CHF Allocation Revision/No-Cost Extension Request Form

The CHF Technical Secretariat will compile <u>all</u> requests for the Humanitarian Coordinator's final review and approval.

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Instructions:

Complete this request form and submit to the CHF Technical Secretariat at <u>CHFsouthsudan@un.org</u> and copy <u>kizitoi@un.org</u>. Any major changes made to the original allocation as stipulated in the approved project documents must have the endorsement of the cluster coordinator with final approval made by the Humanitarian Coordinator. No-cost extension requests should be well justified and submitted at least <u>three weeks before</u> expiration of approved project duration.

For C	HF Technical Secretariat:		
	AA/ UNDP Informed	Date:	By:
	Cluster Coordinator Informed	Date:	By:
	Grantee Informed	Date:	By:
	CHF Database Updated	Date:	By:
Alloca	ation ID (CHF TS to fill in):	SA2/110/13	

Section 1 – Project Details

Date of Request	8 th May 2014	Cluster	Education	
Organization Name:	Mercy Corps	Contact Name:	Mathieu Rouquette	
Project Code:	SSD-13/E/55504/R/5162	Date of Allocation:	1 st October 2013	
Location:	Unity/Warrap/AAA	Contact Email/Tel No.:	mrouquette@ss.mercycorps.org +211912724445	
Duration:	8 months (1 st Oct . 2013 – 31 st May 2014)	Amount Allocated:	USD 490,000	
Project Title:	Provision of emergency education in response to conflict and disaster			

Section 2 – Revision Type/Reason for No-Cost Extension

.,		Reason for NCE: Indicate reason (s) for no-cost extension.			
Significant change in activities Change in outputs Change in target beneficiaries Change in project duration/NCE of the budget No. of month requested None New end date:)	Change in location Change in budget Change in recipient org Other Specify: _Realignment	Insecurity Inaccessibility Staffing/recruitment delays Internal admn delays Procurement delays Other Specify:	Programmatic delays Delays in finalizing PPA Delays in disbursement of funds Delays in organization's internal transfer of funds Delay in securing supplies from pipeline		

Section 3 - Level of Completion

Provide information what amount of grant and activities have been implemented. Exact amounts and percentages are not necessary approximate numbers are sufficient.

Amount of Funds Spent as of *<30th April 2014>* Amount of Funds Unspent as of *<30th April 2014 >* Amount of Funds Committed But Not Spent by *<30th April 2014 >* Percentage of Activities Completed as of *< 30th April 2014 >*

\$445,000	91%
\$45,000	9%
\$45,000	9%
100%	

Section 4

This section is for the approving official's review.	
OCHA South Sudan:	
Endorsed by Mr. David Throp , Head of CHF Technical Secretariat,	Review Date
South Sudan	
OCHA Head of Office, South Sudan	
Approved by Mr. Vincent Lelei, OCHA Head of Office, South Sudan	Review Date

Section 5 – Revision Description and Justification

Description and justification of requested change

Please describe the requested changes to the original allocation and provide detailed background and justification for the proposed revision. CHF revision requests have to be submitted to the Humanitarian Coordinator for any significant changes in the following allocation parameters: major activities, implementation targets, location, allocation amount, recipient organization and/or recipient project, and project duration.

To reallocate funds to a new project, please provide a detailed explanation for why the new project was chosen to receive the reallocation.

Please provide revision details in the revision table in section 6 of this document.

Mercy Corps project was selected by the Education Cluster for the second round of the 2013 Allocation early October 2013. The program was implemented in three locations Unity and Warrap states and Abyei Administration Area (Abeimnom, Twic and Abyei). During the project life of October 2013 to April 2014, Mercy Corps has managed to accomplish all the planned activities and all the project targets will be met as planned.

During the implementation period, Mercy Corps has constructed 30 TLSs (100%) with accompanying gender disaggregated latrines 84 latrines (105%). Furthermore Mercy Corps has distributed scholastic materials to over 5,040 pupils (101%). Mercy Corps has spent 91% of the budget approved by CHF with the remaining 9% also already committed, however not within the allowable expensing flexibility

However, in the course of program implementation, Mercy Corps encountered price variation compared to the amount budget for certain activities. As a result some budget lines are projected to spend beyond the CHF allowed budget line flexibility percentage. Budget lines which are projected to exceed the allowed flexibility are as follows:

- TLS transportation: Mercy Corps was able to source the majority of inputs from local vendors, reducing the need for, and cost of, transportation. Savings realised on this line were redeployed to other programmatic costs.
- TLS labor: although Mercy Corps procured the majority of inputs locally (as per comment above) this resulted in
 increase in handling (loading and offloading) costs of materials. In addition, since the crisis of December 2013 the cost of
 labor to construct the TLS has increased significantly. Savings from transportation costs were redeployed to the labor
 line.
- Child clubs: the training sessions were conducted with schools in close proximity to each other, meaning the cost of implementation and the number of separate training sessions required was lower than expected
- Three 3-day trainings per county, for 20 participants (venue rental, per diem and transport) training sessions were conducted in Mercy Corps office, using Mercy Corps staff to prepare lunch and participants were able to walk to the venue, meaning the training costs were lower than projected.
- Support costs: since the crisis in December 2013, Mercy Corps has had to adapt its operations to meet changing circumstances and challenges. This has meant that whilst some operational costs are underspent (travel, for example, was limited due to security), other costs (communication, office running costs) have increased. These changes are listed in the budget amendment template.
- Personnel costs: this section is overspent for several reasons: (1) Mercy Corps was unable to identify a suitable Program Manager in the timeframe of the project and consequently the Head of Office, Deputy Country Director and M&E Manager had to devote more time to the implementation. As these positions are more expensive this resulted in an over spend on direct program staff; (2) an increase in Level of Effort (%) by these staff then results in an increase in the allocation of support staff which is why all Agok and Juba staff expenses have also increased.

Mercy Corps therefore requests for a realignment of the budget as in the attached, which does not impact the implementation or targets. This is purely a budget realignment request without the need of either a time extension or request for additional funds.

List activities that were implemented during project period:	List outstanding activities:
Construction of TLSs 30/30 Construction of Latrines 84/80 Training of care givers 60/60 Child to Child clubs 18/18 Scholastic materials to pupils 5,040/5,000	None

Review remarks by cluster coordinator.	Name of reviewer	Hollyn Hammond						
Explain the rational to endorse or reject the request								
The education cluster endorses this request	t based on need.							
Review remarks by CHF Technical Secreta	ariat: Name of re	viewer David Throp						
Education cluster reviewed and endorsed the allocation revision request. CHF TS reviewed the request and asked Mercy Corps to justify revisions in the budget lines that are above 20%, particularly the increase in personnel costs. The requested information was provided and well justified.								

6 - Revision D	Details							
Original CHF Allocation(s) Details of the original CHF allocations (please insert information from allocation tables).				Proposed Revised Allocation(s) Details on proposed revised allocations.				
Output	 3,200 pupils (1,600 boys and 1,600; 70% and 15% IDPs) have access to safe educati end of the project period. Girls' enrollment and retention rate in targ against the baseline. 	ional facilities, by the		Output 1. 3,200 pupils (1,600 boys and 1,600; 70% host, 15% returnees and 15% IDPs) have access to safe educational facilities, by the end of the project period. Girls' enrollment and retention rate in target schools improves against the baseline.				
Key Activities	 Construction of 30 protective learning space with high dropout rates of girls (10 in AAA, 9 in Twic) Construction of 80 gender disaggregated pit AAA, 24 in Abiemnom and 32 in Twic) Establish 18 child-child clubs for hygiene pro in AAA, 5 in Abiemnom and 7 in Twic) Provision of educational materials and emergency / conflict affected children (150 Abiemnom and 2000 in Twic) Life skills trainings for 60 caregivers (18 in A and 24 in Twic) 	in Abiemnom and 11 latrine stances (24 in omotion in schools (6 supplies to 5000 00 in AAA, 1500 in		 Activities Construction of 30 protective learning spaces (TLS) in location dropout rates of girls (10 in AAA, 9 in Abiemnom and 11 in Twic Construction of 80 gender disaggregated pit latrine stances (24 in Abiemnom and 32 in Twic) Establish 18 child-child clubs for hygiene promotion in schools 5 in Abiemnom and 7 in Twic) Provision of educational materials and supplies to 5000 en conflict affected children (1500 in AAA, 1500 in Abiemnom and Twic) Life skills trainings for 60 caregivers (18 in AAA, 18 in Abiemn in Twic) 				
Locations (specify county):	Unity state (Abeimnom); Warrap state (Twic) and Abyei		Locations (specify county):	Unity state (Abeimnom); Warrap state (Twic) and Abyei				
Beneficiaries:	Women: Girls: Men: Boys: Total:	30 2,500 30 2,500 5,060	Beneficiaries:	Women: Girls: Men: Boys: Total:	30 2,500 30 2,500 5,060			
Duration:	8 months (1 st Oct . 2013 – 31 st May 2014)		Duration	8 months (1 st Oct . 2013 – 31 st May 2014)				
Indicative CHF Budget:	Relief Items and Transportation Personnel	245,600 105,400	Indicative CHF Budget:	Relief Items and Transportation Personnel	231,210 132,540			
	Staff Travel	11,600		Staff Travel	4,800			
	Training/Workshop/Seminar/Campaign Contracts/ Sub grant			Training/Workshop/Seminar/Campaign Contracts/ Sub grant	6,940			
	Vehicle Operating and Maintenance Costs	34,141		Vehicle Operating and Maintenance Costs	22,040			

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Office Equipment and Communication	13,664		Office Equipment and Communication	19,800
Other Costs	31,036		Other Costs	36,081
Programme Support Costs (PSC)	31,738		Programme Support Costs (PSC)	31,738
Audit cost (NGOs only)	4,851		Audit cost (NGOs only)	4,851
Total:	490,000		Total:	490,000