

Project Proposal

Organization	UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)																																								
Project Title	Nutrition core pipeline supplies provision and management for timely emergency preparedness and response in South Sudan																																								
Fund Code	SSD-15/SA1/N/UN/214																																								
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Project Allocation	1st Round Standard Allocation	Allocation Category Type	Core pipeline																																						
Project budget in US\$	1,800,000.65	Planned project duration	12 months																																						
Planned Start Date	01/01/2015	Planned End Date	31/12/2015																																						
OPS Details	OPS Code	SSD-15/H/72967	OPS Budget	0.00																																					
	OPS Project Ranking		OPS Gender Marker																																						
Project Summary	To ensure an efficient and uninterrupted provision of core emergency nutrition pipeline supplies to implementing partners for responding to the needs of an estimated 18,464 severely malnourished girls and boys under five years and pregnant and lactating women affected by humanitarian crises within the Republic of South Sudan (with a focus on the seven high risk states of Jonglei, Warrap, Unity, Upper Nile, and Northern Bahr el Ghazal), and increase pipeline management capacity of the cluster partners. All children under five years both boys and girls will benefit from this program as long as they meet the admission criteria despite their sex, geographical location, and physical appearance.																																								
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Indirect Beneficiaries	Catchment Population																																								
Link with the Allocation Strategy	The project contributes to the strategic objective of saving lives and alleviating suffering through multi-sectoral assistance. Through the provision of nutrition therapeutic supplies, girls, boys, and women affected by emergencies will have timely access to safe therapeutic nutrition supplies for the treatment of severe acute malnutrition and lifesaving messages as part of the Infant and Young Child Feeding counselling messages in Emergencies services. The dry season provides a window of opportunity to UNICEF to ensure that the supplies are pre-positioned and distributed via the cluster partners in the coming months while making these interventions time-critical.																																								
Sub-Grants to Implementing Partners			Other funding Secured For the Same Project (to date)	Source	US\$																																				
				DFID	2,653,924.00																																				
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION																																									
1. Humanitarian context analysis.	<p>The challenges faced in 2013 (internal conflict, cross-border conflict, food insecurity, flooding, economic austerity) were compounded by the armed clashes that broke out on 15 December 2013 between different elements of the South Sudan armed forces leading to wide scale displacement. More than a million people have been internally displaced. 90% of the population in need are in locations that are difficult to access due to security, logistical and human resources constraints. The current conflict worsens the already poor human development indicators (neonatal, infant, under five mortality, maternal mortality rates & high malnutrition rates) making communities extremely vulnerable and undermining their ability to withstand shocks and re-build their lives. Levels of acute malnutrition continue to be of great concern with rates of GAM & SAM ranging from 4.7 % to 34.1% and 0.2% to 10.9% respectively in the affected areas. Aggravating factors such as sub-optimal IYCF practices, poor hygiene and sanitation, limited access to health care, and deteriorating household food security are further increasing the risk of acute malnutrition and associated morbidity & mortality. The updated IPC indicates that levels of acute malnutrition remain critical in most conflict-affected areas. Nutrition surveys conducted between April and July indicate a GAM prevalence above 30% in Panyijar, and Akobo counties with SAM prevalence above 5% in Panyijar and Akobo & > 10% in Leer. In addition, screenings of MUAC showed the prevalence of SAM was >5% in Koch, Unity state and Fashoda in Upper Nile state, &> 10% in Rubkona in Unity State and Uror and Nyirol in Jonglei State. All assessments showed that boys and girls are equally affected. All these counties are in the conflict-affected States. However, it should be noted that there is a high burden of malnutrition in non-conflict affected states such as NBeG, and Warrap. Noting that malnutrition starts in before conception, addressing the needs or PLWs is critical. The outlook for 2015 remains of great concern, particularly in Greater Upper Nile where nearly half of the population is projected to be in Phase 3 (Crisis) and Phase 4 (Emergency) from January to March 2015. Severe challenges include early depletion of household food stocks, dysfunctional markets, constrained humanitarian access, loss of livelihoods, and displacement – all resulting from protracted conflict. The estimated burden of SAM for 2015 is 229,805. In response to these increased targets, UNICEF has scaled up its response to ensure that mothers and children have access to critical life-saving nutrition services especially in IDP camps including PoCs and communities. UNICEF has committed alongside partners to a broad nutrition response, including nutrition screening and surveys, implementation of integrated management of acute malnutrition (IMAM), infant and young child feeding (IYCF) programming, and micronutrient interventions. This is being supported by the timely procurement, prepositioning, storage and distribution of life saving nutrition therapeutic supplies for the treatment of SAM in boys and girls ages 6-59 months. This will ensure uninterrupted supply of supplies to the most vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Currently UNICEF is the only Core pipeline manager of RUTF (which include procurement, prepositioning, and distribution) including those of MOH. Accordingly any breakage in the pipeline will impact the situation of acute malnutrition throughout South Sudan. UNICEF has currently pre-positioned supplies with partner warehouses as well as its own warehouses to ensure adequate supplies are available and accessible during the dry season and to ensure sustained nutrition services to women and children in need. In addition, all nutrition supplies are located in rub halls or warehouses either within UNMISS compounds with fenced perimeters and with 24/7 guards to secure the area from looting or where security and</p>																																								
2. Needs assessment. Explain the specific needs of the target group(s), explaining existing capacity and gaps. State how the needs assessment was conducted, list any baseline data and explain how the number of beneficiaries has been developed. Indicate references to assessments such as Multi-cluster/sector Initial Rapid Assessments (MIRA)	Through the RRM missions and nutrition surveillance, UNICEF is informed of the needs and the situation on the ground. The findings from some of the assessments are highlighted in the humanitarian context analysis,																																								
3. Description Of Beneficiaries	The main beneficiaries for this project will be children (both boys and girls) between 6 and 59 months suffering from severe acute malnutrition. As this project targets all children with severe acute malnutrition, special attention will also be paid to children living with disabilities. Identification of children with severe acute malnutrition will be carried out through Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening and oedema check for all children 6 to 59 months regardless of their physical status.																																								

4. Grant Request Justification. UNICEF is responsible for ensuring an effective coordination and humanitarian response of the nutrition sector during emergencies as defined by the IASC. In South Sudan, UNICEF is the cluster lead agency for nutrition and almost 90% of all therapeutic supplies in the country is being procured by UNICEF.

Through this Action, UNICEF will provide emergency assistance by provision of life-saving therapeutic supplies to the vulnerable population by working with partners as well as through direct implementation modalities such as the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM). UNICEF will procure therapeutic nutrition supplies and thereby help reduce the excess morbidity and mortality due to severe acute malnutrition and protect children's nutritional status from further deterioration. UNICEF will support prompt and targeted distribution of supplies, and strengthen the management, monitoring and reporting on their utilization and enhance efficiency and quality of core pipeline and cluster coordination mechanisms through:

- Training State focal points in the affected states in effective management and reporting of stock distribution and end user utilization/impact;
- Prepositioning emergency supplies based on contingency plans developed by local crisis committees supported by state Nutrition cluster members;
- Monitoring the pipeline to ensure no supplies shortage happens
- In areas with recurrent emergencies, local community level coping structures will be identified and strengthened linking these with development actors to provide backstopping support & promote IYCF for community resilience.

UNICEF pays special attention to the vulnerabilities of children and women affected by conflict and emergencies, as well as to gender and geographical inequities its response. While UNICEF will focus on all ten states as dictated by the need, it will prioritize the states affected by the conflict and displacement including Central Equatoria, Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, and Warrap States. UNICEF's objectives (as guided by the Core Commitments for Children in emergencies) will be met through enhanced field presence; direct programme implementation in hard to reach locations; awareness raising activities at the community level; procuring, pre-positioning and distributing life-saving supplies for timely emergency response; and strengthened cluster coordination; UNICEF will partner with the Government entities, international and national NGOs, FBOs, CBOs in order to achieve these results.

5. Complementarity. Explain how the project will complement previous or ongoing projects/activities implemented by your organization.

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Overall project objective The overall objective of the project is to provide timely emergency Nutrition preparedness and response in South Sudan through strengthening and streamlining of the Nutrition core pipeline supplies. This is also to ensure that at any moment at least 30% of the total annual requirement of the life-saving therapeutic supplies are kept in UNICEF and partners' warehouses to be ready to respond to any emergency at any given time.

Logical Framework details for NUTRITION

Cluster objectives	Strategic Response Plan (SRP) objectives	Percentage of activities
2015 SSO 1: Deliver quality lifesaving management of acute malnutrition for at least 60% per cent of SAM cases in girls and boys 0-59 months and at least 60 per cent of MAM cases in girls and boys aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women, older people and other vulnerable groups	SO 1: Save lives and alleviate suffering by providing multi-sector assistance to people in need	100

Outcome 1	Improved and equitable provision of therapeutic nutrition supplies for boys and girls from 6-59 months.		
Code	Description	Assumptions & Risks	
Output 1.1	Procurement, prepositioning and distribution of therapeutic nutrition supplies to children 6 -59 months who are severely malnourished. Therapeutic supplies of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food is procured and delivered to partners to reach 18,464 children both boys and girls 6-59 months suffering from SAM.	Assumptions: Timely availability of supplies; accessibility of transportation enabling timely delivery of supplies to partners Risks: Insecurity, seasonal issues	

Indicators

Code	Cluster	Indicator	End Cycle Beneficiaries				End-Cycle Target
			Men	Women	Boys	Girls	
Indicator 1.1.1	NUTRITION	[Core pipeline] Number of months with more than 30% buffer stock of RUTF and RUSF at national level					12
		Means of Verification: UNICEF Stock report, GRN, Release Orders and Waybills, periodic physical inspection					
Indicator 1.1.2	NUTRITION	[Core pipeline] Average number of days per partner per month with RUTF and RUSF stock-outs					7
		Means of Verification: Monthly reports and periodic physical inspection					
Indicator 1.1.3	NUTRITION	# of implementing partners receiving supplies from UNICEF					7
		Means of Verification: UNICEF and partner field reports, UNICEF Stock report					
Indicator 1.1.4	NUTRITION	[Frontline services] [Treatment] Estimated number of girls and boys (6-59) reached by therapeutic feeding supplies (RUTF)			8204	10260	18464
		Means of Verification: UNICEF and partner field reports					

Activities

Activity 1.1.1	Procurement of therapeutic nutrition supplies
Activity 1.1.2	Prepositioning of therapeutic supplies
Activity 1.1.3	Distribution of therapeutic supplies to implementing partners as per agreements with UNICEF
Activity 1.1.4	Monitor utilization of the supplies and reporting, consolidate monthly pipeline updates for the Nutrition Cluster and disseminate to OCHA and cluster partners.

WORK PLAN

Project workplan for activities defined in the Logical framework	Activity Description (Month)	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		Activity 1.1.1 Procurement of therapeutic nutrition supplies	2015	X	X	X								
Activity 1.1.2 Prepositioning of therapeutic supplies	2015					X	X							
Activity 1.1.3 Distribution of the therapeutic supplies to implementing partners as per agreements with UNICEF	2015						X	X	X	X				
Activity 1.1.4 Monitor utilization of the supplies and reporting, consolidate monthly pipeline updates for the Nutrition Cluster and disseminate to OCHA and cluster partners.	2015								X	X	X	X	X	X

M & R DETAILS

Monitoring & Reporting Plan: The progress and achievement will be monitored by the UNICEF Nutrition Section through reporting where consolidated monthly pipeline updates are submitted to

Describe how you will monitor the implementation of each activity. Describe the tools you plan to use (checklist, photo, questionnaires, interviews, suggestion box etc.) in order to collect data and how you will store data. Explain the frequency type and protocol of reporting (how often do you report about what to whom?). State if, when and how you plan to evaluate your project.

The Nutrition Cluster and disseminated to OCHA and cluster partners. Monitoring missions will be conducted post distribution to ensure supplies are safely and properly stored under appropriate conditions, utilized correctly and end user monitoring will also be conducted through visits to OTP sites to ensure supplies have reached the intended beneficiaries. UNICEF supply reporting template will be used by partners to report on supplies received and utilized as well as those remaining and reports will be submitted on the 10th of each month. UNICEF pipeline manager will be responsible for compiling the data and providing analysis and feedback to the cluster. UNICEF will provide the Humanitarian Coordinator, through the technical secretariat, using the CHF reporting templates, with a midterm project progress report which includes amount utilized and remaining balance of funds allocated. A final project report will also be submitted as per the already agreed reporting schedule for CHF grants.

OTHER INFORMATION

Accountability to Affected Populations	Clear guidelines are provided to partners on the targeting of beneficiaries to ensure accountability to the beneficiaries. The monthly reporting by all beneficiary partners and post distribution monitoring are also part of the cluster guidelines for use of Core Pipeline supplies planned in this project and have an impact on strengthening the accountability measures. The post distribution monitoring is being used to gather information from the beneficiaries on their opinion on the supplies distributed, targeting criteria, use of supplies in which feedback by the beneficiaries will be used to adjust the type and quantity of supplies being procured and distributed to satisfy critical emergency nutrition needs of the beneficiaries.
Implementation Plan: Describe for each activity how you plan to implement it and who is carrying out what.	<p>The implementation of planned activities will be based on the agreed work plan between UNICEF and the government at central and state level and is accordance with the UNICEF and Republic of South Sudan joint programme of cooperation 2012 -2016. Nutrition services are mainly provided by NGOs partners in South Sudan and as needed through the direct implementation mechanism (RRM) by UNICEF. UNICEF will assess the capacity of all existing and potential partners to deliver the services through developing and signing of (PCA) Programme Cooperation Agreements or SSFA (Small Scale Funding Agreements) with NGOs/CBOs/FBOs.</p> <p>All therapeutic supplies procured through UNICEF will be distributed through UNICEF. NGOs will sign a project cooperation agreement with UNICEF and they will be provided with supplies directly from UNICEF warehouses at field offices and the central warehouse in Juba. Government counterparts will also receive nutrition supplies from UNICEF based on the WP</p> <p>All therapeutic supplies procured by UNICEF will be distributed through UNICEF to its implementing partners. NGOs will sign a programme cooperation agreement with UNICEF and they will be provided with supplies directly from UNICEF warehouses at field offices and the central warehouse in Juba. Government counterparts will also receive nutrition supplies from UNICEF. Efforts will be made to support partners in the movement of supplies in-country by prepositioning in zonal offices (Malakal, Rumbek, Bentiu), collaborating on logistics with WFP as part of the Joint Scale Up plan on nutrition in South Sudan. The enhanced nutrition human resource capacity since the onset of the current crisis on part of UNICEF will improve the timeliness of response to requests for supplies and the provision of training and technical support on logistics to partners. Warehouses in the conflict affected areas will be protected through 24/7 guards to prevent looting and loss of supplies.</p>
Coordination with other Organizations in project area	
Environmental Marker Code	A: Neutral Impact on environment with No mitigation
Gender Marker Code	1-The project is designed to contribute in some limited way to gender equality
Justify Chosen Gender Marker Code	The procurement of Nutrition Core therapeutic supplies equally considers the need of boys and girls and women as the supplies will be distributed to boys and girls in the conflict affected and high burden states to treat severe acute malnutrition.
Protection Mainstreaming	The procurement of nutrition therapeutic supplies consider the need of vulnerable population especially women, boys, and girls through end user monitoring and feedback.
Safety and Security	In terms of warehousing and security considerations, warehouses or rub halls will be protected through 24/7 guards to prevent looting and loss of supplies. In the case of PoCs, some of the supplies are also placed at UNMISS compounds where the area is fenced and security is provided. In cases where there may be shortages of supplies due to logistical reasons, priority will be given to the population with any disabilities for provision of supplies.
Access	UNICEF in coordination with OCHA and other partners negotiate access to all project locations with all concerned authorities in the country. In addition where road access is not practical sea and air transport is being used for both supply and transportation of staff to target locations.

BUDGET

1 Staff and Other Personnel Costs (please itemize costs of staff, consultants and other personnel to be recruited directly by the implementing partner for project implementation)

Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Unit Quantity	Unit Cost	Duration	Percent Charged to CHF / ERF	Total Cost	2015				Quarterly Total
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1.1	Nutrition Specialist P3	D	1	18529	6	30.00%	33,352.20	16,676.00	16,676.00	0.00	0.00	33,352.00
	The nutrition specialist will be the core pipeline manager and we are charging 30% of his/her time to manage the CHF funds											
1.2	Nutrition Officer (NOB level)	S	1	7057	6	30.00%	12,702.60	6,351.00	6,351.00	0.00	0.00	12,702.00
	The Nutrition officer will be dedicating 30% of his/her time to manage the core pipeline											
Section Total							46,054.80	23,027.00	23,027.00	0.00	0.00	46,054.00

2 Supplies, Commodities, Materials (please itemize direct and indirect costs of consumables to be purchased under the project, including associated transportation, freight, storage and distribution costs)

Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Unit Quantity	Unit Cost	Duration	Percent Charged to CHF / ERF	Total Cost	2015				Quarterly Total
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
2.1	Therapeutic spread, sachet 92g/CAR-150	D	18464	56	1	100.00%	1,033,984.00	1,033,984.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,033,984.00
2.2	Transportation of therapeutic supplies (freight cost-offshore and in-country)	D	1	579031	1	100.00%	579,031.00	0.00	579,031.00	0.00	0.00	579,031.00
	Transportation of therapeutic supplies (freight cost-offshore and in-country) at 56% of the value of the supplies											
Section Total							1,613,015.00	1,033,984.00	579,031.00	0.00	0.00	1,613,015.00

3 Equipment (please itemize costs of non-consumables to be purchased under the project)

Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Unit Quantity	Unit Cost	Duration	Percent Charged to CHF / ERF	Total Cost	2015				Quarterly Total
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Section Total							0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00

4 Contractual Services (please list works and services to be contracted under the project)

Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Unit Quantity	Unit Cost	Duration	Percent Charged to CHF / ERF	Total Cost	2015				Quarterly Total
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
4.1	Warehouse labour costs	S	1	13000	6	29.71%	23,173.80	0.00	11,586.90	11,586.90	0.00	23,173.80
	Loading and offloading as well as clearance											
Section Total							23,173.80	0.00	11,586.90	11,586.90	0.00	23,173.80

5 Travel (please itemize travel costs of staff, consultants and other personnel for project implementation)

Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Unit Quantity	Unit Cost	Duration	Percent Charged to CHF / ERF	Total Cost	2015				Quarterly Total
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Section Total							0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00

6 Transfers and Grants to Counterparts (please list transfers and sub-grants to project implementing partners)

Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Unit Quantity	Unit Cost	Duration	Percent Charged to CHF / ERF	Total Cost	2015				Quarterly Total
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Section Total							0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00

7 General Operating and Other Direct Costs (please include general operating expenses and other direct costs for project implementation)

Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Unit Quantity	Unit Cost	Duration	Percent Charged to CHF / ERF	Total Cost	2015				Quarterly Total
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Section Total							0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00

Sub Total Direct Cost 1,682,243.60

Indirect Programme Support Cost PSC rate (insert percentage, not to exceed 7 per cent) 7%

Audit Cost (For NGO, in percent)

PSC Amount 117,757.05

Quarterly Budget Details for PSC Amount	2015				Total
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Total Fund Project Cost 1,800,000.65

Project Locations

Location	Estimated percentage of budget for each location	Beneficiary Men	Women	Boy	Girl	Total	Activity
Jonglei	23			1906	2383	4289	
Northern Bahr el Ghazal	13			1077	1347	2424	
Unity	26			2154	2694	4848	
Upper Nile	26			2154	2694	4848	
Warrap	12			994	1243	2237	

Project Locations (first admin location where activities will be implemented. If the project is covering more than one State please indicate percentage per State)

Admin Location1	Percentage
Jonglei	23
Northern Bahr el Ghazal	13
Unity	26
Upper Nile	26
Warrap	12

DOCUMENTS

