

Requesting Organization :	Afghanistan Rehabilitation and Education Program			
Allocation Type :	2022 3rd Reserve Allocation			
Primary Cluster	Sub Cluster	Percentage		
FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE		100.00		
		100		
Project Title :	Provision of lifesaving cash for food assistance to IPC Phase 3 and 4 food insecure vulnerable people in Azra district of Logar province			
Allocation Type Category :				
OPS Details				
Project Code :		Fund Project Code :	AFG-22/3481/RA3/FSAC/NGO/23792	
Cluster :		Project Budget in US\$:	587,542.74	
Planned project duration :	8 Months	Priority:		
Planned Start Date :	15/11/2022	Planned End Date :	14/07/2023	
Actual Start Date:	21/12/2022	Actual End Date:	20/08/2023	
Project Summary :	<p>The 2022 HRP appeals US\$ 4.4 billion to reach 22.1 million people with emergency life-saving humanitarian and protection assistance across the country. The strategic objective¹ of the HRP focus on " Timely, multi-sectoral, lifesaving, equitable and safe assistance is provided to crisis-affected people of all genders and diversities to reduce mortality and morbidity." The multiple challenges facing the people of Afghanistan, including La Niña-induced climatic anomalies, political turmoil, economic downturn, are exacerbating the pre-existing needs and vulnerabilities of millions of Afghans. The humanitarian outlook for 2022 remains grim, with 24.4 million people (59% of the population) projected to be in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, compared to 18.4 million in 2021.</p> <p>Whole of Afghanistan assessment shows that 28% people have poor, 33% borderline and 39% have acceptable food consumption score in Logar province. It also shows 28% of people have moderate HHS, 16% slight household hunger scale. 65% of households used crisis and emergency coping strategies and 91% used medium to high food based coping strategy in Logar.</p> <p>According to May 2022 IPC report, the combined impact of acute drought, the worst in nearly three decades, and the economy in the second half of 2021 has generated a food insecurity crisis of unprecedented levels in Afghanistan, with some 19 million people projected to be facing acute food insecurity (IPC3 and IPC4) and this project focuses on the IPC 3 and 4. As per the latest available forecasts, a weak to moderate La Niña event has been affecting Afghanistan since October 2021 and will likely continue from May 2022 until the wet season 2023. Additionally, higher food prices are negatively impacting the purchasing power of lower-income groups across the country, reducing their access to food.</p> <p>AREP aims to address at least a part of this crisis by implementing a cash for food project in Azra district of Logar and the focus of this project is IPC 3 and 4 people. It intends to provide cash for food assistance for six months (\$72 per month) for 1,035 households (7,245 individuals) to cover 75 percent of the food basket that is FSAC recommended basket for this allocation. Every household will receive \$432 in total in 6 months. The cash will be distributed on monthly basis for 6 months. AREP has a strong presence and has delivered emergency response projects in the targeted areas. AREP will ensure that the most vulnerable people in need are among the affected population groups prioritized for this action following FSAC cluster standards for drought and conflict-affected people to respond to their food needs. AREP will closely coordinate with the regional FSAC cluster, UNOCHA/AHF, and other partners for the identification of target communities and groups to avoid duplication.</p> <p>AREP has chosen cash as the proper modality due to the availability of food commodities and market functionality as well as the project participants' preference. AREP will use Hawala Dealer (Saraf) for cash transfer to project beneficiaries as a means of cash delivery. AREP will do monthly distributions for 6 months and every household will receive \$72 on monthly basis.</p>			
Direct beneficiaries :				
Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
1,666	1,666	2,029	1,884	7,245

Other Beneficiaries :

Beneficiary name	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Host Communities	1,666	1,666	2,029	1,884	7,245

Indirect Beneficiaries :

Shop owners, vendors and local communities are indirect beneficiaries for this project. Cash has multiplier effect. Local markets will benefit from injecting cash for food into the local communities because communities will purchase food from local markets. This way shop owners and vendors will indirectly benefit from cash assistance.

Catchment Population:

Link with allocation strategy :

This proposed project is in line with the HRP 2022 SO1: Timely, multisectoral, lifesaving, equitable and safe assistance is provided to crisis-affected people of all genders and diversities to reduce mortality and morbidity and cluster objective 1.2: Shock-affected (IDP, returnee, refugee, natural disaster, and people under IPC 3 and 4) women, men and children of all ages have a minimum food consumption score above 42.5.

The proposed project is also aligned with the AHF 3rd Reserve Allocation (RA) 2022 focusing to assist IPC phase 3 and 4 people with 6 months' cash for food assistance with 75% of the food basket.

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

Organization focal point :

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BACKGROUND

1. Humanitarian context analysis

2. Needs assessment

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Logar situation is similar to many other IPC Phase 3 and 4 provinces. Starting with the global COVID-19 pandemic and more recently the May 2022 IPC report, the economic downturn and soaring unemployment levels compounded by unrelenting inflation levels have pushed millions of urban households into poverty

Whole of Afghanistan assessment shows that in Logar, 28% of households have poor food consumption score, 33% borderline and 39% have acceptable food consumption. 27% of people experienced moderate hunger. 27% used high rCSI coping and 64% used rCSI medium coping. The assessment shows that 34% used emergency livelihood coping, 31% crisis livelihood coping and 32% stress livelihood coping. FES greater than 75% is 3% and between 50 to 75% is 12%. WFP monthly market monitoring data showed that, compared to June 2021, price of wheat increased by 45%, wheat flour by 49%, rice by 20%, cooking oil by 32%, pulses by 23% and sugar by 25%. WFP price data shows that, the increase in prices was mainly due to the Afghani currency having lost 12% of its value against the US dollar in less than one year. with the significant reduction in income and huge increase in food prices, access to food for many foods insecure vulnerable households have been severely limited in Logar.

3. Description Of Beneficiaries

4. Grant Request Justification

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5. Complementarity

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Overall project objective

Provide life-saving cash for food assistance to 7,245 food-insecure IPC 3 and 4 vulnerable people (1,035 HHs) in Azra district of Logar Province

FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE

Cluster objectives	Strategic Response Plan (SRP) objectives	Percentage of activities
2022 HRP FSAC Outcome 1.2: Shock affected (Conflict IDP, returnee, refugee, natural disaster and targeted IPC 3 and 4) women, men and children of all ages have a minimum household food consumption score above 42.5	SO1: Timely, multi-sectoral, life-saving, equitable and safe assistance is provided to crisis-affected people of all genders and diversities to reduce mortality and morbidity.	100

Contribution to Cluster/Sector Objectives : This proposed intervention is in line with the HRP 2022 SO1: Timely, multisectoral, lifesaving, equitable and safe assistance is provided to crisis-affected people of all genders and diversities to reduce mortality and morbidity and cluster objective 1.2: Shock-affected (IDP, returnee, refugee, natural disaster, and people under IPC 3 and 4) women, men and children of all ages have a minimum food consumption score above 42.5. The intervention prioritizes life-saving activities by providing cash for food assistance to most vulnerable IPC phase 3 and 4 households in Logar province.

Outcome 1

1,035 vulnerable IPC 3 and 4 households (7,246 individuals) living in Azra district of Logar province are supported to meet their food consumption gap

Output 1.1

Description

1,035 food insecure households classified in IPC phase 3 and 4 received cash for food assistance in Logar province

Assumptions & Risks

Assumption:

- The security situation in the targeted province remains relatively stable
- Local Shuras, local directorates, communities, and particularly vulnerable people are cooperating with project team
- De Facto government departments are cooperative enough
- Market remains functional and prices stay stable
- access to project sites are not blocked by severe weather events

Risks:

1. Physical transfer of cash is risky since there is risk of robbery
2. extreme weather events blocks access to project location
3. de facto authorities ask for beneficiaries' data

Mitigation:

- AREP project team will maintain their contact with the de facto authorities and through community influential leaders to have their buy-in the project implementation process. Respecting the local language, social and traditional culture, politeness, and respectful behavior are some of the strategies which will help AREP to better communicate with line departments and community members.
- Cash assistance risk will be shared with a third party (FSP/Hawala dealer) by having an official contract. AREP will closely monitor the cash distribution process and its staff will be involved in the process. Cash distribution sites and date will be communicated with beneficiaries only one day before the distribution.
- AREP will not share beneficiaries' data with anyone outside the organization. AREP follows the HCT endorsed data sharing policy.
- weather condition will be closely monitored, and distribution will be schedule on the days which is not raining. Cars will be equipped with necessary tools during winter.

Indicators

Code	Cluster	Indicator	End cycle beneficiaries				End cycle
			Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Target
Indicator 1.1.1	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	# of shock-affected and vulnerable (IDPs, returnees, refugees, natural disaster-affected, people affected and seasonal food insecure – IPC phase 3 and 4 people) women, men and children of all ages who receive adequate cash for food assistance in a timely manner.	1,666	1,666	2,029	1,884	7,245
Means of Verification : Beneficiary lists; Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM)							
Indicator 1.1.2	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	% of households with acceptable food consumption					50
Means of Verification : Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM)							
Indicator 1.1.3	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	% of affected people who state that they are aware of feedback and complaint mechanisms established for their use (Target=85-90%)					85
Means of Verification : PDM and CRM							
Indicator 1.1.4	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	% Of call received through the complaints and feedback mechanism responded and resolved in a timely manner					85
Means of Verification : PDM and CRM							
Indicator 1.1.5	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	% Of HHs that used cash transfers for food					60

Means of Verification : CRM and monitoring report, PDM

Activities**Activity 1.1.1****Standard Activity : Customized Activity****Community Mobilization**

Community mobilization will be conducted by community mobilizers at the start of the project. AREP conduct meetings with local actors such as local leaders, community members, de facto authorities, community members including male, female, elderly, people with disability and other groups.

For ensuring, AREP will work with appropriate local actors to sensitize them to the project's goals, vulnerable criteria and process share, secure the necessary approvals, secure acceptance of the community and establish a longlist of households who may be eligible for assistance. Raising awareness among communities before starting project implementation will enhance project accountability and ensure acceptance of the response.

During the community Mobilization/sanitization, the communities will be sensitized on the protocols related to Covid-19, mitigate the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and share the approved messages and information materials to target communities. The sensitization of communities will be conducted under observance of Covid-19, including the use of facemasks, limited sizes of groups and enforced social distancing.

Activity 1.1.2**Standard Activity : Customized Activity**

Beneficiaries selection

In line with AREP's beneficiary selection SOPs, the selection of project team will conduct community level beneficiary survey for the identification and selection of 1,035 vulnerable households for cash for food assistance. AREP will use FSAC's vulnerability criteria for beneficiary identification process. The survey team will use standardized FSAC data collection tools to ensure the response addresses cross-cutting needs representative selection committees will be formed, and a process of triangulation conducted to ensure that the right people are identified for support. During the house-to-house assessment, a method of snowballing will be utilized to ensure that marginalized households are not excluded from the assistance and that those most in need are found and supported. These households will then be assessed against the FSAC vulnerability criteria. Compound vulnerability scores will determine the households most eligible for assistance, with women, child, and elderly headed households and high dependency ratios being prioritized. During the assessment, communities will be sensitized on the purpose of the project, the modality of the project delivery, including protocols related to Covid-19, and AREP's own Complaint Response Mechanism (CRM) through which they are able to provide direct feedback to AREP and strengthen the accountability of the intervention. The beneficiary list will be verified by AREP's M&E Team. During this activity 10135 households will be selected and sensitized on nutrition, FSAC food basket, rights and PSEA.

. All the beneficiary data will be securely stored and not shared unless the project participant gives her or his permission after being told how the shared data can be used. In addition, AREP project team will strictly consider data protection and strengthen it according to AREP's data protection policy and procedures.

Activity 1.1.3

Standard Activity : Not Selected

Market monitoring

The Price monitoring tool, mainly the food commodities will be designed to monitor the prices of food commodities and the availability of food stocks in the markets. Given that the situation changes rapidly in Afghanistan, to ensure that the cash modality is the most appropriate modality, AREP will conduct market monitoring before each round of distribution. This ensures that cash modality is still valid and markets are functional in the targeted district.

Activity 1.1.4

Standard Activity : Customized Activity

Cash distribution

AREP will provide cash for food assistance for six months (\$72 per month) for 1,035 households (7,245 individuals) to cover 75 percent of the food basket that is FSAC recommended basket for this allocation. AREP will provide to every household \$432 in total in 6 months. Each household will receive \$72 in each installment. The cash will be distributed on monthly basis for 6 months. AREP has a strong presence and has delivered emergency response projects in the targeted areas. AREP will ensure that the most vulnerable people in need are among the affected population groups prioritized for this action following FSAC cluster standards for drought and conflict-affected people to respond to their food needs. AREP will closely coordinate with the regional FSAC cluster, UNOCHA/AHF, and other partners for the identification of target communities and groups to avoid duplication. Those beneficiaries who have been found in need will provide with identification token/paper vouchers, which will help both the beneficiary and the implementing agency, on the back of the token there will be instructions about the feedback or complaints (feedback and complain contact and email) and during the distribution of assistance the distribution team will be able to easily identify the selected beneficiary, the Token will have the 3D hologram which avoid the duplication printing of the tokens, during the token distribution the team will also inform the beneficiary of the amount and the AWAAZ Afghanistan outreach materials will also be distributed.

AREP will also distribute nutrition awareness/sensitization messages prepared by FSAC during the cash distributions. These messages will ensure people will purchase the right food commodities from markets for their consumption.

Distribution will be conducted under observance of Covid-19 distribution protocols established by AREP and recognized by the humanitarian community, including the distribution and use of facemasks, hand washing facilities provided, limited sizes of groups and enforced social distancing. AREP has also developed a package MOPH approved Covid-19 precaution and prevention communication materials, that are aligned to RCCE standards. These will be rolled out during this project and the dedicated Community Worker will lead small and socially distanced dialogues with communities and beneficiaries. To minimize protection risks, supported households will be informed of the location, day and time of the distribution a day before. Where protection risks are greater, such as in the case of child headed households or mobility is lower such as in the case of elderly-headed households or beneficiaries with disabilities.

Attendees will be explained the AREP CRM and sensitized on Covid-19 as well as basic nutrition so households can make informed decisions on how best to use the cash for food. AREP will distribute the cash in 6 installments on monthly basis but depending on the context and the method of transfer used, this may be adapted and will be reported to AHF through GMS. Before adapting the methodology, AREP will contact FSAC and OCHA asking for their approval for the change in the modality. Should there be a rapid, unexpected escalation in the context, such as insecurity or market fluctuations, alternative solutions will be explored and discussed with AHF. As part of AREP's contingency planning, AREP can also revert to in-kind assistance if the situation market situation changes significantly.

Activity 1.1.5

Standard Activity : Customized Activity

Post Distribution Monitoring

Post distribution monitoring will be conducted in areas where the response is delivered and findings will be reported to FSAC at the regional, country level, OCHA and other partners. AREP will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the project implementation and delivery. In the process, the FSAC regional cluster colleagues will be strongly involved and have their comments and insights. A PDM survey will be carried out one month after the final cash distribution and will cover a minimum of 10% of the total beneficiaries. PDMs will be comprised of household survey questionnaires conducted with a representative sample of the project participant households involving male and female representatives and will focus on the impact the assistance and satisfaction level of the project participants has made and how it could be improved. AREP is planning to conduct one PDM survey at the end of the project one month after the final round of cash distribution. During conduction of post distribution monitoring the RCCE related questions as part of feedback will include in the PDM and the answers of the project participants to these questions

Activity 1.1.6

Standard Activity : Customized Activity

Reporting

Project achievements will be reported to FSAC through the Reporthub on regular basis. Project progress will also be reported to OCHA based on contractual requirements.

Activity 1.1.7

Standard Activity : Customized Activity

Coordination with partners and other stakeholders

AREP will implement project activities in close coordination with the FSAC partners active in the targeted locations. AREP will also attend OCTs, HRTs and regional FSAC meetings

Additional Targets :

M & R

Monitoring & Reporting plan

AREP has a strong M&E team where they work closely with program to ensure that key indicators are tracked during program implementation. The project will also hire an M&E officer that will be based in the provincial office to monitor and supervise the project activities and progress. Throughout many projects, the AREP program and M&E teams has developed a series of monitoring tools that are adapted to Afghanistan's dynamic context and our diverse portfolio of projects. As necessary, these tools will be adjusted for this project. The information and data processed by the M&E team are subject to data quality audits to ensure that methodology is rigorous. The monitoring system for this project is aligned with the logical framework and intended to assess the intervention's effectiveness and measure progress against targets.

AREP Project Manager will provide guidance and supervision to the local project team in addition to monitoring requirements and quality program delivery at the field level. He will provide technical support and visit the project areas regularly during the implementation phase. Several meeting points and communication systems will be put in place to ensure smooth and efficient cooperation. AREP will monitor the progress of the project through its Monitoring Framework and Indicator Tracking plan currently used for other projects and will subsequently share the monthly assessments and reports with the FSAC and AHF. AREP also has well-established Community Accountability and Reporting Mechanism (CARM) in place to receive community complaints and timely feedback and response, this is a centralized system managed by the MEAL department at the Kabul main office.

Reporting Plan: Qualitative and quantitative reports will be generated by the project manager, reviewed by the program coordinator, and shared with the FSAC and AHF/OCHA regional office. The reporting structure will consist of monthly and quarterly reports based on the AHF requirements, which rightly satisfy indicator-wise achievements illustrated in a logical framework. Monitoring reports will also be generated following particular monitoring tools.

The project manager, with the support of the program team, will report relevant activity data into the FSAC 3W updates, 'ReportHub' page, and cluster quarterly reports for outputs and outcomes. The Finance Manager and program coordinator will be responsible for compiling narrative and financial reports for the OCHA Humanitarian Financing Unit.

The Post Distribution Monitoring will be conducted one month after the final round of cash distribution takes place. The M&E team will be responsible to lead the survey. A detailed narrative report will be prepared out of the PDM data. 10% of the total beneficiary will be interviewed as part of the PDM sample size.

Workplan

Activitydescription	Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Activity 1.1.1: Community Mobilization	2022												X
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Activity 1.1.2: Beneficiaries selection	2022												X
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Activity 1.1.3: Market monitoring	2022												
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	2023		X	X	X	X	X	X	X								

Activity 1.1.7: Coordination with partners and other stakeholders	2022																		
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OTHER INFO

Accountability to Affected Populations

Accountability will be an integral part of the MEAL system, with strong links between project participants and project staff and seeking feedback and consultation from project participants throughout the project life cycle. Male and female staff will be recruited and trained to receive comments, especially SEA complaints and how record the SEA complaints specifically. The female staff will be accompanied by a Mahram as per de facto government rules. Community members will be involved in the project implementation and all cycles of this project by AREP. Female staff will contact female project participants to avoid cultural barriers to access female project participants. AREP will recruit female community mobilizers/enumerators to have access to female project participants.

AREP is committed to PSEA and will establish a mechanism to handle PSEA-related complaints and that will be handle by the MEAL team. the MEAL team will handle SEA-related matters confidentially and follow the HCT security and confidentiality guidelines. AREP will coordinate with HAG and cluster to have a consultation with de facto government at the local level to allow female engagement in the project. AREP will involve targeted project male and female participants based on gender-sensitive to promote access to PWD and in the needs assessment process and engage them in project identification, selection, and distribution. The MEAL team will visit intervention areas regularly, meet with community leaders and conduct group discussions to ensure people can voice their concerns. The selected criteria will be clearly explained to local communities. Cash distribution for food assistance will be communicated in a timely manner based on the pre-planned developed by technical team. Feedback from project participants and communities will be securely filed and recorded. Regular meetings with local leaders and communities will be organized, with special attention paid to ensuring that women and girls can express their opinions through specific discussion groups or focal points.

A broad project participant feedback and complaints mechanism will be maintained so communities can submit comments in person (in a COVID-safe way for the 15 days). Information from the hotline is shared with communities during selection and cash distributions, including explanations on giving feedback by phone and complaint boxes. AREP will work with the AAP Working Group and AWAAZ Afghanistan to connect our feedback to the national multi-agency mechanism and referral pathways and will share the AWAAZ Afghanistan hotline number (410) with all project participants. AREP will collect feedback and complaints during PDM data collection, and issues raised will be included in PDM's report. AREP has a whistleblowing policy to ensure that project participants, staff, and other stakeholders can voice their concerns and complaints about the staff/activities.

Implementation Plan

Coordination with other Organizations in project area

Name of the organization	Areas/activities of collaboration and rationale
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Environment Marker Of The Project

Gender Marker Of The Project

3- Likely to contribute to gender equality, but without attention to age groups

Justify Chosen Gender Marker Code

Protection Mainstreaming

AREP will ensure that the fundamental principles of non-discrimination, meaningful access, safety, and dignity are recognized and realized in all aspects of the program design and implementation. As such, every AREP staff member is responsible for protecting and promoting the rights of beneficiaries and ensuring meaningful access to services and programs. The project activities will be non-discriminatory, the environment in which assistance is provided is safe for all, and Sphere Standards and humanitarian principles are respected when implementing the cash for food assistance. AREP team is regularly trained and updated on best practices on protection issues, including child protection, early marriage, child abuse, and child labor (discussing the negative effects of violence on families and their consequences on children).

AREP will ensure that vulnerable HHs with elderly members, female-headed and disabled people are among the priority recipients; they are strongly involved in the design and selection process in which their specific needs are accommodated. AREP's assessment forms include information regarding those types of vulnerability to prioritize them during the assistance process. During the selection process, AREP will recruit female community mobilizers and will be present to select and verify beneficiaries and deeply understand their needs which will be incorporated into the response design. The eligibility criteria will be shared with beneficiaries. The Do No Harm Framework is applied in all project activities, which includes: 1) ensuring safety and security, 2) security and dignity, during the cash for food, the security, and dignity of female beneficiaries are considered 3) meaningful access, including for women, children, persons with disabilities or other persons with special needs, the priority will be given to them during distribution. Special attention will be given to identifying women and others in marginalized groups. AREP will identify priority needs and gaps and propose protection-sensitive solutions to address protection risks and prevent/mitigate potential discriminatory practices. AREP will also provide information on the project mandate and implementation plan to each committee and the communities where the project operates in local languages. AREP will ensure that a complaint mechanism that will be staffed with both men and women is developed that will ensure information related to PSEA.

In cash for food responses to beneficiaries, AREP will ensure safe and meaningful access and establish accountability processes by covering information sharing, beneficiary participation, feedback processes, and staff behavior. AREP project team, will identify the safe location where men, women, and disabled people have easy access. AREP will follow COVID-19 guidelines as per RCCE, and WHO to deliver the response.

Country Specific Information

Safety and Security

Access

AREP has had presence in Logar province and implemented many projects in the past many years. Having good relations with community, AREP has a high degree of community acceptance because of its existence in the community. Community acceptance of project activities means that AREP can operate without major interference because of agreements made with local stakeholders and community leaders. To maintain the implementation of its projects, we will closely monitor the situation and will adapt to the changing context, limiting the presence of its field staff in the areas of intervention. AREP's complaint feedback mechanism is in place all project participants will link and have access to it, to avoid any violence against project mandate and closely monitor it with project participants. In this scenario of limited, punctual access to the field, AREP will work closely with community leaders in settlements, community shura members, and community volunteers for community mobilization and monitoring of project activities and preserving access. AREP has good relationship with regional and district-level government authorities, humanitarian partners, and influential community leaders and regularly contact with them if any problem arise.

BUDGET

Code	Budget Line Description	D / S	Quantity	Unit cost	Duration Recurran ce	% charged to CHF	Total Cost
1. Staff and Other Personnel Costs							
1.1	Project Manager	D	1	1,300.00	8	100.00	10,400.00
	<i>01 Project Manager will be recruited and deployed for 08 months' period. Project Manager salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade C, Step – 6. S/he will be based in the targeted province (Logar) office. The Project Manager is a fulltime position of the project, S/he will be responsible for overseeing the development and execution of project deliverables, leading project planning, budgeting, action plans, and monitoring processes. S/he will be responsible to supervise the Project Officers and field operations in targeted area. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances.</i>						
1.2	Community mobilizers	D	4	300.00	8	100.00	9,600.00
	<i>04 Community Mobilizers will be recruited and deployed for 08 months' period. Community Mobilizers salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale-grade E, Step - 2. Each couple of Community Mobilizers will work together - supporting the household selection through profile survey questionnaire and will be based in the field office. The position will be responsible for conducting surveys, making assessments, assisting in distributions, completing documentation, and following up on phone calls to beneficiaries. He/she will mobilize the community for the project activities. He/she will act as a bridge between the organization and the community. Moreover, he/she will be required to select the right beneficiaries in accordance with the standard vulnerability criteria. Community mobilizers duty station is Logar field office. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances.</i>						
1.3	Admin/Finance Assistant	D	1	400.00	8	100.00	3,200.00
	<i>01 Admin/Finance Assistants will be recruited and deployed for 08 months' period. His/her salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade E, Step - 4. Community mobilizers duty station is Logar province field office. This person will be responsible for the financial and administrative work in Logar office. Finance Assistant will be based in project office. S/he will manage financial functions in the field level in close coordination with AREP Country Office. S/he will follow the standard financial procedures as well as provide support to the project team. S/he will also be responsible for the financial reporting to the main office on a monthly basis. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances.</i>						

1.4	Monitoring Officer	D	1	600.00	8	100.00	4,800.00
	01 Monitoring & Evaluation officer will be recruited and deployed for 08 months' period. The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer will be paid as per NTA salary scale grade D, Step - 4. Monitoring officer duty station is Logar province field office. S/he will be responsible for establishing the Kobo survey tools, monitoring the project activities on a daily basis, vulnerability scoring exercise to identify beneficiaries, beneficiary verification, spot-checks on distribution, design and establishment of PDM survey, data entry and analysis and preparing final Post Distribution Monitoring report. S/he will also manage community feedback and response mechanism, measure the project progress against the project indicators, monitor the distribution process. He will be based in Logar field office 100% dedicated to this project. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances.						
1.5	Project Field Officer	D	1	600.00	8	100.00	4,800.00
	01 Project Field Officer will be recruited and deployed for 08 months' period, and he will be 100% dedicated to this project. Project Field Officer salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade D, Step - 4. The Project Field Officers will manage the overall implementation of the project at the field level and coordinating field activities. S/he will lead the community consultation, beneficiary selection and distribution process, will be responsible for manage entire project cycle includes planning, implementation, staff supervision, quality control, reporting and administrative issues at the provincial level, maintaining coordination with provincial level stakeholders and provide supervisory support to the team in the province. His duty station is Logar province field office. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances.						
1.6	Support staff	S	4	150.00	8	50.00	2,400.00
	2 Guards, 1 cleaner and one cook (based in Field office based in the project office in Logar) for 8 months' period. Support staff duty station is Logar province field office. The salary of Guards, Cleaners and Cook would be as per NTA salary scale grade H, Step - 4. Considering the security concerns, 02 Guards will be assigned for managing each project office. 01 cleaner and 01 Cook will be responsible for cleaning the office as well as provide helping-hand support to the team members. Monthly salary for support staff is \$ 150 and will charge 50%. The salary amount doesn't cover other benefits. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances.						
1.7	Executive Director	S	1	3,556.00	8	7.00	1,991.36
	The Executive Director based in Kabul office and will be charged for 08 months of the project period. The salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade A, Step - 9. 7% is the estimated share to be charged into the project based on time involvement. He will be providing overall strategic support to the organization including supervisory to the project team, overall responsibility for creating business plans, overseeing day-to-day activities, improving performance, developing organizational culture, supervising heads of departments, reporting on revenue, and directing organizational strategy. He will liaise with the ministry of economy and other sectoral government departments to get the project registered and make sure the project has enough level of acceptance from the DeFacto authorities. He will provide the overall leadership to the project staff. He will be supporting to strengthen linkages with stakeholders importantly government. This Position will be under Kabul's main office and. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances.						
1.8	Food Security and Livelihood Coordinator	S	1	1,600.00	8	10.00	1,280.00
	The Food Security and Livelihood Coordinator will be based in our Kabul office and will be charged for 08 months of the project period. The salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade B, Step - 2. 10% is the estimated share to be charged into the project based on time involvement. Food Security and Livelihood Coordinator will be managing and supporting and supervising Project Manager in reporting, Food Security, support to project manager in food security, donor relations and will provide overall required support to the project Manager and operations in the field, coordinate with cluster, AHF, managing, and monitoring AREP's humanitarian aid program in Afghanistan. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances.						
1.9	M&E Manager	S	1	1,800.00	8	20.00	2,880.00
	The M&E Manager will be based in our Kabul office and will be charged for 08 months of the project period. The M&E Manager will be based in our Kabul office. The salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade B, Step - 3. 20% is the estimated share to be charged into the project based on time involvement and will be charged for 08 months of the project period. He will design the PDM and oversee the M&E and CFRM team and hold overall responsibility for the quality, accuracy and integrity of the project. He will conduct regular field visits to the project sites to make sure the project activities are implemented properly. He will supervise and train project M&E officer and liaise with the clusters in finalizing beneficiary selection criteria and PDM tools. He will analyze the PDM data and prepare its report. The salary amount doesn't cover other benefits.						
1.10	Finance Manager	S	1	1,800.00	8	20.00	2,880.00
	Finance Manager based in our Kabul Office and will be charged for 08 months of the project period. Monthly rate the salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade B, Step - 3. 20% is the estimated share to be charged into the project based on time involvement. He will ensure proper overall financial management of the project, supporting to admin/finance assistants based in project field office, budgeting, financial reporting and proper project cash flow. Beside other support to finance related project activities, he will closely work with the selected FSP to make sure the money is being transferred to the field smoothly. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances. The salary amount doesn't cover other benefits.						
1.11	IT Officer	S	1	500.00	6	30.00	900.00
	The IT Officer based in our Kabul office and will be charged for 06 months of the project period. Monthly rate the salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade D, Step - 2. 30% is the estimated share to be charged into the project based on time involvement. She will provide the team with technology related support including but aren't limited to internet connectivity, Kobo assistance and computer technical support. The salary package includes salary, tax, and allowances. The salary amount doesn't cover other benefits.						
1.12	Procurement Assistant	S	1	320.00	6	30.00	576.00

	This Position will be in Kabul's main office and will be charged for 06 months of the project period. The salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade E, Step - 3 and will be based in our country office. 30% is the estimated share to be charged into the project based on time involvement. She is responsible for assessing Hawala Dealers and negotiating contracts. The salary package includes salary, tax, allowances, supporting to procure all goods and services of the project in a standard way, as per organizational procurement policy S/he will preserve all documentation related to procurements of the project. The salary amount doesn't cover other benefits.						
1.13	HR Officer	S	1	500.00	8	30.00	1,200.00
	HR Officer based in our Kabul office and will be charged for 06 months of the project period. Salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade D, Step - 2. 30% is the estimated share to be charged into the project based on time involvement. She will be supporting project staff recruitment, payroll management of all the project staff, staff management and maintains compliance issues. She will oversee the project staff payroll, attendance sheets and other project documentation. The HR officer will maintain all HR documentation of the project. The salary amount doesn't cover other benefits.						
	Section Total						46,907.36
2. Supplies, Commodities, Materials							
2.1	Cash for Food	D	1035	72.00	6	100.00	447,120.00
	Provision of cash for food assistance for 1,035 HHs (7,245 individuals) @ \$72 per month per household for six months						
2.2	Hawala Dealer/FSP Fee	D	1	447,120.00	1	5.00	22,356.00
	5% of the total cash to be transferred to beneficiaries is calculated as Hawala fee based on market rate.						
2.3	COVID-19 anti-spreading and prevention materials	D	759	1.00	3	100.00	2,277.00
	This includes cost for masks and hand sensitizer to cover community members and staff who are participating in activities						
2.4	Covid-19 and CFRM awareness raising materials	D	1035	1.00	3	100.00	3,105.00
	This budget line covers the cost for Covid-19, CFRM and nutrition sensitization materials. These materials will be distributed to beneficiaries during cash distributions.						
	Section Total						474,858.00
3. Equipment							
3.1	Office Furniture	S	1	1,800.00	1	50.00	900.00
	This budget line covers project office necessary equipment chairs, table, carpet, fan, heater, stove and etc.						
	Section Total						900.00
4. Contractual Services							
4.1	Vehicle Rent (Logar Office)	S	2	650.00	8	100.00	10,400.00
	2 Rental cars, to provide transportation for project staff during all stages of activity implementation - community mobilization, beneficiary selection, distributions, trainings, project close. With the need to ensure safety of our female colleagues, we will need to rent 2 vehicles for the project. Despite the workload, based on the de facto government rule, female staff will travel to field separate from male staff and this is one of the reasons two vehicles are needed. each vehicle rent will be \$650 and both vehicles will be rented for 8 months. 2 vehicles * 650 * 8 months = \$10,400. The unit cost includes driver and fuel cost and the rent for the vehicles as well. \$200 is estimated for the driver salary, \$150 for the fuel and \$300 for the rent.						
	Section Total						10,400.00
5. Travel							
5.1	Monitoring Cost	D	5	600.00	1	100.00	3,000.00
	Country office management staff travel to the province for the monitoring and supervision including (round trip cost @\$100; ground transportation @\$100; accommodation per day @\$40*3 day, per dium per person @\$35 *4 days* 2 persons, total per trip \$ 600						
	Section Total						3,000.00
6. Transfers and Grants to Counterparts							
NA	NA	NA	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
	NA						
	Section Total						0.00

7. General Operating and Other Direct Costs							
7.1	Field Office rent	S	1	400.00	8	50.00	1,600.00
	Field office rent for 08 months. A separate field office will be rented for the project in Logar province.						
7.2	Country office rent	S	1	1,000.00	8	15.00	1,200.00
	Kabul office Rent for 08 months (shared cost). The unit cost is based on the actual rent that AREP pays for its Kabul office.						
7.3	Top up cards for project staff	S	8	10.00	8	100.00	640.00
	Top up for the communication of the project staff members. 8 key project staff will receive monthly 10\$ top up card.						
7.4	Internet Cost of field office	S	1	400.00	8	50.00	1,600.00
	Internet for the field office and staff members. Unit cost is calculated based on the amount internet service providers charge in the market.						
7.5	Office supply and stationaries	S	1	600.00	8	50.00	2,400.00
	Stationery and office supplies for project field office and staff. this ensures that project staff have access to enough supply and stationeries such paper, pen, staples, notebook and etc for smooth implementation of the project activities.						
7.6	Office utilities and electricity for field office	S	1	600.00	8	50.00	2,400.00
	Field office monthly electricity bill, Gas and etc. this includes cost for cooling and warming up the offices during summer and winter times. the cost is minimum and its calculated for 8 months.						
7.7	Kabul office running cost	S	1	2,000.00	8	20.00	3,200.00
	Kabul Main office monthly Office utilities and electricity, Office supply and stationaries						
	Section Total						13,040.00
SubTotal			2,871.00				549,105.36
Direct							510,658.00
Support							38,447.36
PSC Cost							
PSC Cost Percent							7.00
PSC Amount							38,437.38
Total Cost							587,542.74

Project Locations

Location	Estimated percentage of budget for each location	Estimated number of beneficiaries for each location					Activity Name
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total	
Logar > Azra	100.00000	0	0	0	0		FSAC: Activity 1.1.1: Community Mobilization Community mobiliz... FSAC: Activity 1.1.2: Beneficiaries selection In line with ARE... FSAC: Activity 1.1.3: Market monitoring The Price monitoring t... FSAC: Activity 1.1.4: Cash distribution AREP will provide cash... FSAC: Activity 1.1.5: Post Distribution Monitoring Post distr... FSAC: Activity 1.1.6: Reporting Project achievements will be r... FSAC: Activity 1.1.7: Coordination with partners and other stakeholders...

Documents

Category Name	Document Description
Project Supporting Documents	CVWG Endorsement.pdf
Project Supporting Documents	Protection Cluster Endorsement.pdf
Project Supporting Documents	AAP Sub-Working Group Endorsement.pdf
Project Supporting Documents	PSEA Enodrsment.pdf
Project Supporting Documents	RCCE Endorsement.pdf
Project Supporting Documents	HAG Endorsement.pdf
Project Supporting Documents	FSAC Endorsement.pdf
Project Supporting Documents	AREP shared cost table..xlsx
Budget Documents	NTA Salary Scale..pdf
Budget Documents	MSP Contract (Voucher # 40).pdf
Budget Documents	2nd AREP shared cost table..xlsx
Budget Documents	List of Position to Receive Top Up Cards.xlsx
Budget Documents	2nd AREP shared cost table..xlsx
Budget Documents	List of Position to Receive Top Up Cards.xlsx
Budget Documents	Costs break down.xlsx
Budget Documents	Monitoring Cost break down.xlsx
Budget Documents	Revised Costs break down.xlsx
Budget Documents	Office supply and stationaries BOQ.xlsx
Budget Documents	Inventory List Under OCHA -AHF.xlsx
Grant Agreement	GrantAgreement_FSAC_AREP_23792_Signed.pdf