

## South Sudan 2012 CHF Standard Allocation Project Proposal

*Proposal for CHF funding against Consolidated Appeal*

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This 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 proposal should explain and justify the activities for which CHF funding is requested and it 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. 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. Partners should also fill and submit to cluster coordinator/ co-coordinator the CHF Allocation Matrix (Excel template).

### SECTION I:

#### CAP Cluster

#### Food Security and Livelihoods

#### CHF Cluster Priorities for 2012 First Round Standard Allocation

This section should be filled by the cluster Coordinators/Co-coordinators before sending to cluster partners. Provide a brief articulation of Cluster priority activities and geographic priorities that the cluster will recommend for funding from the CHF.

#### Cluster Priority Activities

Activities in line with the 2012 CAP priorities:

- 1) Integrated food security response projects to address food insecurity challenges by combining several aspects related to improving availability, access and utilization of food.
- 2) Farm support projects aimed at improving or promoting household level own food production and consumption
- 3) Veterinary support projects aimed at containing livestock disease outbreaks and controlling endemic livestock diseases in areas with high potential for unforced and forced livestock locations.

#### Cluster Geographic Activities

CHF allocation will focus on projects that are addressing cluster priorities by targeting vulnerable communities (returnees, presence of severely food insecure, IDPs and refugees with particular emphasis on vulnerable groups – women, female headed households, and poor households) in geographical locations prioritized by the cluster. For Integrated food security response projects counties from the states of: Western Bahr el Ghazal, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Western Equatoria, Warrap, Lakes, Unity, Jonglei, Upper Nile, and Eastern Equatoria were identified.

#### Project details

The sections from this point onwards are to be filled by the organization requesting for CHF.

#### Requesting Organization

MERCY CORPS

#### Project CAP Code

SSD-12/A/46394

#### CAP Project Title

Rehabilitating and Enhancing Sustainable Livelihoods

#### Project Location(s) (list State, County and if possible Payam where CHF activities will be implemented)

NBeG State (Aweil East County) (100%)

#### Total Project Budget in South Sudan CAP

US\$ 1,800,000.00

#### Amount Requested from CHF

US\$ 415,000

#### Other Sources Secured

US\$

#### Direct Beneficiaries

**33,250**

Women:

Men:

Girls:

Boys

#### Total Indirect Beneficiary

232,750

#### Catchment Population (if applicable)

#### Implementing Partners (Indicate partners who will be sub-contracted if applicable and corresponding sub-grant amounts)

N/A

#### Project Duration (max. of 12 months, starting from allocation date)

**Start Date (mm/dd/yy): 03/10/2012**

**End Date (mm/dd/yy): 09/10/2012**

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## SECTION II

### A. Humanitarian Context Analysis

Briefly describe (in no more than 500 words) the current humanitarian situation in the specific locations where CHF supported activities will be implemented. Provide evidence of needs by referencing assessments and key data, including the number and type of the affected population<sup>1</sup>

In Northern Bah El Gazal and specifically Aweil East County, the increasing number of returnees (over 23,000 individuals) has exerted more pressure on food resources and increased cereal demand compared to average. Following floods in 2010, the following year, (2011) was characterized by a normal start to the rains followed by a long dry spell in June and July. This meant that crops planted at the start of the season failed, leaving many farmers extremely food insecure and without seeds to use later in the season or in 2012 planting season. Some farmers held off farming, waiting for more regular rainfall but they are now without time to fully cultivate. In Aweil East, where the staple food is sorghum, the price of one Malwa in August 2011 was 15 SSP compared to 6 SDG in August 2010. The price is expected to reach 25 SSP at the peak of the hunger gap. The short-term sorghum harvest in October 2011 gave households in Northern Bahr El Gazal and northern parts of Warrab State relative food stability. However, due to below-average harvests as well as high IDP and returnee concentrations, these improvements were not sustained beyond January 2012.

### B. Grant Request Justification

Briefly describe (in no more than 500 words) how proposed activities support the agreed cluster priorities and the value added by your organization

Mercy Corps proposes to address the immediate food needs of emergency affected population by improving purchasing power during the hunger gap through cash transfer followed by seeds and tools support to restore production capacity. It involves direct cash/voucher transfer for extremely vulnerable individuals and cash/voucher for work interventions targeting the able poor. These interventions, in addition to assisting needy households to be able to meet immediate basic food needs, stimulate markets and improves community infrastructure. The program streamlines recovery initiatives into a relief intervention and creates firm foundation for sustainable food and livelihoods security which is in line with the cluster priorities.

Mercy Corps is extensively involved in food security and livelihoods programming targeting returnees, IDPs vulnerable host communities. Mercy Corps conducted the first Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis (EMMA) in South Sudan and developed a cash/voucher based project based on the findings of the EMMA. The project has been funded by ECHO and is currently operational in Agok (Abyei Administration Area) as well as in Twic county (Warrab State). Through these on going programs, Mercy Corps has gained considerable experience and has established strong network with existing food security and livelihoods actors and stakeholders. Mercy Corps will leverage on its existing partnership and network to timely and efficiently execute the proposed CHF project.

With funding support from EC, Mercy Corps is working to address the food security needs of vulnerable communities mainly IDPs, returnees and at-risk host population in NBeG states; Aweil East county. The proposed project will enable Mercy Corps to expand its food security & livelihoods activities and deliver as an integrated emergency assistance to the vulnerable population during the hunger gap and beyond.

Throughout the implementation of the above mentioned programs, Mercy Corps has maintained outstanding reputation and has gained the trust of the beneficiary communities. Its ongoing programs have also enlisted the support of local authorities and generated considerable interest and participation from the community. Mercy Corps will use its existing track record to successfully implement the emergency food security programs.

### C. Project Description (For CHF Component only)

#### i) Purpose of the grant

Briefly describe how CHF funding will be used to support core humanitarian activities

The intervention proposed by Mercy Corps will address urgent need for food in states identified by the food security and livelihoods as key places of vulnerability. The program will be implemented in areas experiencing extended hunger gap and sever food shortage. It targets the most vulnerable households affected by emergencies including displacement, rain failure, and flood in 2011. By so doing, the project will mitigate the prevalence of negative coping mechanisms among assisted households and prevent malnutrition and further depletion of productive assets. The program provides agricultural inputs to the target beneficiaries to be able produce in 2012 cropping season and hence it restores production capacity of households' dependant on food aid.

Mercy Corps is currently implementing cash/voucher based program in Agok, Abyei Area and in Twic County with funding support from ECHO. The proposed project will enable Mercy Corps to expand similar humanitarian assistance to NBeG state. Through the use of cash/voucher systems, the project stimulates local markets and catalyzes trade while enhancing the purchasing power for the most vulnerable population affected by food shortage. Cash for work schemes implemented through the proposed project will avails cash for the emergency affected population and provides the opportunity to rebuild community and market infrastructures at the same time.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## ii) Objective

State the objective/s of the project. Objective/s should be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound (SMART)

1000 vulnerable households in NBeG state have increased access to food and build sustainable livelihoods by 2012.

## 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.

### Activity 1: Beneficiary Selection & Registration

Mercy Corps will jointly identify beneficiaries of the cash/voucher transfer program with local government officials, community leaders and NGOs implementing food security and livelihood activities to ensure participation and avoid duplication. The area administration and SSRRC will be asked to assist in facilitating this process to increase transparency and ensure ongoing effective communication with local leaders. Local authority involvement is important to maintain transparency, and effectively communicate to the community that registration does not guarantee participation unless the vulnerability criteria are met. The program will target 1000 households (7000 individuals) in Aweil East County (NBeG state) throughout the implementation period.

### Activity 2: Cash Transfer

A Cash Transfer Committee (CTC) will be nominated from within the community. Mercy Corps, together with the cash transfer committee and the local administration, will identify locations for cash distributions within a maximum of 1 hour walking distance from the beneficiary community. Targeted household will receive an ID card from Mercy Corps which will be used along side their national ID. In the absence of an alternative national ID, the cash transfer committee members will verify the individual identity. The receiving member will sign documentation for receipt which will also be noted on their ID cards. 500 households will receive a cash transfer amounting to 50.00 USD for three months before they graduate into input voucher support.

### Activity 3: Cash for Work

Mercy Corps will identify 10 cash for work projects in all the states prioritized by this project and implement them using community labour. The cash for work projects will focus on employment generation and improving household access to cash; therefore the emphasis is on unskilled labour projects. A total of 500 households will participate in the cash for work projects and benefit from new employment schemes for three months in Aweil East County (NBeG state).

### Activity 4: Seeds and Tools Voucher

The 500 recipients of the cash transfers and the 500 participants of the cash for work projects will also be recipients of vouchers for agricultural inputs so as to assist them in ensuring their own food security in 2012. As opposed to free distribution of inputs, seeds fairs will be organized to bring traders and farmers together to transact agriculture inputs. Seed fairs provide initial means of identifying existing traders to work with. The vouchers form a key means of creating increased demand for the trader agricultural inputs creating a strong client.

## iv). Cross Cutting Issues

Briefly describe how cross-cutting issues are taken into consideration (i.e. gender, environment, HIV/AIDS)

### Gender:

The program will ensure equitable involvement of both men and women during implementation of the project. Selection of beneficiaries will give equal opportunities to men and women. Identification of cash for work project also takes the priority needs of both men and women into consideration. Women headed households with no able-bodied family member, pregnant and lactating mothers and other women with special needs will benefit from direct cash transfers.

### HIV/AIDS:

The program will give utmost emphasis to supporting families with heads infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Families with Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) or households supporting OVCs will be prioritized for assistance either through cash for work or cash transfer depending on their ability to contribute labor.

### Environment:

The proposed program will address the immediate food needs of vulnerable households and enable them to cope with hunger gap without resorting into negative coping mechanisms such as sales of charcoal and fire wood which damages the environment. The program will take environmental factors into consideration in executing cash for work projects. More specifically, efforts will be made to avoid excessive cutting of trees, use of burnt bricks etc and utilize alternative construction materials to mitigate adverse consequences on the environment.

## v) Expected Result/s

List below the results you expect to have at the end of the CHF grant period, and provide no more than five indicators you will use to measure the extent to which those results will have been achieved. At least three of the indicators should be out of the cluster defined Standard Output Indicators.

Result 1: Extremely vulnerable households meet immediate basic food needs;

Result 2: Conflict affected families cope with hunger gap without resorting to negative coping mechanisms;

Result 3: House households affected by emergencies gain the capacity to cultivate in 2012;

	Indicator	Target (indicate numbers or percentages)
1	No of households receiving cash through cash transfer	500
2	No of households employed through cash for work	500
3	Households who received seed.tools vouchers	1,000
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**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.

Mercy Corps will directly implement all the proposed activities. However, the local community, traditional leadership and government line ministries will be involved in beneficiary identification and selection of cash for work projects as well as monitoring and supervision of the overall project implementation. Mercy Corps will also coordinate with the Food Security and Livelihoods cluster at state and national level and share information on experience, challenges and lessons learned from the project.

Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods manager will be hired to oversee the implementation of the proposed program. Project officers will also be deployed in each of the target states to coordinate the day to day activities of the Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods projects. Operational support for the program implementation will be provided through Mercy Corps field office located in Maluakon, in Aweil East County. The country office in Juba will provide overall guidance and direction for the program implementation and assist with logistical support as required. The Juba office also serves as linkage to the National Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster and provides platform for information exchange between the field team and stakeholders at the national level.

Mercy Corps will collaborate with other humanitarian actors mainly food security and livelihoods cluster at national and state levels, chamber of commerce and NGOs working on food security and livelihoods to create synergy with existing programs. Mercy Corps will draw from experience obtained in implementing similar programs globally and utilize best practices to ensure the success of the proposed program.

**vii) Monitoring Plan**

Describe how you will monitor progress and achievements of the project.

The program will be monitored regularly (monthly) by the project staff with participation of other actors involved in the implementation, such as representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and local government will likewise be encouraged to participate in the monitoring activities. The monitoring will focus on reviewing program achievements/ accomplishments versus targets, identifying issues and concerns affecting program implementation, and designing courses of action necessary to address those issues. A regular staff feedback session will be conducted monthly to analyze monitoring results and prepare action plans. Monitoring tools and data collection forms have been developed for the current program and will be improved for the future program. Data will be analyzed by a suitably qualified staff member, and the information will be used to modify implementation approaches where necessary and to document and share findings, lessons, and recommendations with stakeholders and members in food security and livelihoods cluster.

Mercy corps has a robust M&E team that will provide capacity building for field staff, highlighting tools for data collection, data quality and case study's that capture challenges and experiences in the implementation of the project.

**E. Committed funding**

Please add details of committed funds for the project from other sources including in-kind supports in monetary terms (USD)

Source/donor and date (month, year)	Amount (USD)



### SECTION III:

This section is **NOT required** at the first submission of a proposal to the cluster coordinator/co-coordinator. However it is required to be filled for proposals recommended for funding by the Advisory Board.

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CHF ref. Code: SSD-12/A/46394	Project title: <b>Rehabilitating and Enhancing Sustainable Livelihoods for Conflict affected People</b>	Organisation: <b>Mercy Corps</b>	
<b>Overall Objective:</b> Improved food security and consumption amongst returnees and IDPs	<b>Indicators of progress:</b> % increase in Months of Adequate Food Provisioning (MAFP)	<b>How indicators will be measured:</b> Beneficiary survey (baseline and End of program evaluation)	
<b>Specific Project Objective/s:</b> Improved household diet and nutrition.	<b>Indicators of progress:</b> % increase in household food consumption score (FCS).	<b>How indicators will be measured:</b> Beneficiary survey	<b>Assumptions &amp; risks:</b> Reduced influx of IDP and returns and no displacement.
<b>Results - Outputs (tangible) and Outcomes (intangible):</b>  Extremely vulnerable households meet immediate basic food needs  Conflict affected families cope with hunger gap without resorting to negative coping mechanisms  House households affected by emergencies gain the capacity to cultivate in 2012;	<b>Indicators of progress:</b>  No of households receiving cash through cash transfer.  No of households employed through cash for work.  # of households who received seed/tools vouchers.	<b>How indicators will be measure</b>  Program records	<b>Assumptions &amp; risks:</b>  No subsequent displacement of people with relative stability, no natural calamities like floods, stable rainy season.

<b>Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beneficiary Selection &amp; Registration</li> <li>• Cash Transfer</li> <li>• Identify cash for work projects</li> <li>• Cash for Work</li> <li>• Seeds and Tools Voucher</li> </ul>	<b>Inputs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local chiefs, community leaders and communication sensitization.</li> <li>• Community sensitization, human resource</li> <li>• Required local materials and tools.</li> <li>• Availability of land for planting.</li> </ul>		<b>Assumptions, risks and pre-conditions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security stability and roads are passable</li> <li>• Community buy-in into cash for work projects and the cfw fees are acceptable. SSRC supports all activities. projects</li> <li>• Availability of vendors and blacksmith to supply the market.</li> </ul>
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## 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.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Q1 / 2012</b>			<b>Q2 / 2012</b>			<b>Q3 / 2012</b>			<b>Q4 / 2012</b>			<b>Q1. / 2013</b>		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<b>Result 1</b>															
Activity (1.1)															
Beneficiary Selection & Registration															
Cash Transfer															
Identify cash for work projects															
Cash for Work															
Seeds and Tools Voucher															

\*: TIMELINE FOR EACH SPECIFIC ACTIVITY MUST BE MARKED WITH AN X AND SHADED GREY 15%