

Requesting Organization :	United Nations Children's Fund				
Allocation Type :	1st Round Standard Allocation				
Primary Cluster	Sub Cluster	Percentage			
NUTRITION		100.00			
		100			
Project Title :	Nutrition core pipeline supplies provision and management for timely emergency preparedness and response in South Sudan				
Allocation Type Category :					
OPS Details					
Project Code :		Fund Project Code :	SSD-16/HSS10/SA1/N/UN/721		
Cluster :		Project Budget in US\$:	1,249,999.68		
Planned project duration :	6 months	Priority:			
Planned Start Date :	01/02/2016	Planned End Date :	31/07/2016		
Actual Start Date:	01/02/2016	Actual End Date:	31/07/2016		
Project Summary :	To ensure an efficient and uninterrupted provision of core emergency nutrition life-saving supplies to implementing partners for responding to the needs of an estimated 13,722 severely malnourished girls and boys under five years affected by humanitarian crises and enhance pipeline management capacity of the nutrition cluster partners within South Sudan with a focus on the following states/areas: Jonglei, Unity, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap. All children under five years, both boys and girls, will benefit from this program provided they meet the admission criteria regardless of their sex, geographical location, and physical appearance.				
Direct beneficiaries :					
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
	0	0	5,635	5,865	11,500
Other Beneficiaries :					
Beneficiary name	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Children under 5	0	0	5,635	5,865	11,500
Indirect Beneficiaries :					
Catchment Population:					
Link with allocation strategy :					
The project aligns to the allocation strategy as it is focused on procurement of life-saving supplies which is among the activities prioritized in the CHF strategy. It also focuses on the provision of supplies to most affected locations as prioritized in the strategy. When implementing at field level, safety and dignity of beneficiaries will be ensured and will foster equitable access to supplies by all beneficiaries in conflict and non-conflict affected states. All effort will be made to have reports disaggregated by sex and age group					
Sub-Grants to Implementing Partners :					
	Partner Name	Partner Type	Budget in US\$		
Other funding secured for the same project (to date) :					
	Other Funding Source	Other Funding Amount			
	DFID	1,000,000.00			
		1,000,000.00			

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BACKGROUND**1. Humanitarian context analysis**

The December 2013 conflict in South Sudan has led to a deterioration in the nutrition status of children and women. Despite the signing of the Peace Agreement in August 2015, the situation remains dire. It is projected that about 2.4 million people (a 60% increase from same period last year) will continue to face severe food and nutrition insecurity, the majority of whom are in Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei States. Further, in the period just before the start of the lean season (January to March) an estimated 2.6 million will remain severely food and nutrition insecure. Of great concern is the situation in southern Unity State, with 30,000 people estimated to be experiencing a catastrophic nutrition situation and likely to deteriorate into famine if urgent and immediate humanitarian access is not ensured (IPC, September, 2015). The remainder of conflict-affected Greater Upper Nile and the traditionally high burden Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap are also severely affected. The conflict has worsened the already poor human development indicators (extremely high neonatal, infant, under five mortality, maternal mortality rates and malnutrition rates) making communities increasingly vulnerable and undermining their ability to withstand shocks and re-build their livelihoods. The situation is exacerbated by high food prices, erratic rainfall patterns, depleted livelihood options and limited humanitarian access and insecurity

The estimated burden of SAM for 2016 is 237,459; UNICEF will target 166,222 children with SAM countrywide. In line with the cluster prioritized locations for CHF funding, UNICEF will target 11,500 children with SAM in Greater Upper Nile and the high burden states with nutrition treatment through equitable provision of therapeutic supplies. Midcourse in nutrition response in 2015, the cluster reviewed SAM targets due to deterioration of nutrition situation from the SMART assessments and FSNMS which resulted into an upward increase of the SAM targets by 11,000. UNICEF and partners have committed to a broad nutrition response, including nutrition screening and surveillance, implementation of community management of acute malnutrition (CMAM), IYCF programming and micronutrient interventions. Through its rapid response mechanism (RRM) missions, UNICEF has been able to access difficult to reach areas or where there are no/limited partners. Scale up of response has also been effected through the implementation of the UNICEF/WFP joint nutrition strategy.

Currently UNICEF is the only core pipeline manager of RUTF (which includes procurement, prepositioning and distributing supplies) for all partners including the Ministry of Health. Accordingly any breakage in the pipeline will impact the situation of children with SAM throughout South Sudan. UNICEF has currently pre-positioned supplies in partner warehouses as well as its own warehouses to ensure adequate supplies are available and accessible prior to the rainy season to ensure sustained nutrition services to women and children in need.

2. Needs assessment

UNICEF leads the Nutrition Information Working Group and collaborates with other UN agencies and nutrition cluster partners to continually appraise the nutrition situation in communities to inform appropriate gender focused and gender sensitive nutrition response. Data obtained from SMART surveys, RRM missions, IRNA's, and screening activities is disaggregated by gender and findings are used in the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification analysis which highlights both the food security and nutrition situation. Nutrition situation update also provides key information on the nutrition situation that can help re-looking and the current strategy of achieving the caseloads

3. Description Of Beneficiaries

The main beneficiaries for this project will be children (both boys and girls) between 6 and 59 months suffering from SAM. 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. Children below 6 months will also be targeted with IYCF interventions through messaging to their caregivers/mothers.

4. Grant Request Justification

UNICEF is responsible for ensuring the effective coordination of the Nutrition Cluster humanitarian response as defined by the IASC. In South Sudan, UNICEF is the Cluster Lead Agency for nutrition and responsible for procuring over 90% of all therapeutic supplies in the country. Through this action, UNICEF will provide emergency assistance by providing lifesaving therapeutic supplies for severely malnourished children by working with partners as well as through direct implementation modalities such as the RRM. Therapeutic nutrition supply provision will thereby help reduce excess morbidity and mortality due to SAM 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:

- supporting State focal points in the affected states in effective management and reporting of stock distribution and end user utilization/impact;
- Pre-positioning 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.

The national target of SAM children is 166,222. Currently 23,000 cartons are available in the county, while about 43,000 cartons are pledged by other donors. The funding support sought from the CHF by UNICEF will meet a shortfall of therapeutic nutrition supplies to reach 11,500 (7% of overall 166,222 SAM caseload) children with SAM in conflict affected and high burden of states where GAM prevalence is way above the emergency threshold.

UNICEF pays special attention to the vulnerabilities of boys and girls 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 needs, it will prioritize the states affected by the conflict and displacement as well as high burden states as prioritized by the Cluster. 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 with the participation of both men and women; procuring, pre-positioning and distributing life-saving therapeutic nutrition 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.

This project will continue to closely monitor the nutrition situation through SMART surveys and will support nutrition implementing partners in the conflict affected and high burden states. Through the availability of county based nutrition information, accurate review of nutrition caseloads will be conducted in June 2016. The SMART information will also contribute in informing the IPC analysis in April and July 2016.

5. Complementarity

Apart from maintaining the continuum of care principles in nutrition treatment, this project will contribute to prevent children from becoming malnourished hence reduced morbidity and mortality of children under-fives. Also, MAM cases worsening into SAM will be treated accordingly in targeted locations.

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.

NUTRITION

Cluster objectives	Strategic Response Plan (SRP) objectives	Percentage of activities
CO1: Deliver quality lifesaving management of acute malnutrition for the most vulnerable and at risk	HRP 2016 SO1: Save lives and alleviate suffering through safe access to services and resources with dignity	80
CO3: Ensure enhanced needs analysis of nutrition situation and robust monitoring and effective coordination of responses	HRP 2016 SO1: Save lives and alleviate suffering through safe access to services and resources with dignity	20

Contribution to Cluster/Sector Objectives : This project contributes to the Cluster and sector objectives through treatment of severe acute malnutrition of children under five years and reduce mortality associated with severe acute malnutrition.

Outcome 1

Improved and equitable access to quality lifesaving nutrition treatment services by boys and girls 6-59 months with SAM through provision of therapeutic nutrition supplies.

Output 1.1

Description

Output 1.1 Timely procured and prepositioned SAM supplies for all responses mechanisms (routine, RRM/ERT and survival kits)

Assumptions & Risks

That road conditions and security will allow for timely delivery of supplies to partners' project locations; security situation allows for safety of supplies and programme staff; that there will be no pipeline breakdown for one reason or another

Insecurity, seasonal issues, inaccessibility due to insecurity.

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 for treatment of boys and girls 6 to 59 months with SAM													
Activity 1.1.4													
Monitoring utilization of supplies and reporting, consolidate monthly pipeline updates for the Nutrition Cluster and disseminate to OCHA and cluster partners.													
Indicators													
Code	Cluster	Indicator	End cycle beneficiaries				End cycle						
			Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Target						
Indicator 1.1.1	NUTRITION	Core pipeline # of cartons of RUTF procured and distributed to partners					11,500						
Means of Verification : UNICEF Vision report and reports from partners													
Outcome 2													
Improved provision of evidence based nutrition interventions through robust nutrition information systems													
Output 2.1													
Description													
Improved availability and analysis of data for coordinated and monitored nutrition response													
Assumptions & Risks													
Insecurity, seasonal issues, inaccessibility due to insecurity.													
Activities													
Activity 2.1.1													
Participate in nutrition situation assessments													
Activity 2.1.2													
Collect, analyze and monitor nutrition programme data													
Activity 2.1.3													
Identify priority counties for nutrition assessment in collaboration with Nutrition Information working Group													
Indicators													
Code	Cluster	Indicator	End cycle beneficiaries				End cycle						
			Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Target						
Indicator 2.1.1	NUTRITION	Frontline services # of SMART surveys undertaken - Pre-harvest					10						
Means of Verification : SMART and FSNMS survey databases													
Additional Targets :													
M & R													
Monitoring & Reporting plan													
<p>The progress and achievement will be monitored by the UNICEF Nutrition Section through reporting where consolidated monthly pipeline updates are submitted to 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 stock balances and reports will be submitted by the 5th of each month. UNICEF pipeline manager will be responsible for compiling the data and providing analysis and feedback to the cluster. UNICEF as the chair of the Nutrition Information working group (NIWG) will ensure the identification of priority counties for nutrition assessment, review partner's nutrition proposals and validate completed surveys. UNICEF through the NIWG will ensure prompt dissemination of nutrition information through cluster meetings, quarterly bulletins and website. UNICEF through its nutrition staff will provide technical support and on job training for partner and government staff during survey training and data collection.</p> <p>UNICEF will provide 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 agreed reporting schedule for CHF grants.</p>													
Workplan													
Activitydescription	Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Activity 1.1.1: Procurement of therapeutic nutrition supplies	2016		X	X									
Activity 1.1.2: Prepositioning of therapeutic supplies	2016			X	X	X							

Activity 1.1.3: Distribution of therapeutic supplies to implementing partners as per agreements with UNICEF for treatment of boys and girls 6 to 59 months with SAM	2016			X	X	X	X	X						
Activity 1.1.4: Monitoring utilization of supplies and reporting, consolidate monthly pipeline updates for the Nutrition Cluster and disseminate to OCHA and cluster partners.	2016			X	X	X	X	X						
Activity 2.1.1: Participate in nutrition situation assessments	2016			X	X	X	X	X						
Activity 2.1.2: Collect, analyze and monitor nutrition programme data	2016				X	X	X	X						
Activity 2.1.3: Identify priority counties for nutrition assessment in collaboration with Nutrition Information working Group	2016	X	X											

OTHER INFO

Accountability to Affected Populations

To integrate accountability for the beneficiaries the UNICEF nutrition programme closely works with communities from project initiation, through implementation and monitoring of results. UNICEF and its implementing partners will ensure that active community consultations are conducted in project planning and implementation of the planned activities. Regular field and onsite monitoring and coaching will be provided. Financial accountability will be delivered in line with UN HACT Assurance systems. During the implementation, the project will engage beneficiaries in project implementation.

Implementation Plan

The procurement and transportation of supplies to partners or to preposition will be the responsibility of UNICEF whereas the actual provision of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food to beneficiaries will be the role of partners. Both UNICEF and partners will monitor storage and utilization of supplies and ensure reporting of stock utilization and balances. Priority counties will be identified by Nutrition Information working group (NIWG) chaired by UNICEF. Based on the survey needs, UNICEF will develop a Country survey plan for 2016 and partners will be approach to implement surveys in key priority counties. Review of survey proposals, technical support on survey training and data collection and validation of results will be provided under UNICEF leadership

Coordination with other Organizations in project area

Name of the organization	Areas/activities of collaboration and rationale
World Food Programme	UNICEF nutrition programme works closely with WFP for continuum of treatment for acute malnutrition.
UNHCR	UNICEF has a memorandum of understanding with UNHCR to provide treatment for severe acute malnutrition for children in refugee camps
CARE, CWW, World Relief, UNIDO and NileHope	1. Training of health and Nutrition staff on CMAM and IYCF 2. Conduct Nutrition SMART surveys in the priority counties in Unity States 3. Provision of treatment of SAM children in Unity States

Environment Marker Of The Project

A+: Neutral Impact on environment with mitigation or enhancement

Gender Marker Of The Project

2a-The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality

Justify Chosen Gender Marker Code

1-The project is designed to contribute to gender equality. 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. Gender Dimensions have been included in humanitarian context analysis, activities and outcomes. Similarly, in nutrition assessments equal representation of gender is key requirement for data quality. Nutrition survey data will be disaggregated by gender.

Protection Mainstreaming

In collaboration with the child protection section, UNICEF will ensure that women and children are provided with necessary protection measures including GBV to ensure that women are able to continue to care for their children and continue to breastfeed. In the provision of Nutrition services, protection of beneficiaries will be taken into consideration by ensuring that discussion are held with community leaders and ensure participation in decision making on Nutrition site locations. Also women participation on what services are needed and how safe it is for them to access these services taking into consideration the distance to be travel to collect nutrition rations. The importance of decentralizing services points closer to settlements locations.

Country Specific Information

Safety and Security

Safety and security of both staff implementing the program as well as those of the beneficiaries will be of utmost priority and will be assured through Security Rapid Assessments when accessing the conflict affected areas especially outside the PoCs. Nutrition services will be brought to beneficiaries and set up in secure areas.

Access

Nutrition services will be set up in close proximity to beneficiaries to ensure safe access. Continued access by UNICEF and partners to project sites will be done through regular communication and negotiation with local authorities, either through UNICEF or the overall humanitarian community.

BUDGET							
Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Quantity	Unit cost	Duration Recurrence	% charged to CHF	Total Cost
Staff and Other Personnel Costs							
1.1	Nutrition pipeline/PCA manager	D	1	18,529.00	6	25%	27,793.50
	<i>The nutrition pipeline/PCA manager will be dedicating 50 % of his/her time to manage the Core pipeline and PCA processing.</i>						
1.2	Logistic manager	S	1	18,529.00	6	25%	27,793.50
	<i>The logistic manager will be dedicating 50% of his/her time to manage the core pipeline</i>						
1.3	Nutrition specialist	D	1	18,529.00	6	50%	55,587.00
	<i>The nutrition specialist will spend 50% of their time managing the CHF funds and providing technical support to partners.</i>						
	Section Total						111,174.00
Supplies, Commodities, Materials							
2.1	Therapeutic spread, sachet 92g/CAR-150	D	11500	56.00	1	100%	644,000.00
	<i>Procurement of supplies.</i>						
2.2	Transportation of therapeutic supplies	D	1	143,455.00	1	100%	143,455.00
	<i>Transportation of therapeutic supplies(freight cost-offshore and in-country) at 40% of the value of the supplies</i>						
2.3	Warehouse labour costs	S	1	19,595.00	1	100%	19,595.00
	<i>Loading and offloading as well as clearance</i>						
	Section Total						807,050.00
Contractual Services							
4.1	SMART Surveys	D	10	25,000.00	1	100%	250,000.00
	<i>This funds will support Nutrition partners to conduct 10 SMART surveys in identified priority counties.</i>						
	Section Total						250,000.00
SubTotal			11,515.00	0			1,168,224.00
Direct							1,120,835.50
Support							47,388.50
PSC Cost							
PSC Cost Percent							7%
PSC Amount							81,775.68
Total Cost							1,249,999.68
Grand Total CHF Cost							
							1,249,999.68
Project Locations							
Location	Estimated percentage of budget for each location	Estimated number of beneficiaries for each location					Activity Name
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total	
Jonglei -> Akobo	4						
Jonglei -> Ayod	3						
Jonglei -> Bor South	6						

Jonglei -> Canal	3					
Jonglei -> Duk	2					
Jonglei -> Fangak	2					
Jonglei -> Nyirol	3					
Jonglei -> Twic East	2					
Jonglei -> Uror	3					
Northern Bahr el Ghazal -> Aweil Centre	3					
Northern Bahr el Ghazal -> Aweil East	14					
Northern Bahr el Ghazal -> Aweil North	7					
Northern Bahr el Ghazal -> Aweil South	4					
Northern Bahr el Ghazal -> Aweil West	8					
Unity -> Abiemnhom	1					
Unity -> Guit	1					
Unity -> Koch	4					
Unity -> Leer	3					
Unity -> Mayendit	2					
Unity -> Mayom	5					
Unity -> Panyijiar	2					
Unity -> Pariang	5					
Unity -> Rubkona	8					
Warrap -> Gogrial West	5					

Documents	
Category Name	Document Description
Project Supporting Documents	20151224 CHF 2016 Concep Note & Project Proposal template Penina .doc
Project Supporting Documents	UNICEF Nutrition Corepipeline Concept Note 2016_FINAL.doc
Project Supporting Documents	UNICEF Core pipeline Project Proposal 24012016.doc
Project Supporting Documents	UNICEF Nutrition Core Pipeline ProjectProposal 27012016.doc
Budget Documents	Budget template KT.xls
Budget Documents	UNICEF Budget for Nutrition Core pipeline Final 24012016.xls