



SUBJECT: Amendment No. 04
USAID/DCHA/FFP Annual Program Statement (APS) No. FFP-11-000001
International Emergency Food Assistance

DATE: December 22, 2011

The purpose of this APS amendment is to request concept paper submissions for both Title II and International Disaster Assistance (IDA) funding under the Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP) to address emergency needs in the Sahel. This year there are targeted acute food crises throughout the Sahel that require external assistance. The region will face localized food deficits in 2012 due to erratic rainfall and localized drought in 2011. Information on the scope of this emergency can be found in the Praia Meeting notes from the Food Crises Prevention Network (http://www.cilss.bf/IMG/pdf/COMMUNIQUE_FINAL_RPCA_PRAIA_2011_english_version.pdf) and the FEWS NET webpage (<http://www.fews.net/Pages/default.aspx>) among other sources. Food for Peace priority countries within the Sahel include Niger, Mauritania, Mali, Chad and Burkina Faso. Programs in other countries in the Sahel may be considered with strong justification.

Accordingly, the subject APS, available at

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/ffp/fy11.iefsp.annstatement.pdf,

as previously amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

- All concept papers relating to the aforementioned Sahelian countries should be submitted no later than 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on January 30, 2012, for consideration.
- USAID will consider funding for programs proposing the use of Title II funds, IDA funds or a combination of both. Justification for proposed funding source(s) should be clearly presented. It should be noted that Title II commodities are being pre-positioned (CSB, cereals, vegetable oil, and pulses) to respond in the Sahel in a timely manner and could be made available to applicants under this APS.
- It is expected that interventions will target anticipated food needs arising with the next hunger season. Applicants are encouraged to provide evidence-based data demonstrating food needs in the proposed geographic target areas.

- Prioritization will be given to submissions that support relief activities focusing on the most vulnerable populations within the proposed geographic target areas. Proposed interventions should address not only lifesaving priorities but also focus on protecting assets, preserving livelihoods, and strengthening household and community resiliency to food security shocks. Proposed activities should also align with programs supported by the USAID Office for U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) as well as regional and national priorities in food security and nutrition.

Except as specifically amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the subject APS, as previously amended, remain unchanged and in full force and effect.