



CENTRAL FUND FOR INFLUENZA ACTION
ANNUAL PROGRAMME NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2010

Programme Title & Number

- World Food Programme Pandemic Preparedness and Planning
- Programme B 7
- MDTF Office Atlas Number:

UNCAPAHI Objective(s) covered:

Programme Coverage/Scope: objective(s):
2,4,5,6 and7

Participating UN or Non-UN Organization(s)

World Food Programme Pandemic

Implementing Partners

Obj 2: FAO
Obj 4: UNDP
Obj 5: WHO
Obj 6: OCHA
Obj 7: WFP

Programme/Project Cost (US\$)

Total Programme Cost:
US\$ 3,217,500

CFIA:
US\$ 3,217,500

Government Input (if relevant): NA

Programme Budget:
US\$ 3,217,500

Programme Duration (months)

Overall Duration
12 Months
Start Date
15 January 2009
End Date or Revised
End Date,
15February 2010
Operational Closure
Date
15 February 2010
Expected Financial
Closure Date NA

Programme Assessments/Mid-Term Evaluation

Assessment Completed - if applicable *please attach*
 Yes No Date: _____
Mid-Evaluation Report – if applicable *please attach*
 Yes No Date: _____

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NARRATIVE REPORT

I. Purpose

WFP continues moving towards achieving the strategic objectives of the UN Consolidated Action Plan. In particular, objectives 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and with particular emphasis on objectives 6 and 7. During the process, WFP has identified gaps which need to be addressed through the expansion and fine-tuning of activities in order to achieve the objectives of the UNCAPAHI. Emphasis is in particular put on: Sustaining Livelihoods (Objective 2), Coordination of National, Regional and International stakeholders (Objective 4), Public Information and Supporting Behaviour Change (Objective 5) , Continuity under Pandemic Conditions (Objective 6), Humanitarian Common Services (Objective 7).

Shifting emphasis from pandemic preparedness to pandemic readiness, WFP is building on its established pandemic readiness activities, and its strategic baseline for pandemic readiness activities of (1) Strengthening internal pandemic readiness to minimise the impact of a pandemic event on WFP's critical functions and (2) Developing WFP's preparedness and response capacity to support governments, local communities, and partners to deliver essential services to vulnerable groups under pandemic circumstances.

II. Resources

Financial Resources

WFP's Pandemic Preparedness activities as outlined in this report are primarily funded through the CFIA. Additional supplementary funding was received through direct donor contribution.

Human Resources

WFP's Pandemic Preparedness Programme, including this project benefits from a large pool of technical support personnel in various locations supported through the CFIA provided funds, in-kind contributions of WFP, and other donor funding. Humanitarian stakeholders of the pandemic preparedness process continue to collaborate and cooperate actively with WFP through the provision of technical support and in kind contributions.

III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

A WFP Pandemic Task Force based in WFP HQ is led by the Deputy Executive Director for Operations. The Task Force implements its activities through the Pandemic Response Unit hosted by the Operations Department Emergency Preparedness (ODEP) Branch of WFP, complimentary to WFP's regular programme, drawing on in house expertise in the areas of Emergency Response, Logistics, Health and Safety and Food Security.

Procurement practices of WFP, such as the recruitment of consultants and services, follow the standard procedures as outlined by WFP rules and regulations.

This project is implemented under the overall management of the Director of Emergencies Preparedness Branch, in collaboration and under the supervision of the head of the WFP Pandemic Task Force. The project is implemented in synergy and complimentary to other ongoing Pandemic Preparedness and response initiatives within WFP ensure that the activity built upon on existing initiatives, leading to the internalization of the project output.

A Pandemic Response Unit (PRU) based within the Emergency Preparedness Branch (OMEP) continues to be fully devoted to pandemic preparedness. The unit consists of a Coordinator and technical experts in the areas of contingency planning, logistics, training and staff health and safety. Staff at the Regional Bureaux and WFP country offices are tasked with PRU-related activities. In addition, the Unit is supported by the various substantive divisions in WFP, drawing on in-house expertise in the areas of Emergency Response, Logistics, Health and Safety, Programme and other support divisions. The Unit has close collaborative links with UNSIC and other UN system agencies, such as WHO, as well as a close and inclusive working relationship with Red Cross and NGO partners.

The project team builds upon the collaboration developed by WFP with the IASC, other UN Agencies, International Organizations, the Red Cross Federation and NGOs.

The project is monitored through standardized reporting and monitoring arrangements of the organization.

IV. Results

During this reporting period, WFP further developed its Operational Action Plan (OAP) portfolio. The design of Operational Action Plan, were further fine-tuned to reflect pandemic readiness and response planning at country level by proving concise and executable actions for various functional areas, including Human Resources, Administration, Finance, Logistics, Programme and ICT. The sharable OAP, together with the existing UNCT plan, seeks to harmonize influenza response at the country level between humanitarian actors – UN and NGO – and national governments.

WFP continued to engage with IFRC, NGO partners and other traditional and non-traditional partners who provide support to national disaster planners. Partnerships established within the framework of carrying out activities of this project have provided opportunities for further collaboration and cooperation. In particular, in the area civil-military cooperation and sharing expertise in Logistics.

Findings, including best practices and lessons learned from a simulation exercise were conducted in Zambia to test guidance from both the November 2008 P2LX and the June 2009 Humanitarian Pandemic Operations Consultation were shared with relevant stakeholders through various field level technical discussions.

The initial analysis of the preparedness and response process, in view of the ongoing pandemic, also identified that special consideration needs to be given to planning for the secondary impacts caused by a severe public health threat, such as the disruption of basic services, staff absenteeism, and the closure of borders - all of which impact the way WFP responds to an emergency and provides life-saving assistance. These findings were integrated into other ongoing initiatives.