



Project Proposal

Organization	UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)																																						
Project Title	Increasing the resilience of vulnerable households to seasonal food insecurity through unconditional cash transfers																																						
CHF Code	CHF-DDA-3485-699																																						
Primary Cluster	Food Security	Secondary Cluster																																					
CHF Allocation	Standard Allocation 1 (Feb 2015)	Project Duration	12 months																																				
Project Budget	400,000.00																																						
HRP Details	HRP Code	SOM-15/A/71824	HRP Budget	17,679,870.00																																			
	HRP Project Ranking	A - HIGH	HRP Gender																																				
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<p>1. Project rationale. Humanitarian context: Give a specific description of the humanitarian situation in the target region based on newest data available (indicate source) (Maximum of 1500 characters)</p>	<p>Priority 1(c): According to FSNAU's Post-Gu 2014 Analysis, over 1 million people are acutely food insecure (IPC Phases Crisis and Emergency), with an additional 2.1 million people classified as Stressed. FSNAU's post-Deyr Quarterly Report (18 Dec 2014) predicts a modest decline in the population in crisis in early 2015. However, the late and uneven Deyr rainfall has contributed to water shortages, poor livestock performance and reduced access to milk in several pastoral areas, particularly in parts of the Northeast and the Gedo region. In large parts of Ceel Waaq and Baardheere, October-November rains were 10-50% below the Long-Term Mean (LTM) (FSNAU 2014). The effect of this can be seen in the significant decrease in vegetation vigour in these areas. The late Deyr rains may also lead to continued pasture and water shortages in affected areas. Further, trade disruptions from insurgent activity may impact the availability and pricing of goods on the local markets. In a more positive trend, in Baardheere, cereal pricing trends were normal in November, and red sorghum prices decreased in sorghum-producing areas of Gedo. As a result of the above analysis, and remaining uncertainty about pricing of key goods and the quality of livestock and crops, the FSNAU quarterly analysis calls for continued humanitarian interventions through at least June of 2015, to prevent further decline in food security and nutritional status in pastoralist, agro-pastoralist and agricultural areas.</p>
<p>2. Needs assessment. Describe the capacities in place, then identify the gaps (previous and new). Explain the specific needs of your target group(s) in detail. State how the needs assessment was conducted (who consulted whom, how and when?). List any baseline data</p>	<p>UNICEF partners and village committees in Gedo are currently undertaking comprehensive, gender-responsive baseline surveys to determine the income and sources; debt levels; access to services; consumption levels; and quality for potential cash transfer recipients, as well as the coping strategies in use. In line with the FSC CHF strategy, the most recent assessments by partners, undertaken in October, showed that most households in intervention areas in Gedo had no, or very limited, income sources, accompanied by very high levels of debt. This contributed to poor rates of food consumption and acute malnutrition, particularly but not exclusively in IDP populations in Ceel Waaq. In areas most affected by food insecurity, some households are less resilient than others to shocks. Vulnerable groups include families with few productive assets, female-headed households, and families with lack of income generating activities or labour capacity, lack of access to land, lack of access to safety nets (whether formal or informal), high dependency ratio and recent death of breadwinner. For many, the overriding obstacle to accessing food, essential basic services and non-food commodities, is economic: levels of household income are insufficient to meet basic needs. UNICEF's unconditional cash transfer programme aims to address this by providing labour-constrained and extremely vulnerable households with access to predictable monthly cash transfer</p>
<p>3. Activities. List and describe the activities that your organization is currently implementing to address these needs</p>	<p>UNICEF provides ongoing lean season cash support to over 10,000 vulnerable households in Gedo, Galgaduud, Hiraan and Lower Shabelle. In Baardheere specifically, partners are currently providing four months of support to 1,650 households (9,900 beneficiaries). Implementing partners have identified, verified and registered vulnerable households and are currently paying monthly transfers to registered households. Post Distribution Monitoring and phone monitoring support verification of payment and implementation as planned. UNICEF provides technical guidance, programme and financial management, third party monitoring (TPM) and troubleshooting of implementation issues as they arise. TPM takes place in "real time" observing targeting and payment processes as they occur for timely feedback and programme management. There is strong community acceptance of unconditional cash transfers and community leaders are engaged from the beginning; this has been supported by findings of a recent study mapping the feasibility of developing a social protection framework. Delivery mechanisms for cash grants have proven safe and secure for beneficiaries with increasing movement towards cash disbursement via Mobile Money Transfer where possible or use of hawala money transfer agents where phone ownership or mobile network is low. The transfer amount is set at 60 per cent of the minimum expenditure basket (MEB) which is determined locally through market price monitoring by FSNAU.</p>

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Objective 1	1,447 seasonally-vulnerable pastoralist, agro-pastoralist and IDP households in Bardheere, Gedo Region, are able to meet their basic food and non-food needs through the receipt of immediate, monthly unconditional cash transfers (UCT).
Outcome 1	1,447 seasonally-vulnerable households benefit from improved food consumption and quality
Activity 1.1	Provision of 2,894 monthly unconditional cash transfers equivalent to 60% of the MEB (currently US\$ 70)
Activity 1.2	Real-time, post-distribution, endline monitoring and reporting of programme implementation and results (note: baseline evaluation has already been conducted)
Activity 1.3	

Indicators for outcome 1	Cluster	Indicator description	Target	
	Indicator 1.1	Food Security	Number of vulnerable people supported through safety nets	8682
	Indicator 1.2	Food Security	Percent of targeted households with acceptable Food Consumption Score	50
	Indicator 1.3	Food Security	Percent decrease in households use of 3 or more harmful Coping Strategies	20
Outcome 2				
Activity 2.1				
Activity 2.2				
Activity 2.3				
Indicators for outcome 2	Cluster	Indicator description	Target	
	Indicator 2.1			
	Indicator 2.2			
	Indicator 2.3			
Outcome 3				
Activity 3.1				
Activity 3.2				
Activity 3.3				
Indicators for outcome 3	Cluster	Indicator description	Target	
	Indicator 3.1			
	Indicator 3.2			
	Indicator 3.3			

WORK PLAN

Implementation: Describe for each activity how you plan to implement it and who is carrying out what	UNICEF is currently implementing lean season unconditional cash transfer activities in the project sites indicated, in partnership with two international NGOs. Community-based targeting has been conducted and eligible households have been registered. Different age groups were taken into account and specific vulnerabilities linked to the life cycle were included in the vulnerability criteria. Verification of the beneficiary lists was done both by NGOs and third party monitors (TPMs). CHF funding will contribute to the overall caseload of UCTs to registered beneficiaries Baardheere for a period of two months, using a combination of mobile money transfers and hawala agents. Implementation is undertaken by NGO partners, UNICEF provides social protection technical guidance, overall management and financial oversight. UNICEF also developed improved data collection tools for monitoring and impact assessment, a revised TPM methodology and tools to enable real time feedback on programme implementation issues. When issues arise from TPM, UNICEF facilitates communication and dialogue with partners and resolution of issues. UNICEF also conducts risk assessment, mitigation and financial management procedures to ensure that the resources reach intended beneficiaries and build capacity of implementing partners for more effective implementation. Finally, UNICEF staff will conduct field monitoring visits where security situation permits.						
Project workplan for activities defined in the Logical framework	Activity Description	Month 1-2	Month 3-4	Month 5-6	Month 7-8	Month 9-10	Month 11-12
	Activity 1.1 Provision of 2,894 monthly unconditional cash transfers equivalent to 60% of the MEB (currently US\$ 70)		X	X			
	Activity 1.2 Real-time, post-distribution, endline monitoring and reporting of programme implementation and results (note: baseline evaluation has already been conducted)	X	X	X	X		

M & E DETAILS

Activity Description	M & E Tools to use	Means of verification	Month (s) when planned M & E will be done												
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Activity 1.1 Provision of 2,894 monthly unconditional cash transfers equivalent to 60% of the MEB (currently US\$ 70)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3rd party monitoring - Contact details - Data collection - Distribution monitoring - Field visits - GPS data - Individual interview - Mobile money monitoring - Photo with or without GPS data - Post Distribution Monitoring - Remote Call Monitoring - SMS data collection, survey 	NGO field monitoring and post-distribution monitoring reports; Weekly and monthly third-party monitoring reports; SMS and telephone monitoring reports; UNICEF M&E staff field visits (security permitting)													
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3rd party monitoring - Contact details - Data collection - Distribution monitoring - Field visits - GPS data - Individual interview - KAP survey - Mobile money monitoring - Other 	NGO field monitoring and post-distribution monitoring reports; Weekly and monthly third-party monitoring reports; SMS and telephone monitoring reports; UNICEF M&E staff field visits (security permitting); Endline			X	X	X	X	X						

1.2.5										
1.2.6										
1.2.7										
1.2.8										
1.2.9										
1.2.10										
Sub Total						36,000.00	32,940.00	3,060.00		

Budget Narrative:

B:2 Supplies, Commodities, Materials

Code	Budget Line Description	Units	Unit Cost	Duration	TimeUnit	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF	
2.1.1										
2.1.2										
2.1.3										
2.1.4										
2.1.5										
2.1.6										
2.1.7										
2.1.8										
2.1.9										
2.1.10										
Sub Total						0.00	0.00	0.00		

Budget Narrative:

C:3 Equipment

Code	Budget Line Description	Units	Unit Cost	Duration	TimeUnit	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF	
3.1.1										
3.1.2										
3.1.3										
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3.1.8										
3.1.9										
3.1.10										
Sub Total						0.00	0.00	0.00		

Budget Narrative:

D:4 Contractual Services

Code	Budget Line Description	Units	Unit Cost	Duration	TimeUnit	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF
4.1.1	Third party monitoring contract	1500000	1	1	contract	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	0.00	
4.1.2									
4.1.3									
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	4.1.9									
	4.1.10									
	Sub Total						1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	0.00	
Budget Narrative:										
E:5 Travel	Code	Budget Line Description	Units	Unit Cost	Duration	TimeUnit	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF
	5.1.1									
	5.1.2									
	5.1.3									
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	5.1.9									
	5.1.10									
	Sub Total						0.00	0.00	0.00	
Budget Narrative:										
F:6 Transfers and Grants to Counterparts	Code	Budget Line Description	Units	Unit Cost	Duration	TimeUnit	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF
	6.1.1	Existing lean season cash transfers to Baardheere	1650	105	4	months	693,000.00	389,188.80	303,811.20	
	6.1.2									
	6.1.3									
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	6.1.5									
	6.1.6									
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	6.1.8									
	6.1.9									
	6.6.10									
	Sub Total						693,000.00	389,188.80	303,811.20	
Budget Narrative:										
G:7 General Operating and Other Direct Costs	Code	Budget Line Description	Units	Unit Cost	Duration	TimeUnit	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF
	7.1.1	Cross sectoral	1	56082	1	lumpsum	56,082.00	0.00	56,082.00	
	7.1.2									
	7.1.3									
	7.1.4									
	7.1.5									
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7.1.9									
7.1.10									
Sub Total						56,082.00	0.00	56,082.00	

Budget Narrative:

TOTAL						2,421,307.28	2,047,475.50	373,831.78	
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H.8 Indirect Programme Support Costs	Code	Budget Line Description	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF
	8.1.1	Indirect Programme Support Costs	0.00	0.00	26,168.22	7.0000
GRAND TOTAL			2,421,307.28	2,047,475.50	400,000.00	

Other sources of funds

Description	Amount	%
Organization	2,047,475.50	83.66
Community	0.00	0.00
CHF	400,000.00	16.34
Other Donors a)	0.00	
b)	0.00	
TOTAL	2,447,475.50	

LOCATIONS

Region	District	Location	Standard Cluster Activities	Activity	Beneficiary Description	Number	Latitude	Longitude	P.Code
Gedo	Baardheere	Daarasalaam	Conditional or unconditional Cash transfer	4 months of unconditional cash transfers to vulnerable households, at a value of 60% of MEB	Destitute/drought-affected pastoralists	1500	1.95362	41.07459	NA-3712-B13-001
Gedo	Baardheere	Wadajir	Conditional or unconditional Cash transfer	4 months of unconditional cash transfers to vulnerable households, at a value of 60% of MEB	Destitute/drought-affected pastoralists	600	2.34928	42.27665	NA-3805-R07-009
TOTAL						2,100			

DOCUMENTS

Document Description
1. Full list of UNICEF UCT Locations in Ceel Waaq and Bardheere