



Project Proposal

Organization	ACF (Action Contre la Faim)																														
Project Title	Improving access to food for vulnerable households in Xudur district, Bakool region																														
CHF Code	CHF-DDA-3485-691																														
Primary Cluster	Food Security	Secondary Cluster																													
CHF Allocation	Standard Allocation 1 (Feb 2015)	Project Duration	9 months																												
Project Budget	299,448.34																														
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	HRP Project Ranking	A - HIGH	HRP Gender																												
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<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>Whilst Bakool Region has been severely hit by drought and conflict throughout the more than 2 decades of internal conflict in Somalia recent months show a deteriorating situation for most parts of the region. The recent AMISOM offensive against Al-Shabaab (AS) in 2014 led to a change of administration in most districts but also triggered the break-down of local livelihoods and trade due to the response of the AS imposing an effective economic blockade on major supply routes. The local market is basically empty and prices for the few available items have more than doubled, since everything has to be brought in small amounts and often under the risk of life. Only few food truck convoys (ACF, WFP) have reached Xudur after weeks of seeking their way through the siege. A renewed nutritional crisis with high levels of acute malnutrition (>30%) is the result. Additionally in September an AWD outbreak brought more than 140 children <5 to the ACF supported MCH and cost the lives of 2 children. Insecurity and military confrontations between insurgents and the Somali Army backed by AMISOM are likely to persist in the next 6 months and further displacements can be expected. For the post-Gu 2014 period (Aug - Dec-14) FSNAU estimated 732 000 of urban people in Stressed (IPC Phase 2), 88 000 in Crisis (IPC Phase 3) and 26 000 in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) acute food insecurity phases across the country. The main towns of Bakool Region (Wajid, Xudur) were identified in Emergency (IPC Phase 4).</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>ACF teams reached Xudur in May 2014 to provide a first emergency response. Over the following 6 months of ACF's emergency response in Xudur no further needs assessments were carried out than the ones at the beginning of the intervention (ACF, UN) due to other more life-saving priorities. However ACF's continued presence in Xudur let our team witness that only limited food stocks are available in the local market but they are not affordable for poor and very poor households. Prices are on the increase as tariffs and long circuitous transport routes result in high costs for traders to bring food into local markets. When sales are low or made largely on credit, high import costs pose significant barriers to trade. The latest FSNAU Post-Deyr 2014 assessment indicates that restricted trade in conflict-affected areas has prompted relocation of significant numbers of households to other areas with better access to markets. According to the report by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) airlifts remain the only way to get supplies to displaced people in need. The above is confirmed by continued high admissions of children and women to our nutrition programs.</p>																														
<p>3. Activities. List and describe the activities that your organization is currently implementing to address these needs</p>	<p>ACF is implementing 2 CHF funded projects in Xudur (emergency WASH and Nutrition). In addition, a food-for-work program supported 500 Households for 3 months in response to the current emergency (Oct – Dec 2014). The proposed intervention is to complement the ongoing one and expand coverage among vulnerable households in emergency, including those hosting returnees. The proposed food voucher activity is an answer to nutrition and food needs for vulnerable households in Xudur. Received every 2 weeks those vouchers will cover 50% of the food basket (2,100 kcal) for 550 households of 6 for 3 months. A more detailed market-survey will be carried out at the beginning of the project; then traders would be selected based on their willingness to participate in the project and their capacity to procure items. In order to revitalize the market, some more vulnerable traders would be chosen and will be paid within 2 weeks of the distribution via the hawala system. The value of each voucher/item will be negotiated with traders and prices will continue to be followed in the market weekly, in order to adjust prices if needed. An injection of vouchers into the local economy will enable goods to be purchased outright (rather than on credit) and some debts to be paid off, thereby increasing traders' access to capital. With this the proposed activity also creates an incentive for traders to take the risk of organizing secured convoys to bring in more goods for the general population</p>																														
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	1.1.9									
1.1.10										
Subtotal						0.00	0.00	0.00		
Budget Narrative:										
	1.2 Local Staff									
	Code	Budget Line Description	Units	Unit Cost	Duration	TimeUnit	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF
	1.2.1	Field Officer	1	1196	9	Months	10,764.00	0.00	10,764.00	100.00
	1.2.2	Supervisors	2	800	9	Months	14,400.00	0.00	14,400.00	100.00
	1.2.3	Field Coordinator/Admin	1	2287	9	Months	20,583.00	15,437.25	5,145.75	25.00
	1.2.4	Logistics field officer	1	1196	9	Months	10,764.00	8,073.00	2,691.00	25.00
	1.2.5									
	1.2.6									
	1.2.7									
	1.2.8									
	1.2.9									
1.2.10										
Sub Total						56,511.00	23,510.25	33,000.75		
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	Unconditional food vouchers	275	63	3	Months	51,975.00	0.00	51,975.00	100.00
	2.1.2	Conditional food vouchers	275	69	3	Months	56,925.00	0.00	56,925.00	100.00
	2.1.3	Tools for work	1	19250	1	Lumpsum	19,250.00	0.00	19,250.00	100.00
	2.1.4	Beneficiaries registration fees	275	2	1	lumpsum	550.00	0.00	550.00	100.00
	2.1.5	Printing of beneficiaries ID cards	550	3.5	1	lumpsum	1,925.00	0.00	1,925.00	100.00
	2.1.6	Project planning and voucher training	10	151	3	lumpsum	4,530.00	0.00	4,530.00	100.00
	2.1.7	PDM/Market survey	1	687	1	Lumpsum	687.00	0.00	687.00	100.00
	2.1.8	Freight costs (road)	1	17500	3	lumpsum	52,500.00	0.00	52,500.00	100.00
	2.1.9	Printing of beneficiaries Vouchers	1650	8	1	lumpsum	13,200.00	0.00	13,200.00	100.00
	2.1.10									
Sub Total						201,542.00	0.00	201,542.00		
Budget Narrative:										
C:3 Equipment	Code	Budget Line Description	Units	Unit Cost	Duration	TimeUnit	Amount(USD)	Organization	CHF	%charged to CHF
	3.1.1	Camera GPS	1	250	1	Lumpsum	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.00

3.1.2										
3.1.3										
3.1.4										
3.1.5										
3.1.6										
3.1.7										
3.1.8										
3.1.9										
3.1.10										
Sub Total						250.00	0.00	250.00		

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										
4.1.2										
4.1.3										
4.1.4										
4.1.5										
4.1.6										
4.1.7										
4.1.8										
4.1.9										
4.1.10										
Sub Total						0.00	0.00	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	Travel (fare, perdiem, visa, accomodation)	1	6640	1	Lumpsum	6,640.00	0.00	6,640.00	100.00	
5.1.2	Vehicle Rental	1	2100	9	Months	18,900.00	0.00	18,900.00	100.00	
5.1.3										
5.1.4										
5.1.5										
5.1.6										
5.1.7										
5.1.8										
5.1.9										
5.1.10										
Sub Total						25,540.00	0.00	25,540.00		

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									
6.1.2									
6.1.3									

6.1.4										
6.1.5										
6.1.6										
6.1.7										
6.1.8										
6.1.9										
6.6.10										
Sub Total							0.00	0.00	0.00	

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	Offices Rent	2	1250	9	Months	22,500.00	14,625.00	7,875.00	35.00
	7.1.2	Communication Cost	1	939.8	9	Months	8,458.20	5,497.83	2,960.37	35.00
	7.1.3	Utilities (Water-\$100, Electricity-\$50, Generator Fuel-\$400)	1	550	9	Months	4,950.00	3,217.50	1,732.50	35.00
	7.1.4	Bank charges	1	2858.14	1	Lumpsum	2,858.14	0.00	2,858.14	100.00
	7.1.5	Hawala fees (cash distribution commission)	1	2178	1	Time	2,178.00	0.00	2,178.00	100.00
	7.1.6	Stationery & Office Supplies	1	610	9	Months	5,490.00	3,568.50	1,921.50	35.00
	7.1.7									
	7.1.8									
	7.1.9									
	7.1.10									
Sub Total							46,434.34	26,908.83	19,525.51	

Budget Narrative:

TOTAL							330,277.34	50,419.08	279,858.26	
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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	19,590.08	7.00	
	GRAND TOTAL							330,277.34	50,419.08	299,448.34

Other sources of funds

Description	Amount	%
Organization	50,419.08	14.41
Community	0.00	0.00
CHF	299,448.34	85.59
Other Donors	a)	0.00
	b)	0.00
TOTAL	349,867.42	

LOCATIONS

Region	District	Location	Standard Cluster Activities	Activity	Beneficiary Description	Number	Latitude	Longitude	P.Code
Bakool	Xudur	Xudur	Conditional or unconditional Cash transfer, Voucher distribution		Beneficiaries will be registered and profiled disaggregated by sex and age as well as asset ownership. Selection will prioritize most food insecure, poor women or men headed households, aged and physically challenged and returnees.	3300	4.12303	43.890121	NB-3814-X09-002
TOTAL						3,300			

DOCUMENTS

Document Description
1. Comments on the budget that requires to be addressed
2. ACF Budget Comments Responses
3. ACF CHF 2015 FSL Budget BoQ document