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**APPROVAL OF PROGRAMME REVISION REQUEST (D)- FAO**

Project Number:	P3-01
Project Title:	Development of National Framework for Integrated Drought Risk Management (DRM) in Iraq
Participating Agency:	UNDP(Coordinating Agency), UNESCO, FAO, UNEP
Project Start Date:	30 August 2011
Project End Date:	30 May 2012
First Revision	Time Extension until 31 December 2012
Second Revision	Time Extension until 31 July 2013 (UNDP & UNESCO) and until 31 December 2013 (FAO & UNEP), Movement of funds, Change of Scope and Request for Additional Funds (UNEP & FAO)
Third Revision	Time extension until 31 March 2013

Type of Programme /project variation requested

- Extension of project duration  
 Movement of funds between project budget components **FAO only**  
 Change of project scope  
 Request for additional funds

SCSO Comments:

The total budget for this joint programme is US\$ 759,884. FAO budget is \$140,000 of which \$95,536 is committed (68%) and \$95,536 (68%) is disbursed

Background

The programme is jointly undertaken by UNDP and UNESCO in close consultation with other UN partners. It supports the Government of Iraq (GoI) to conduct a series of technical assessments of existing Drought Risk Management (DRM) capacities and vulnerabilities, and carry out a series of consultations and consensus-building activities to build a common understanding of drought impacts and risk management measures. It also exposes the GoI

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to international good DRM practices.

Because of the strong linkages between drought, desertification and dust storms, the need for coherent-integrated approaches were proposed. Therefore, additional two outputs (implemented by UNEP and FAO) were integrated into the current DRM programme in March 2013.

**A. Request for Budget Revision**

FAO is requesting movement of funds as follows:

- Increase in Staff and other Personnel Costs by \$34,200 (71%)
- Decrease in Supplies, Commodities, Materials by \$9,000 (32%)
- Decrease in Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture by 8,250 (89%)
- Decrease in travel by \$12,800 (50%)
- Decrease in Indirect Support Costs by \$4,150 (45%)

**Justification**

FAO is requesting a movement of funds to "Staff and other Personnel Costs" budget line in order to complete the remaining activities by extending the contracts of FAO consultants. The requested movement of funds from other budget lines (indicated above) will be possible as significant savings were realized as a result of sharing the costs of workshops/facilitators with other participating organizations during the programme.

**Mitigation Strategy in place to ensure compliance with timeline extension requested:**

FAO is on schedule to complete its activities by 31 March 2014.

**SCSO Recommendations:**

SCSO recommends approval of FAO budget revision.

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