Direct beneficiaries :

Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total

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communities and beneficiaries. To minimize risks, supported households will be informed location, day

1,400 1,540 1,890 2,170 7,000

Other Beneficiaries:

Beneficiary name	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
Host Communities	1,400	1,540	1,890	2,170	7,000

Indirect Beneficiaries:

Indirect beneficiaries of this project are, market traders, shopkeepers, labors, transporters and local communities through secondary dissemination of Covid-19 awareness raising.

Catchment Population:

Link with allocation strategy:

This proposed intervention is in line with the HRP 2022 SO1: Timely, multispectral, life-saving, 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 (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. In line with the allocation strategy, it prioritizes life-saving activities by providing in kind food assistance to most vulnerable IPC phase 3 and 4 households in Khost. Those targeted will be based on the FSAC Seasonal Support Vulnerability Criteria and give a particular focus to women-headed households, PwDs and households with decreased incomes or severe disruption to livelihoods. Under the proposed project, AREA will provide food assistances in kind to vulnerable people facing acute food insecurity due to cumulative impacts of various drivers of food insecurity such as the long-term impact of drought, earthquake, flood, political crisis, economic shock, income reduction, unemployment, huge increase in food prices and etc.

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

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BACKGROUND

1. Humanitarian context analysis

2. Needs assessment

As per the recent IPC analysis report published in May 2022 and projection to June-November 2022, high acute food insecurity persists across Afghanistan, as a combination of a collapsing economy and drought is depriving nearly 20 million Afghans of food, classified in Crisis or Emergency (IPC Phases 3 or 4), between March and May 2022 (the lean season) and projection to June-November 2022. Among these are about 6.6 million people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and 13 million in Crisis (IPC Phase 3). Afghanistan's food security situation remains highly concerning, exacerbated by economic decline and high food prices. Nearly 20 million people, representing half the country's population, are experiencing high and critical levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phases 3 and above) between March and May 2022 and projection to June-November 2022. Among these, about 6.6 million people are classified in Emergency (IPC Phase 4), characterized by large food gaps and/or employing emergency coping strategies to access food. For the first time since the introduction of IPC in Afghanistan, IPC Phase 5 were detected for 20,000 people.

Khost situation is similar to many other IPC Phase 3 and 4 provinces. Urban areas have been particularly hit by the recent waves of crises in Afghanistan, starting with the global COVID-19 pandemic and more recently the August 2021 transition of the government. Economic downturn and soaring unemployment levels compounded by unrelenting inflation levels have pushed millions of urban households into poverty. Khost rural areas has been classified in IPC phase 3 for the period between March to May 2022. Between this period, 10% of people are in emergency (IPC phase 4) and another 30% are facing crisis (IPC phase 3) food insecurity situation.

According to the Pre-Lean Season Assessment (PLSA), 10% of households reported having cereal stocks from their products that would last till the next harvest. 81% of farmers did not have access to certified wheat seeds to cultivate. 53% of people generate income from agriculture, Overall, an estimated 10-20% price increase has been observed compared with the same period of the last five years. PLSA indicated a reduction in income for 75% of people and an increase in debt. Around 73% of households reported having debt, and 74% cited food as the main reason for borrowing.

Moreover, as per the latest IPC analysis, and the recent employment prospects assessment in Afghanistan by the International Labor

Organization (ILO) shows that the ensuing crisis has paralyzed the economy and continues to have dire impacts on the labor market. More than half a million workers in the formal sectors are estimated to have lost their job in the third quarter of 2021, relative to a hypothetical scenario with no change in administration, which represents 8 percent fewer working women and men. The impact on female employment is severe. In the absence of any substantial policy shift, female employment losses are expected to increase to 21 per cent by mid-2022. As a result of this economic collapse, UNDP estimates that more than 90% of the Afghanistan population will fall below the poverty line by the middle of 2022 in a worst-case scenario. The impact of such negative condition will be on Khost rural areas as the main urban hub of the country.

WoA Findings indicate Overall, 53% of the households had a "poor" Food Consumption Score (FCS) and about 42% of the households were coping at an "emergency" level. Whilst this was similar for both displaced and non-displaced populations, reliance on emergency coping strategies was higher among rural households 50% compared to urban households 26%. Moreover, 62% of the households reported high consumption-based coping, reflected further in a high average rCSI score (14). Earthquake also badly affected home economy and livelihood in the two districts of Shamal and Spera Districts of the Khost province.

3. Description Of Beneficiaries

4. Grant Request Justification

Khost urban and rural areas have been classified in IPC phase 3 for the period between March to May 2022 and projection to June-November 2022. Between this period, 10% of people are in emergency (IPC phase 4) and another 30% are facing crisis (IPC phase 3) food insecurity situation. FSAC's last year's seasonal food security assessment (SFSA) shows that in rural Khost, 42% of households have poor food consumption score, 32% borderline and only 26% have acceptable food consumption. 35% of households consume only 0-4 groups of food. Khost has been hardly hit by the political crisis, drought, earthquake, flooding and economic drawdown. As per AREA's assessment report many foods insecure vulnerable households do not have enough income to fulfil their food consumption gap.

Additionally, WFP monthly market monitoring data (21 August 2022) showed that, compared to last year, price of wheat increased by 44%, wheat

flour by 54%, rice by 33%, cooking oil by 18%, pulses by 18% and sugar by 39%. The increase in prices was mainly due to the Afghani currency having lost 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 food insecure vulnerable households has been severely limited in Khost.

It is against this backdrop that AREA is requesting grant funding to meet the food needs of households affected by economic shock such as unemployment, income reduction and the political crisis, natural crisis (earthquake, drought & flood). It is proposed that this funding under AHF will allow AREA to scale up its support to meet the needs of the vulnerable population.

To respond to critical food needs of food insecure people in Khost, AREA aims to support IPC phase3 and 4 vulnerable people in Khost under the current project. Considering the high level of needs, the target location is proposed by the FSAC and its in line with the AHF allocation strategy. The project targets 7,000 individuals (1000 households) including children, women, PWDs, elderly, women headed families. Under the current project, the targeted beneficiaries will be supported with unconditional unrestricted cash for food assistance for 6 months. As per the FSAC guideline, each beneficiary household will receive \$72 (75% of the food basket US\$ 96) for 6 months (\$72*6months=\$432). The proposed cash assistance will enable vulnerable households to improve their access to food and fulfil their food consumption gap. The distribution will happen on monthly basis and each month every household will receive in kind food assistance (Wheat Flour, Domestic Rice, Vegetable Oil, Pulses & Salt) with total price of US\$72 for 6 months.

AREA is an active member of the FSAC for the past many years. AREA has been physically present in 6 provinces, including Kabul, of Afghanistan including all regions for the last 28 years, while managing multi-sectorial projects mainly through local staff who are well versed with local culture, political, security dynamics of the area. AREA is presently implementing three major humanitarian projects in the targeted provinces and have access to most of the areas. AREA has technical capacity and experience to implement emergency project including in kind food assistance programming. AREA experience in the field of Faith Driven Approaches (FDA) along with Rights Based Approaches (RBA) will be an added value to the implementation of any such project.

5. Complementarity

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Overall project objective

Providing life-saving emergency food assistance to IPC phase 3 and 4 food insecure vulnerable households in Khost, Afghanistan

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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, life-saving, 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. In line with the allocation strategy, it prioritizes life-saving activities by providing food assistance to most vulnerable IPC phase 3 and 4 households in Shamal and Spera Districts of Khost Province. Those targeted will be based on the FSAC Seasonal Support Vulnerability Criteria and give a particular focus to women-headed households, PwDs and households with decreased incomes or severe disruption to livelihoods. Under the proposed project, AREA will provide food support in kind to vulnerable people facing acute food insecurity due to cumulative impacts of various drivers of food insecurity such as the long-term impact of drought, political crisis, economic shock, income reduction, unemployment, huge increase in food prices and etc.

Outcome 1

Access to food for 1,000 IPC phase 3 and 4 food-insecure households has improved

Output 1.1

Description

1,000 food-insecure households under IPC phase 3 and phase 4 received unconditional unrestricted in kind assistances for food assistance in Khost province

Assumptions & Risks

Assumptions:

- Security situation remains stable enough to deliver the project;
- The conditions will remain conducive for food assistance programming and markets remain functional
- Necessary implementation approvals are successfully received from IEA authorities
- Banks will be open and will have enough liquidity to meet the cash and operational needs of the project
- FSPs will be functional and willing to work with NGOs
- Household assessments will be allowed to take place or at the very least verification exercises
- Female staff members are able to continue working for humanitarian programming
- Funds can be distributed to women headed households and women are allowed to visit distribution sites
- -Potential fraud issues risks are avoided and taken care properly.

- Risk One: Market price volatility and inflation. Likelihood Mitigation: The likelihood of this risk becoming an issue is out of AREA's control and will be accepted. Impact Mitigation: Inclusion of inflationary contingency budget line. Reversion to in-kind assistance, in consultation with FSAC and OCHA, if the inflation rate / price volatility is too high.
- Risk Two: Insecurity at the distribution site presenting protection risks to beneficiaries and project team. Likelihood Mitigation: Ensure the selected distribution site is suitable to protect against the nature of the threat at the time. Ensure the site accounts for cultural sensitivities such as separate queueing lines for females and vulnerable persons. Distribution site details are not shared to early and relevant authorities are informed. Conduct security assessment on the site and ensure it is cleared on the day of the distribution. Impact Mitigation: Ensure project team is fully briefed on security contingency plans. Ensure project team have a first aid trained person. Ensure Team Leader has contact details of AREA Country Management Team (CMT).

Indicators							
			End	ies	End cycle		
Code	Cluster	Indicator	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Target
Indicator 1.1.1	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	# Shock affected and vulnerable people(Conflict IDP, returnee, refugee, natural disaster affected and targeted IPC 3 and 4) women, men and children of all ages who receive adequate food/cash responses, in a timely manner	1,400	1,540	1,89 0	2,17	7,000
	ication: Beneficiary list, Distr Reports; Post-Distribution Mo	ibution Journal, In Kind Assistance Delivery Docume nitoring (PDM)	nts, Con	firmation of	De-fac	to line	Authority
Indicator 1.1.2	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	% of households with acceptable food Consumption (Target 45 to 60%).					50
Means of Verif	ication : Post-Distribution Mo	nitoring (PDM)					
Indicator 1.1.3	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	Percentage of beneficiaries reporting that humanitarian assistance is delivered in a safe, accessible, accountable, and participatory manner.					100
	ication: Beneficiary list, Distrs and Monitoring Reports.	ibution Journal, In Kind Assistances Delivery Docum	ents, Co	nfirmation o	of De-fa	cto Aut	hority
Indicator 1.1.4	FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE	# of affected people receiving in-kind food assistance	1,400	1,540	1,89 0	2,17 0	7,000
	ication: Beneficiary list, Distr Reports; Post-Distribution Mo	ibution Journal, In Kind Assistance Delivery Docume nitoring (PDM)	nts, Con	firmation of	De-fac	to line i	Authority

Indicator 1.1.5 FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE % of call received through the complaints and feedback mechanism responded and resolved with in a week 100

Means of Verification: Monitoring Report

Activities

Activity 1.1.1

Standard Activity: Customized Activity

Community Mobilization/sensitization

AREA will work with appropriate local actors such as local leaders, local communities and relevant local authorities to sensitize them to the project's goals, secure the necessary approvals, secure acceptance of the community and establish a longlist of households who may be eligible for assistance. The mobilization will involve affected communities, Shuras, elderly, considering gender, age and diversity representation. Raising awareness among communities before starting project implementation will enhance project accountability and ensure acceptance of the response.

Activity 1.1.2

Standard Activity: Customized Activity

Beneficiaries selection

In line with AREA beneficiary selection SOPs, 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 AREA own Complaint Response Mechanism (CRM) through which they are able to provide direct feedback to AREA and strengthen the accountability of the intervention. The beneficiary list will be verified by AREA's M&E Team. During this activity 1000 households will be selected and sensitized on nutrition, FSAC food basket, rights and PSEA.

Activity 1.1.3

Standard Activity: Customized Activity

In kind Food Assistance

This is ensured that the in kind food package modality is appropriate and does no harm and the best quality of the package will be provided to the beneficiaries based on the calorie requirement.

Activity 1.1.4

Standard Activity: Customized Activity

Food Assistances distributions with nutrition sensitization:

To respond to critical food needs of food insecure people in Khost, AREA aims to support IPC phase3 and 4 vulnerable selected households in Khost with food assistance. 7,000 individuals (1,000 households) including children, women, men, PWDs, elderly, women headed families will be assisted with food assistance. The targeted beneficiaries will be supported with unconditional unrestricted in kind food assistance for 6 months. As per the FSAC guideline, each beneficiary household will receive \$72 (75% of the food basket US\$ 96) for 6 months (\$72*6months=\$432). The in kind food assistance package will include Wheat Flour 65Kg= US\$45, Vegetable Oil 8Liters= US\$15.83, Pulses 8Kg= US\$11 & Salt 1Kg= US\$0.17. The proposed assistance will enable vulnerable households to improve their access to food and fulfil their food consumption gap. The distribution will happen on monthly basis and each month every household will receive \$372 for 6 months.

The assistance will be provided through unconditional unrestricted in kind and given the functionality of market in Khost, this modality is deemed to be most effective and efficient at this time and will prevent the beneficiaries from more expenses by giving rent to their food baskets from city to their houses and provide recipients with greater agency in how they use their assistance to support their food security. Distribution will take place on sites accessible to all beneficiaries, including those with access challenges. Specific distribution points and/or times will be organized for women to ensure they have safe and culturally sensitive access to the support. Distribution will be conducted under observance of Covid-19 distribution protocols established by AREA 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. AREA 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 AREA CRM and sensitized on Covid-19 as well as basic nutrition so households can make informed decisions on how best to use the in kind food assistance. AREA 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, AREA 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 AREA's contingency planning, AREA 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 Assessment

A post-distribution monitoring (PDM) survey will be conducted from 15 June to 15 July 2022 to assess the effectiveness of the response and its impact on beneficiary household food security. The survey will also be used to understand the main uses of the in kind food assistance (e.g. food, shelter, health), which will be used to inform future programming as well as identify any gaps to be filled by future projects. Cash assistance protection monitoring questions will be included in the PDM to understand the lessons from the payment modality. It will be conducted against a representative sample, no more than one-month after the last distribution. AREA will strive to have at least 50% women responders in the sample both of women in women-headed households and women members of households and will use women enumerators to facilitate this, if the context at the time allows. Similarly, wherever possible, AREA will ensure that households with people with disabilities are included in the sample. %10 of the total project beneficiaries will be used interviewed as part of the PDM sample.

Activity 1.1.6

Standard Activity: Customized Activity

Reporting

Project achievements will be reported to FSAC through the Report-hub on regular basis. Project activities progress will also be reported to OCHA based on contractual requirements.

Activity 1.1.7

Standard Activity: Not Selected

Final Report of the Project

By end of the project, final report will be shared with FSAC and OCHA.

Additional Targets:

M & R

Monitoring & Reporting plan

AREA Afghanistan considers monitoring throughout the project cycle, recognizing its importance in ensuring relevant and quality support to those in need. For AREA M&E team starts at the beneficiary selection stage, using evidence and learning to ensure selection criteria are relevant and effective in identifying those most in need. Monitoring tools are in place to record and track the provision of support to each beneficiary household. AREA's M&E team will ensure the validity, accuracy and reliability of monitoring data collected. Monitoring information will be regularly fed back to the project team to facilitate correction or adjustment decisions. During the course of the project, the M&E Team will be involved in the following activities:

- 1) Beneficiary selection and verification: The M&E team will guide the project team on how to conduct assessments using KOBO, securing informed consent and raising awareness on AREA's CRM. The field team will be oriented on AREA compound vulnerability selection approach including the criteria tailored to project needs. Once the selection assessment has been conducted the M&E team will conduct a 10% of verification
- 2) Monitoring cash distributions: the MEAL team will conduct on-site spot checks of the cash distributions to monitor the process and feedback to the PM on suggested improvements. AREA has planned to hire an M&E assistant on each project field office so that proper frequent monitoring takes place.
- 3) Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM): PDM will be conducted within 30 days of the last distribution applying a standard sampling frame of 95% confidence interval and 5% margin of error. The findings will be shared with the project team and management. During these monitoring exercises, cluster recommended standard tools and AREA's own tools will be utilized. 10% of the total targeted project beneficiary will be interviewed as the sample size for the PDM.

AREA's M&E team is responsible for administering and monitoring the Complaint Response Mechanism CRM. It provides a channel for beneficiaries to feed back their experience of the support process, including suggestions in how things could be improved. It strengthens AREA accountability to the people it serves and brings a more equitable relationship between provider and beneficiary. AREA will distribute accessible CRM leaflets to those support is distributed. The leaflets describe what the CRM can be used for. The Project team will also share verbally CRM information at key points in the project cycle to ensure all households supported are aware of the channel. The dedicated CRM officer is responsible for recording all feedback received and following appropriate governance processes to ensure the information gathered is used sensitively, safely and primary to drive improvements in delivery and provide recourse and resolution to those supported households that provided the feedback.

AREA will also engage AWAAZ Afghanistan by sharing the contact information at the very initial phase of the program so that the beneficiaries and target communities more openly share their complaint and concerns.

In terms of reporting, externally, AREA will report to Report Hub online, and also submit an interim and final report to AHF through GMS. Internally, project staff will be responsible for completing and submitting the project monitoring tool for review by management. AREA have also designed a communications and visibility plan, which includes a case study that will be submitted to AHF as well as communications through its website and social media pages.

AREA will conduct a comprehensive 20% Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) exercise in all target locations to evaluate the impact of each project component on lives of our beneficiaries in compliance with the project indicators, outcomes and overall objective.

Workplan													
Activitydescription	Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Activity 1.1.5: Post Distribution Monitoring Assessment A post-distribution monitoring (PDM) survey will be conducted from 15 June to 15 July 2022 to assess the effectiveness of the response and its impact on beneficiary household food security. The survey will also be used to understand the main uses of the in kind food assistance (e.g. food, shelter, health), which will be used to inform future programming as well as identify any gaps to be filled by future projects. Cash assistance protection monitoring questions will be included in the PDM to understand the lessons from the payment modality. It will be conducted against a representative sample, no more than one-month after the last distribution. AREA will strive to have at least 50% women responders in the sample both of women in women-headed households and women members of households and will use women enumerators to facilitate this, if the context at the time allows. Similarly, wherever possible, AREA will ensure that households with people with disabilities are included in the sample. %10 of the total project beneficiaries will be used interviewed as part of the PDM sample.	2023			X	
Activity 1.1.6: Reporting Project achievements will be reported to FSAC through the Report-hub on regular basis. Project activities progress will also be reported to OCHA based on contractual requirements.	2023		X	X	
Activity 1.1.7: Final Report of the Project By end of the project, final report will be shared with FSAC and OCHA.	2023			X	

OTHER INFO

Accountability to Affected Populations

AREA's approach to AAP is applied throughout each stage of the project cycle. AREA Complaint Response Mechanism (CRM) offers tailored channels through which supported persons can raise voice and hold AREA to account. It is underpinned by principles of: context appropriateness, participation, accessibility, timeliness, safety and confidentiality, do no harm, and a culture of respect within the organization. AREA's CRM has a toll free line which is available 24 hour and 7 days of the week but investigation will take place on official hours only Sunday through Thursday. On site feedback boxes, community consultations and CRM awareness materials that are combined with expected standards of humanitarian assistance are disseminated to community structures and households at each project stage. All materials will be disseminated in local languages and with pictorial representation and verbal communication for those that have literacy challenges. Any feedback received is collated by a dedicated female CRM Officer and categorized according to its nature and sensitivity: ranging from request for additional information or assistance (low) to major grievances and breaches of AREA's code of conduct; very high red cases. A male team member is available to field calls from male respondents if necessary. For high+ cases feedback will be escalated to senior management and where appropriate an investigation committee convened. AREA's Safeguarding focal person will be on hand to support any safeguarding issues. Feedback will be provided to all people submitting feedback. The more serious cases will be managed on a case by case basis in line with AREA's standards and place the agency and protection of the survivor at the center of the response. AREA will engage AWAAZ Afghanistan through sharing their contact information with the beneficiaries at the initial stage of the project implementation so that the target communities and beneficiaries can openly raise and claim for their rights. At preparation AREA will provide rapid refreshers to the project team on the CHS, CRM, AREA's Code of Conduct, Safeguarding, Child Protection and Whistleblowing Policy and the importance of informed consent and data protection. AREA takes a zero-tolerance stance towards PSEA and any form of unethical behavior. Messages that supported persons have a right not to be hurt by anyone providing assistance and will never have to pay or give favors in exchange for assistance will be communicated, along with assurances that feedback can be provided anonymously and without fear of reprisal. Selection will be participatory, through proportionate and representative community level selection committees. So far AREA has assurance of acceptance of women project staff involvement in implementation. Female team members will be present to facilitate female affected persons' engagement. AREA's senior management will engage with UNOCHA and other actors to ensure women's engagement in the project, maintaining the JOPs and Engagement Strategy, up to a point where it does not cause harm. AREA will continue to promote accountability by working through selection committees checking that supported communities have the information they need to hold an active voice and agency in the assistance process. This project will also create an accountability mechanism to improve the protection of vulnerable communities from SEA in areas where organization operates. Under this project the community-based complaint mechanisms will be strengthened with inputs from the community members; affected population will be informed about their rights to humanitarian assistance and other available channels for reporting sexual exploitation and other abuses; survivors of SEA will be referred and supported to access basic services including health, psychosocial, safety and legal based on needs, the SEA related issues will be referred accordingly and in line with the interagency PSEA SOPs for processing.

Implementation Plan

Coordination with other Organizations in project ar	<u>rea</u>
Name of the organization	Areas/activities of collaboration and rationale
Environment Marker Of The Project	
Gender Marker Of The Project	
3- Likely to contribute to gender equality, but without at	uttention to age groups
Justify Chosen Gender Marker Code	

Protection Mainstreaming

To ensure protection is mainstreamed into all its responses, AREA incorporates the three following aspects into the whole project lifecycle:1) prioritizing safety and dignity and avoiding causing harm; 2) meaningful access; and 3) participation and empowerment. To inform the establishment of safe programming that is accessible and appropriate for all, AREA conducts regular needs assessments, that explores the needs of men, women, boys and girls as well as those with disabilities, and the different barriers they face to address these needs. Different methods to engage the community in this process are used in a culturally sensitive manner to ensure that all voices are heard, and all needs are considered while also considering the safety and security of the female and male staff conducting these assessments. This information is then used to design projects. All projects are designed in such a way to ensure that they are not inadvertently worsening tensions among groups. The people AREA support is based on need, assessed by FSAC recommended vulnerability criteria, rather than by status

During project implementation, all community groups will be kept informed and included. In project sensitization activities, AREA will ensure that representatives from all groups, especially those most vulnerable including person with disabilities and women, child and elderly headed families are informed about the project goal and methodology in their preferred language through verbal communication. AREA will have woman staff with adequate skills in place to guarantee women are accessed. Where there are distributions such as in this project, AREA chooses sites, in consultation with the local community, that are accessible to all and conducted in a manner that does not make sites inaccessible or put people in more danger. Examples of this include woman-only distributions. 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. During all AREA's activities, staff will observe of any signs of protection risks, which is not limited to but notably includes GBV risks given the context of Afghanistan.

Country Specific Information

Safety and Security

Access

Agency for Rehabilitation and Energy-conservation in Afghanistan (AREA) has been actively present in Kabul province for the last 28 years, facilitating multi sectorial projects. AREA implemented project through local staff who are well versed with local culture and politico-security dynamics of the areas. AREA has been a leading humanitarian responder for crises and development interventions in central regional provinces including Kabul. AREA due to its extensive experience has a strong network of individual and groups who has been engaged in AREA programs both as a service holders and service providers those are included village councils, civil society activists, government authority, women, youths and right holders.

AREA through this project would like to directly serve 7,000 individuals under IPC phase 3 and 4 affected by crises and situated in emergency food conditions in Shamal and Spera Districts of Khost Province. AREA is planning the intervention based on a rapid need assessment focusing on the actual need/demand and the approach how the need could be responded in time and quality.

As per the recommendations of the HAG Engagement Strategy, at this point in time AREA will continue to ensure access for its operations and project delivery directly with the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan IEA NGO General Coordinator in Kabul Province and Coordinator for central regional Provinces, in coordination with other implementing partners. For this specific project and others AREA will introduce the project to the Khost IEA NGO Coordinator, as the current focal person, to sensitize them to the work, its objectives and intended approach. So far IEA authorities have confirmed acceptance of in kind food assistances programming, and women's role as part of the project team. As the new structures crystalize and further national directives are released for NGO operations, AREA will continue to directly engage the new authorities to confirm continued acceptance of specific project works, maintaining adherence and promotion of the core humanitarian standards and alignment to the JOPs and Engagement Strategy – adjusted to the new operating environment. AREA will focus at the local level, escalating up to the operational in coordination with UNOCHA, and through the HAG to the strategic level where necessary. AREA will feedback lessons from the access process to partners and the HAG.

BUDGE	т						
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	Community Mobilizers Couple (Female and Male)	D	4	250.0 0	8	100.00	8,000.00
	2 Community Mobilizers couple (female with mahram) and 2 recruited and deployed for 08 months' period. Community Mol-1. Each couple of Community Mobilizers will work together questionnaire and will be based in the field office. Community project work plan. These community mobilizers will be the key them in ques and managing the crowd and the distribution promonth so minimum 2 community mobilizers couple will be able couple are assigned.	oilizers sa supportion Mobilizer staff for acess. Mo	alary scale ng the hous rs - Khost. informing p onthly distri	would be sehold	ne as per Na election throill do month about the dis will happen	TA salary so ough profile lly distribution stribution sid on differen	cale-grade F, Step e survey ons according to tes, organizing tt sites every
1.2	Project Field Officer	D	1	500.0 0	8	100.00	4,000.00
	01 Project Officers will be recruited and deployed for 08 month implementation of the project at the field level. Project Officer S/he will be responsible for manage entire project cycle include reporting and administrative issues at the provincial level. S/he and provide supervisory support to the team in the province. F	salary so les plann e will be	ale would l ing, implen maintaining	pe as pe nentatio g coordii	er NTA sala n, staff supe nation with p	ry scale gra ervision, qu	de D, Step - 2. ality control,
1.3	Admin Finance Assistant	D	1	320.0 0	8	100.00	2,560.00

	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 - 2. Finance Assistant will be based in project office. S/he will manage financial functions in the field level in close coordination with AREA Country Office. S/he will follow the standard financial procedures as well as provide support to the project team. Admin Finance Assistant – Khost							
1.4	Project M&E Officer	D	1	500.0 0	8	100.00	4,000.00	
	The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer will be paid as per NTA salary scale grade D, Step - 2, he/she will be responsible for establishing the KOBO survey tools, 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. he will also manage community feedback and response mechanism. he/she will be based in field office. Project M&E Officer – Khost							
1.5	Project Manager	D	1	950.0 0	8	100.00	7,600.00	
	The Project Manager is a fulltime position of the project. S/he will be responsible to supervise the Project Officers and field operations in targeted area. S/he will manage overall field implementation in the ground including the planning, implementation, M&E. Project Manager salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade C, Step – 2. S/he will be based in the targeted district office. Project Manager – Khost							
1.6	Support staff	S	3	182.0 0	8	100.00	4,368.00	
	2 Guards and 1 cleaner (based in Field office based in the project office in Khost-District level) for 8 months' period. The salary of Guards and Cleaners/cook would be as per NTA salary scale grade H, Step - 8. Considering the security concerns, 02 Guards will be assigned for managing each project office. 01 cleaner/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 US\$ 182. The salary amount doesn't cover other benefits.							
1.7	Procurement Assistant	S	1	320.0 0	8	40.00	1,024.00	
	The Procurement Assistant will be 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 scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade E, Step - 2 and will be based in our country office. Procurement assistant – Khost							
1.8	HR Coordinator	S	1	950.0 0	6	15.00	855.00	
	HR Coordinator based in our Kabul office will be supporting project staff recruitment, payroll management of all the project staff, staff management and maintains compliance issues. He will oversee the project staff payroll, attendance sheets and other project documentation. The HR Coordinator will maintain all HR documentation of the project. The salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade C, Step - 2; HR Coordinator – Kabul							
1.9	Finance Senior Officer	S	1	950.0 0	6	20.00	1,140.00	
	Finance Senior Officer based in our Kabul Office 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. Monthly rate The salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade C, Step - 2. Finance senior officer – Kabul							
1.10	Senior M&E Officer	S	1	950.0 0	7	10.00	665.00	
	NTA Salary Scale Grade C Step - 2 (High) Senior M&E Officer will be based in our Kabul office and will design the PDM and oversea 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 liase with the clusters in developing the beneficiary selection criteria and PDM tools. He will analyze the PDM data and prepare its report. Senior M&E officer – Kabul							
1.11	Food Security and Livelihood Coordinator	S	1	1,186 .86	6	10.00	712.12	
	The Food Security and Livelihood Coordinator with grade C, step - 5 will be based in our Khost office and will be charged for 08 months of the project period. 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. He will coordinate with cluster, donor and will support and supervise Project Manager in making project level decisions. FSL Coordinator – Khost							
1.12	Managing Director	S	1	2,424 .24	5	10.00	1,212.12	
	NTA Salary Grade A Step 4 (High) the Managing Director based in Kabul office, will be providing overall strategic support to the organization including supervisory to the project team. He will liase 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. Managing Director - Kabul							
1.13	Survey and Data Analysis Officer	D	1	350.0 0	8	100.00	2,800.00	
	The Survey and Data Analysis Officer will be supporting the project to analyze collected data and prepare the report on different phases of the project and will preserve all documentation related to surveys of the project. The salary scale would be as per NTA salary scale grade E, Step - 3 and will be based in our country office. The officer – Khost							
	Section Total						38,936.24	

2. Suppl	lies, Commodities, Materials								
2.1	Covid-19, Complaint Response Mechanism CRM and Nutrition related flyers.	D	610	1.00	2	100.00	1,220.00		
	The Covid-19 sensitization flyers explain key facts about Covid- assessed and/or supported by AREA as well as other stakehold supporting and encouraged to hold AREA to account for its delin of access information for AREA Compliance Response Mechan banners, feedback boxes, two-way dialogues and CRM-help de distributed during awareness to communities through Social Mo The number of banners are reduced as per AHF instruction from 24 banners for Hygiene demonstration, each district will be have 44 banners for Nutrition demonstration, each district will be have 17 the number of leaflets are decreased from 2000 to 1500 for each 17 the saved money will be using to increase the number of benef beneficiaries are increased to 1006.	lers in very. T ism Cl sk at p bbilizer n 40 to ing 12 aving 1 ing 12 ch field	the project I This will be a RM These n soint of distri s 24 for each banners 2 banners banners	ike loca lone thro naterials ibutions n field as	I leaders. Tough sensiti ough sensiti of for sharing of Flyers rela of follows:	he affected ization to ar information ted to nutrii	persons will be nd dissemination n will be leaflets, tion will be		
2.2	COVID-19 anti-spreading and prevention materials	D	1000	1.00	2	100.00	2,000.00		
	Masks and hand sensitizer to cover community members and si including community sensitization, mobilization activities, house activities.								
2.3	In kind food Assistances Package	D	1006	72.00	6	100.00	434,592.00		
	Supported households who meet the selection criteria will receive the in kind food assistance basket which means (7: per HH per month) of the FSAC-endorsed food basket. The package will include Wheat Flour 65Kg= US\$45, Vegetal 8Liters= US\$15.83, Pulses 8Kg= US\$11 & Salt 1Kg= US\$0.17. based on FSAC guideline rice is not included in the ir due to cost and logistical challenges. Minimum 2100 kcal/person/day energy for emergencies will be produced, but it climatic conditions, type of work/livelihoods and vulnerable groups.								
	Section Total						437,812.00		
3. Equip	ment								
3.1	Office Equipment (Heating & Cooling)	D	1	512.7 9	1	100.00	512.79		
	Cooling/heating system. This cost is supposed to support project office cooling/heating equipment like heaters, fans, for offices staff during office hours.								
	Section Total						512.79		
4. Contr	actual Services								
4.1	Transportation	D	2	650.0 0	7	100.00	9,100.00		
2 Rental cars, to provide transportation for project staff during all stages of activity implement beneficiary selection, distributions, trainings, project close. With the need to ensure safety of to rent 2 vehicles for the project. Despite the workload, based on the de facto government rule separate from male staff and this is one of the reasons two vehicles are needed. each vehicle will be rented for 7 months. 2 vehicles * 650 * 7 months = \$9,100. The unit cost includes drive vehicles as well. \$150 is estimated for the driver salary, \$150 for the fuel and \$350 for the rented to the driver salary.						ale colleagu le staff will t ill be \$650 a	nes, we will need ravel to field and both vehicles		
	Section Total						9,100.00		
5. Trave	i								
5.1	NA		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00		
	NA								
	Section Total						0.00		
6. Trans	fers and Grants to Counterparts								
6.1	NA		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00		
	NA								
	Section Total						0.00		
7. Gener	ral Operating and Other Direct Costs								
7.1	Field Office rent for staff in Khost Province	S	1	320.0	8	100.00	2,560.00		
	Field office rent for 08 months. A separate field office will be ren prevailing market rate. the rent for an office that can accommod will rent in district level and the project staff base will be in field of the project staff.	late mo							

7.2	Country office rent	S	1	600.0	8	15.00	720.00				
	Kabul office Rent for 08 months (shared cost). The unit cost	st is based o	n the actua	al rent tha	t AREA pay	ys for its Kab	ul office.				
7.3	Top up cards for project staff	S	10	12.00	8	100.00	960.00				
	Top up for the communication of the project staff members	Top up for the communication of the project staff members. 10 key project staff will receive monthly 12\$ top up card.									
7.4	Internet Cost of field office in Khost Province	S	1	200.0	8	100.00	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. for Khost office.										
7.5	Generator Fuel/Maintenance Cost (Project Office)	S	1	200.0	8	100.00	1,600.00				
	Generator Fuel/Maintenance Cost for field Office. Khost ele field office. This cost ensures the smooth supply of electric project activities.										
7.6	Office supply and stationaries for Khost field office	S	1	180.0 0	8	100.00	1,440.00				
	Stationery and office supplies for project field office and stationeries such paper, pen, staples, note book and etc fo										
7.7	Office utilities cost for Khost Field Office	S	1	120.0 0	8	100.00	960.00				
	Field office monthly electricity bill, Gas, office repairing and etc. the cost is minimum and its calculated for 8 months.										
7.8	Wood for Wooden Stove for Field Office in Khost	S	1	470.0 0	1	100.00	470.00				
	Wood for heating of offices during Winter for Field Office in	Khost									
7.9	Office utilities cost for HQ Office in Kabul	S	1	30.00	8	100.00	240.00				
	HQ office monthly electricity bill, Gas, office repairing and e	etc. the cost	is minimun	n and its o	alculated f	or 8 months.					
7.10	Office supply and stationaries for HQ Office in Kabul	S	1	45.00	8	100.00	360.00				
	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, note book and etc for smooth implementation of the project activities. For HQ Office in Kabul.										
	Section Total						10,910.00				
SubTota	ul .		2,656.00				497,271.03				
Direct							476,384.79				
Support							20,886.24				
PSC Cos	st										
PSC Cos	st Percent						7.00				
PSC Am	ount						34,808.97				
Total Co	est						532,080.00				

Location	Estimated percentage of budget for each location	Estimated number of beneficiar for each location				ciaries	Activity Name	
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total		
Khost > Shamal	50.00000	0	0	0	0		FSAC: Activity 1.1.1: Community Mobilization/sensitization AREA wil FSAC: Activity 1.1.2: Beneficiaries selection In line with AREA ben FSAC: Activity 1.1.3: In kind Food Assistance This is ensured that FSAC: Activity 1.1.4: Food Assistances distributions with nutrition sen FSAC: Activity 1.1.5: Post Distribution Monitoring Assessment A po FSAC: Activity 1.1.6: Reporting Project achievements will be r FSAC: Activity 1.1.7: Final Report of the Project By end of th	
Khost > Spera	50.00000	0	0	0	0		FSAC: Activity 1.1.1: Community Mobilization/sensitization AREA wil FSAC: Activity 1.1.2: Beneficiaries selection In line with AREA ben FSAC: Activity 1.1.3: In kind Food Assistance This is ensured that FSAC: Activity 1.1.4: Food Assistances distributions with nutrition sen FSAC: Activity 1.1.5: Post Distribution Monitoring Assessment A po FSAC: Activity 1.1.6: Reporting Project achievements will be r FSAC: Activity 1.1.7: Final Report of the Project By end of th	

Documents							
Category Name	Document Description						
Project Supporting Documents	AAP Endorsement.docx						
Project Supporting Documents	GAM Endorsement.docx						
Project Supporting Documents	HAG Endorsement.docx						
Project Supporting Documents	BL 7.7.xlsx						
Project Supporting Documents	AREA Salary Scale-2022.pdf						
Project Supporting Documents	AREA Organogram.pdf						
Project Supporting Documents	National_Technical_Assistance_ (NTA)_Salary_Scale_and_Implementation_Guideline_(Combined).pdf						
Project Supporting Documents	BoQ for FSAC Food Package.xlsx						
Grant Agreement	GrantAgreement_FSAC_AREA_23622_Signed - by AREA.PDF						
Revision related Documents	BL 2.1.xlsx						
Revision related Documents	BL 2.2.xlsx						
Revision related Documents	BL 2.3.xlsx						

Revision related Documents	BL 3.1.xlsx
Revision related Documents	BL 7.3.xlsx
Revision related Documents	BL 7.4.xlsx
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GA Amendment	GrantAgreement_FSAC_AREA_23622_Signed.pdf