



CERF No-Cost Extension & Reprogramming Request Form

Agencies requesting a no-cost extension must complete this form a minimum of 10 days prior to the project end date. Agencies must request a reprogramming and receive approval prior to implementing the change.

Instructions: A request for a No-Cost Extension or Reprogramming of Activities must be submitted and endorsed by the RC/HC to the ERC on behalf of the recipient agency. Requests should be copied to the CERF Secretariat (cerf@un.org).

No-Cost Extension Request **Reprogramming Request**

Contact Details

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Project Details

Project Title: Strengthening safety and security of Humanitarian workers	Project Allocation: US\$ 260,096
CERF Project Code: 17-RR-UDP-006	CERF Expenditures to date: US\$ 114,207
Date of Disbursement from CERF¹: 9 June 2017	

Extension Request Details

Original Project Completion Date²: 8 December 2017
Requested Completion Date: 28 February 2018

Justification/Explanation for a No-Cost Extension or Reprogramming of Activities

Please explain in detail why the allocation could not be used as approved by the ERC. For NCE, please note why activities could not be completed or funds expended within the implementation period (i.e. access, capacity, other factors). For reprogramming, please note why funds could not be spent as originally intended.

To provide the humanitarian aid workers assisting the DRC refugees in Dundo, Lunda Norte province in Angola with the enhanced Common Security Services, UNDSS initially planned to deploy 1 Field Security Coordination Officer (FSCO) for six months on the Surge scheme, as well as recruitment of one new Local Security Assistant (LSA) for six months with the six-months support of the CERF allocation from June to December 2017.

Mainly due to an unexpected delay in obtaining a visa for Angola, the deployment of the FSCO to Luanda Norte, Angola was only possible on 21 July 2017, about 1.5 months after the start of the CERF funded project and the planned deployment. Deployment of the FSCO is implemented through surge deployment, not recruitment, as the UNDSS surge deployment programme supplies security personnel through redeployment to cover temporary capacity needs (releasing duty stations are reimbursed).

In addition, the surge FSCO supported the UN system through the Presidential and General Elections in Angola, which took place on 23 August 2017.

In addition, the recruitment process to hire the Local Security Assistant (LSA) (**Activity 1.1**) failed, despite 3 advertisements of the post. UNDP/DSS has cancelled the recruitment of the LSA considering unavailability of a qualified candidate. The

¹ Approval and disbursement dates can be found on the CERF website in the specific country page: <http://ochaonline.un.org/cerf/CERFaroundtheWorld/CERFProjectsAroundtheWorld2012/tabid/7768/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

² Project completion date for Rapid Response grants is six months after disbursement date unless otherwise specified in the final project proposal. For Underfunded grants approved in the first round (Jan-Mar) the date is 31 December of the same year while projects approved in the second round (Jul-Sep) is 30 June of the following year.



\$726.88 stated under proposed budget line G reflects costs incurred for the advertisement of the LSA post.

The delay in the deployment of the FSCO and the failure to recruit the LSA meant that activity 1.2 to 1.7 were not implemented as planned from July to August. Starting in Dundo, Luanda Norte in early August, without the support of the LSA and covering election related tasks as well, the FSCO was only able to deliver one Weekly SitRep and one Briefing under the project.

Considering the above issues, UNDP/UNDSS request a No-Cost Extension until 28 February 2018, which will permit UNDP/UNDSS to maintain the surge FSCO for a 6-month period and deliver on all project activities set out in the project proposal. As the recruitment of the LSA for Dundo is not feasible, it is requested that the funds foreseen for this recruitment be used for the extended deployment of the surge FSCO (salary and DSA), who will complete the project and deliver all project elements. On the deployment of surge FSCO, it is important to note that the unit cost/salary has increased in the proposed budget (from \$13,500 to \$ 15,478). This is due to the fact that the FSCO was originally budgeted for as a P2 post, but it was only possible to deploy a P4 incumbent, thus at higher cost. The DSA rate budgeted in the revised proposal has been increased to an average rate of \$336.21 to reflect the FSCO's estimated time spent in Luanda for initial planning and further visits for project coordination (the DSA rate for Luanda is \$400, Dundo \$262).

Should the NCE and redeployment of funds request be approved, the length of the FSCO's assignment would thus be 7.35 months, which is 7 months from August 2017 to February 2018 plus 11 days in July 2017 (FSCO deployed on 21 July), equivalent to 0.35 months as reflected in the proposed budget.

Please explain what objectives, as stated in project proposal, have been achieved to date and how a no-cost extension or reprogramming will affect activity implementation.

From his deployment to Dundo in August, the surge FSCO delivered the following outputs in line with the CERF project document:

<p>Activity 1.2. Conduct Security Risk Assessments and distribute respective documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 3 FSSS (UNHCR compound, UNICEF sub office, and WFP warehouse) sent to concerned AFPOs * Office security survey for WVI, in Chitato, on 10/Oct, after attempt of office burglary * Office security survey for PIN, in Dundo, on 11/Oct, on request
<p>Activity 1.3. Establish and hold regular security briefings at UN and INGO meetings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8 weekly briefings at interagency meetings (UN & INGOs): 7/Aug 11/Sep, 18/Sep, 25/Sep, 9/Oct, 17/Oct, 23/Oct, and 30/Oct
<p>Activity 1.4. Built effective security cooperation with host country officials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings with security authorities on weekly basis
<p>Activity 1.5. Establish effective security information collection and reporting mechanisms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * WhatsApp group for UN and INGOs created on 23/Sep * Daily courtesy calls to UN & INGOs (at least one INGO per day) * Office security surveys
<p>Activity 1.6. Compile Daily SitReps, Weekly reports and alerts - and share these effectively.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8 weekly SITREPs: 7/Aug, 11/Sep, 18/Sep, 25/Sep, 9/Oct, 17/Oct, 23/Oct, and 30/Oct * Security advisory broadcasted and sent out to UN & INGOs on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/Sep – Shootings in Dundo 23/Sep – Police Operations in Dundo to dissuade street vendors
<p>Activity 1.7. Conduct of 4 Security Awareness Training (SAT) courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1 SAT course (25/Sep) * Defensive Driving course on 28/Oct (together with UNHCR)



<p>Additional activities. Respond and assist UN/INGO staff member(s) on security incidents or high-level visits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8/Aug – NCA, in Cacanda, verbal harassment by PNA * 10/Aug – JRS, in Cacanda, verbal harassment by PNA * 8/Sep – WFP, in Lóvua, child hit by rented truck * 16/Sep – UNFPA, in Dundo, verbal harassment by a local man demanding payment for service at warehouse * 29/Sep – UNHCR, in Dundo, PEP kit provided due to accidental injury with knife * 1/Oct – UNHCR, in Dundo, harassment by PNA * 10/Oct – NCA, in Dundo, physical aggression to national worker by a drunken man * 22/Oct – NCA, in Cacanda, child hit by rented truck * 8/Sep – Security assistance to High-level UN & Government visit to Lóvua * 20/Sep-21/Sep – Security assistance to WFP Regional Director visit to Dundo and Lóvua * 16/Oct – Security assistance to International Food Day celebrations, in Lóvua * 17/Oct-19/Oct – Security assistance to US Bureau for Population Refugee and Migrant (BPRM) visit to Lunda Norte <p>In his contacts with NPA he advocated for a Human Rights training for Police Officers (TOT), which was accepted by the Provincial Commander, who was encouraged to carry out such course. UNDP agreed to provide technical support provided that necessary financial resource is made available to UNDP and National Police welcomed the initiative.</p>
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Despite challenges on the ground, including no LSA support, the UNDSS FSCO has been effectively supporting aid workers in Dundo through improved UN common safety and security services, as reported above. There have been cases where, without the FSCO's support, aid workers and high-level delegations would have had problems in executing their activities smoothly. According to UNDSS, this essential support should continue for as long as the aid workers continue refugee assistance even after the CERF-funded project will end. Furthermore, in view of agencies not being able to recruit suitable and skilled staff to take on security tasks, UNDSS has been requested to provide security for agencies through the suggested timeframe. With a project extension until 28 February, the FSCO will from November 2017 to February 2018 report to the UNDSS Security Advisor, DO, UNCT, and Refugee Coordination Group respectively in Luanda during the FSCO's monthly 'one-week out-of-field stay'.

It is estimated that the FSCO will deliver three Weekly Situation Reports and Weekly Briefings to partners in Dundo each month from November 2017 to February 2018 (total of 12 reports and briefings). As 8 Weekly Reports and Briefings have been delivered from August 2017 to October 2017, UNDSS expects to achieve the targets of 20 Weekly Reports and Briefings under Indicator 1.3. and 1.2 at the end of February 2018 with the total of 12 reports and briefings added as mentioned above. The target of Indicator 1.1. "6 SRAs" will be achieved without doubt by February 2018 considering progress so far made.

Please explain if/how the activities or targets will change as defined in the original allocations with a no-cost extension or reprogramming.

The activities, scope and target beneficiaries will not change significantly in view of the NCE and redeployment of funds. However, the target of Indicator 1.3 stated "120 daily situation reports & 20 weekly security reports to be issued + alerts in a timely manner when required," while now only weekly SitReps will be produced.