance with the strategies and activities described in the narrative section of this proposal, in particular section C.

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK				
CHF ref./CAP Code: SSD-13/CSS/55200/R/561		Project title: Provision of emergency data connectivity and security telecommunications to the humanitarian community in South Sudan		Organisation: WFP
Overall Objective	<p>Cluster Priority Activities for this CHF Allocation: <i>What are the Cluster Priority activities for this CHF funding round this project is contributing to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain frontline services for humanitarian response through providing basic security telecommunications and a hybrid power system (solar and generator) and deploy ICT staff to ETC emergency sites, and continue to provide coordination and IM Activities. 	<p>Indicators of progress: <i>What are the key indicators related to the achievement of the CAP project objective?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of data connectivity kits procured and prepositioned Number of emergency areas covered simultaneously Percentage of users reporting delivery of the service as satisfactory and within satisfactory timeframe. 	<p>How indicators will be measured: <i>What are the sources of information on these indicators?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of complete response kits procured and prepositioned Number of emergencies areas covered. Percentage of users reporting delivery of service and response if efficient and timely (survey) 	
Purpose	<p>CHF Project Objective: <i>What are the specific objectives to be achieved by the end of this CHF funded project?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure continuity of ETC service provision of security telecommunications and data connectivity in up to two emergency sites simultaneously and provide contingency staffing for re-programming of humanitarian radios by ensuring critical supplies, human resource surge capacity, and coordination are in place. 	<p>Indicators of progress: <i>What indicators will be used to measure whether the CHF Project Objectives are achieved. Indicators may be quantitative and qualitative</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of UN agencies and NGOs users utilizing the common data communication and security telecoms services in the operational area(s) ETC prepared to respond to emergencies as per ETC contingency plan. Percentage of UN agencies and NGOs represented in the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) meetings. 	<p>How indicators will be measured: <i>What sources of information already exist to measure this indicator? How will the project get this information?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular attendance to ETC meetings and exchange of information/feedback between the actors Exchange of information/feedback through surveys Collection of feedback and needs assessment on site Network operational statistics ETC emergency response capacity in place (stock and staff) 	<p>Assumptions & risks: <i>What factors not under the control of the project are necessary to achieve these objectives? What factors may get in the way of achieving these objectives?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security access and authorization Government regulation changes and new frequencies are allocated for the humanitarian community which will require the re-programming of over 10,000 VHF/HF devices in a 60 day period to comply with government deadlines.
Results	<p>Results - Outcomes (intangible): <i>State the changes that will be observed as a result of this CHF Project. E.g. changes in access, skills, knowledge, practice/behaviors of the direct beneficiaries.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Improved operational security environment for staff and assets Improved ETC Preparedness to 	<p>Indicators of progress: <i>What are the indicators to measure whether and to what extent the project achieves the envisaged outcomes?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of UN agencies and NGOs users utilizing the common data communication and security telecoms services in the operational area ETC prepared to respond to 	<p>How indicators will be measured: <i>What are the sources of information on these indicators?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange of information/feedback at the ETC WG meetings and through surveys Collection of feedback and needs 	<p>Assumptions & risks: <i>What factors not under the control of the project are necessary to achieve the expected outcomes? What factors may get in the way of achieving these objectives?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security access and authorization

<p>respond to new emergencies</p> <p>3. Enhanced operational response and coordination among humanitarian agencies.</p>	<p>emergencies as per ETC contingency plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of UN agencies and NGOs represented in the Emergency Telecoms Cluster (ETC) meetings 	<p>assessment on site Network operational statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ETC emergency response capacity in place (stock and staff) Attendance to ETC meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government restriction on importation and operation of ICT equipment Government regulation requires re-programming of humanitarian radios and base stations (over 10,000 devices)
<p>Immediate-Results - Outputs (tangible): <i>List the products, goods and services (grouped per areas of work) that will result from the implementation of project activities. Ensure that the outputs are worded in a manner that describes their contribution to the outcomes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic security telecommunications for the humanitarian community Basic security telecommunications equipment and hybrid energy (generators and solar) procured and prepositioned. Deployment of ETC staff to emergency sites 	<p>Indicators of progress: <i>What are the indicators to measure whether and to what extent the project achieves the envisaged outputs?</i> <i>Ensure the indicators identified in Section II (v) of this proposal are adequately inserted in this section.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The kits are procured The kits are prepositioned 	<p>How indicators will be measured: <i>What are the sources of information on these indicators?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lead time from the time of request until the receipt of equipment. The lead time from the receipt of equipment and the prepositioning. 	<p>Assumptions & risks: <i>What factors not under the control of the project are necessary to achieve the expected outcomes? What factors may get in the way of achieving these objectives?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security access and authorization Government restriction on importation and operation of ICT equipment Government regulation requires re-programming of humanitarian radios and base stations (over 10,000 devices)
<p>Activities: <i>List in a chronological order the key activities to be carried out. Ensure that the key activities will result in the project outputs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the necessary staffing to operate the current ETC setup and ensure that the surge capacity will be available to implement any forthcoming government regulation changes related to frequency allocation for the humanitarian community; Coordinate the ETC activities in South Sudan Replace and preposition the current on load equipment for ETC data connectivity with South Sudan ETC owned equipment Complete ETC response by establishing basic telecommunications and their power. 	<p>Inputs: <i>What inputs are required to implement these activities, e.g. staff time, equipment, travel, publications costs etc.?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procure and pre-position all necessary equipment Staff to be deploy and support the emergency site with telecommunications services ETC Coordinator and IM Coordinator 		<p>Assumptions, risks and pre-conditions: <i>What pre-conditions are required before the project starts? What conditions outside the project's direct control have to be present for the implementation of the planned activities?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security access and authorization Government regulation changes and new frequencies are allocated for the humanitarian community which will require the re-programming of over 10,000 VHF/HF devices in a 60 day period to comply with government deadlines.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

This section must include a workplan with clear indication of the specific timeline for each main activity and sub-activity (if applicable).
The workplan must be outlined with reference to the quarters of the calendar year.

Project start date: 1 September 2013 **Project end date:** 28 February 2014

Activities	Q3/2013			Q4/2013			Q1/2014			Q2/2014			Q3/2014		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Activity 1 – Preposition and implement the ETC response kits (hybrid system and remote radio room)					X	X	X	X							
Activity 2 – Procure ETC equipment			X	X	X										
Activity 3 – Maintain staffing			X	X	X	X	X	X							
Activity 4 – Survey circulated to all partners					X										
Activity 5 – Coordinate ETC activities			X	X	X	X	X	X							