
Standard Project Report 2013

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Logistics Cluster Coordination and Road Infrastructure Repairs in Support of WFP and the Humanitarian Community in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Project Number	200456
Project Category	Single Country Special Operation

Project Approval Date	06 Jul 2012
Planned Start Date	01 Jul 2012
Actual Start Date	01 Jul 2012
Project End Date	30 Jun 2014
Financial Closure Date	n.a.

Approved budget as 31 December 2013 in USD	
Indirect Support Costs	424,966
Other Direct Costs	6,070,938
Total Approved Budget	6,495,904

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COUNTRY BACKGROUND

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is Africa's second largest country and has a population of nearly 70 million people. Due to its rich and fertile soil, agriculture is the primary rural economic activity. However, the nation has a food production deficit estimated at 30-40 percent. Seventy percent of the population lives below the poverty line and lacks access to adequate food. Although rich in natural resources, including minerals and the world's second largest rainforest, DRC ranks last on both the 2013 UNDP Human Development Index and the International Food Policy Research Institute Global Hunger Index. It also ranks on the bottom of the Fund for Peace Failed States Index (177 out of 178 countries).

Health and nutrition indicators show other areas of concern. The national global acute malnutrition (GAM) rate is 11 percent, with ten territories having GAM rates above the emergency threshold of 15 percent. HIV and AIDS remain a public health issue, with the HIV prevalence of adults aged 15-49 years old at 1.1 percent. Life expectancy is 48 years. Some 6.7 million people in DRC are food-insecure and nearly half of its children under five years of age are chronically malnourished.

A country plagued by decades of conflict, DRC continues to see fighting between MONUSCO's Force Intervention Brigade (FIB), the DRC armed forces (FARDC) and some 30 armed groups, which is displacing large portions of the population. In particular, armed rebel groups continue to be active in the east and have caused the internal displacement of 2.9 million people since the beginning of the conflict. Close to 440,000 people live outside the country as refugees. DRC also hosts some 202,000 refugees from neighbouring countries. Following an upsurge of violence in the Central African Republic (CAR) in February 2013, DRC saw an influx of refugees, mainly to Equateur and Orientale provinces in the north of the country. Currently, DRC is hosting around 62,000 refugees from CAR alone.

In February 2013, a Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the DRC and the region was signed by 11 countries and four international organizations, calling for political reforms within the DRC and renewed commitment of support from the international community. Additionally, following the defeat of the leading armed rebel group, the M23, by UN-backed Congolese government forces in November 2013, a peace declaration was signed between the M23 and the government in December, signifying a potential for increased stability. Despite these positive signs however, the security of the population continues to be threatened and further displacement remains a risk.

SUMMARY OF WFP ASSISTANCE

In DRC, WFP currently operates through a protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200540 and two special operations (SO) 200456 and 200504. In addition, three other operations - PRRO 200167, emergency operation (EMOP) 200480, and an immediate response emergency operation (IR-EMOP) 200547 - came to a close in 2013.

PRRO 200167, which began in 2011 and came to an end in June 2013, aimed to reduce hunger in a conflict and post-conflict context. It focused on the conflict-affected areas of eastern DRC and on areas transitioning from recent shocks (including economic collapse). Activities included providing food assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees, reducing acute malnutrition among children and pregnant and lactating women, improving the nutritional recovery of malnourished people receiving treatment for HIV and TB, providing school feeding to address short-term hunger, and strengthening the capacity of the government to reduce hunger.

IR-EMOP 200547 was launched in March 2013 for a period of three months to respond to the immediate food and nutrition needs of refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) hosted in Equateur and Orientale Province.

EMOP 200480, which ran from September 2012 to June 2013, provided emergency support to IDPs in Orientale, North Kivu, South Kivu, Maniema and parts of Katanga who were displaced after intensified fighting.

Following the closure of PRRO 200167 and EMOP 200480 in June 2013, WFP launched PRRO 200540 to continue relief and recovery activities. This operation addresses the needs of IDPs, refugees and malnourished children under the age of five, as well as pregnant and lactating women. It also aims to protect and restore livelihoods through social safety net activities, and continues to support the capacity of the government in assessing the food and nutrition status of the population.

To address logistical challenges in the provision of humanitarian assistance in DRC, mainly caused by poor infrastructure and lack of access, WFP implements SOs 200456 and 200504. Through these operations, WFP provides support to logistics services and also manages the UNHAS aviation service for the humanitarian community.

In 2013, a Purchase for Progress (P4P) pilot continued in Bikoro (Equateur) and Kabalo (Katanga) territories. The project's aim is to revive the agricultural markets in the country, and enhance the ability of farmers' to connect to these markets.

In all projects, WFP incorporated strategies to support gender equality. Particular attention was placed on mitigation factors to reduce the risk of sexual and gender-based violence, a continuing problem in the country.

WFP's operations in DRC contribute to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 1 through 6.

Beneficiaries	Male	Female	Total
Number of children below 5 years of age	162,159	379,529	541,688
Number of children 5 to 18 years of age	367,373	736,171	1,103,544
Number of adults	516,766	916,958	1,433,724
Total number of beneficiaries in 2013	1,046,298	2,032,658	3,078,956
Total number of beneficiaries in 2012	1,657,816	1,996,939	3,654,755
Total number of beneficiaries in 2011	1,444,131	2,094,853	3,538,984

Distribution (mt)						
Project Type	Cereals	Oil	Pulses	Mix	Other	Total
Single Country PRRO	43,051	4,122	12,605	7,319	1,374	68,471
Single Country IR-EMOP	206	15	54	10	3	288
Single Country EMOP	14,829	1,103	3,014	506	178	19,631
Total food distributed in 2013	58,086	5,240	15,673	7,835	1,555	88,389
Total food distributed in 2012	41,488	3,731	10,813	5,803	1,323	63,158
Total food distributed in 2011	59,802	5,382	17,589	6,694	1,750	91,216

Operational SPR

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANCE

Humanitarian needs in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) remain high as a result of conflict and violence in the eastern and southern parts of the country. In the early months of 2012, significant levels of conflict-related displacements occurred in North and South Kivu in eastern DRC, and in Katanga in the southern part of the country, which are ongoing to this day.

Special Operation 200456 was launched on 1 July 2012 to support humanitarian operations in the DRC. The operation succeeded Special Operation 105560, which had a similar mandate. It responds to the logistics challenges in DRC through Logistics Cluster coordination and the rehabilitation of roads and bridges vital for the transport of relief commodities in the eastern and southern provinces of DRC.

WFP is mandated to lead the Logistics Cluster, which is an essential forum for provision of key logistics services, including identification of infrastructure gaps, providing logistical access to remote areas, advisory services related to infrastructure rehabilitation projects and other logistics issues, and coordination of logistics capacity and information sharing.

Due to a spike in conflict in 2013, in particular in the east, and the growing demand for humanitarian logistics services, the operation was revised twice in 2013: in April 2013, in order to expand the common humanitarian storage capacity in eastern DRC and to also provide multi modal cargo transport, including by air; and in November, to extend the Special Operation from December 2013 until June 2014.

Through its various components, this operation contributes to WFP Strategic Objective 1, to "Save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies."

RESULTS

Outputs

With the deteriorating humanitarian situation in eastern DRC in 2013, WFP initiated free transport of non-food items for humanitarian organizations, despite worsening security and weather conditions that made implementation difficult.

To mitigate these challenges, off-road trucks from WFP's fleet were used to transport items to the remote Walikale, Masisi and Rutshuru territories, in North Kivu province. More than 214 mt were moved to these isolated areas.

Additionally, WFP was able to transport 220 mt of cargo by air from Bukavu to remote and isolated areas such as Shabunda territory in South Kivu province. Other areas serviced included Goma in North Kivu, and Kindu in Maniema province.

With the deteriorating security situation and poor infrastructure, WFP's logistics services were used by more humanitarian partners than originally planned - 56 agencies as opposed to the planned 30.

The initial plan to increase storage capacity could not be implemented in North Kivu due to lack of resources. For the same reason, the construction of a barge and the rehabilitation of a quay could not take place in Kiambi, Katanga province. Given that WFP and its partners are currently reassessing the infrastructure requirements in these provinces, these projects are at the moment on hold.

On the ground, relief agencies and NGOs face tough terrain and heavy seasonal rains as well as non-existent infrastructure as they try to help those driven from their homes in North Kivu. Much needed road infrastructure repair was undertaken in North Kivu, where 140 km of roads were rehabilitated, against the 130 km planned. This was crucial for humanitarian assistance to IDPs in particular following the M23 upsurge that year.

The rehabilitation of two airstrips in Lubutu, Maniema province, with Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (WHH), and in Dongo, Equateur province, with African Initiative for Relief and Development (AIRD), was also delayed due to unfavorable climatic conditions, a challenging security situation, and a lack of mechanical equipment and technical constraints experienced by some cooperating partners. The work resumed in October 2013 and the rehabilitation is planned to be finalized in 2014. Once complete, the airstrips will improve access to these two remote areas. In particular, improving access to the Equateur province will also mean increasing access to Congolese returnees, as well as to refugees from the Central African Republic.

Output	Unit	Planned	Actual	% Actual vs. Planned
SO 1: Special Operations (Cluster)				
Number of agencies using logistics coordination services		30	56	186.7%
SO 1: Special Operations (Logistics)				
number of metric tons moved by air	mt	210	220	104.8%
number of metric tons moved by surface transport	mt	100	214	214.0%
storage capacity made available	mt	1,000	0	0.0%
SO 1: Special Operations (Rehabilitation)				
barges and quays made operational		1	0	0.0%
number of airstrips made operational		2	2	100.0%

Outcomes

In 2013, through WFP's coordination, the Logistics Cluster was able to deliver much needed humanitarian services and goods, including the transport and delivery of food and non-food items, to a number of war ravaged areas in the country.

The use of off-road trucks from WFP's Goma and regional fleet particularly facilitated the delivery of humanitarian items to internally displaced persons (IDPs) fleeing conflict in remote and isolated areas in North Kivu.

All logistics services offered under this Special Operation contributed to saving lives.

Sustainability, Capacity Development and Handover

This Special Operation was initiated for Logistics Cluster coordination and the rehabilitation of roads and bridges and as of April 2013 also included provision of free transport of commodities for partners in the eastern provinces.

National bodies cooperated with WFP in the design of the airstrip rehabilitation projects, and will also cooperate in their construction. Partners included RVA (Regie des Voies Aeriennes), which is the national agency in charge of air transport infrastructure management, and the local governments of Maniema and Equateur provinces. Local authorities have primary responsibility for the maintenance of airstrips and their commitment remains crucial for the project.

WFP also provided two international civil engineers who reinforced local capacity in road engineering. These will provide technical assistance to partners and help review WFP's road rehabilitation strategy in DRC in 2014.

The continuation of the Logistics Cluster coordination will be regularly reviewed with relevant humanitarian partners in order to adjust activities based on needs on the ground.

MANAGEMENT

Partnerships

Under this Special Operation, WFP established agreements with African Initiative for Relief and Development (AIRD) and Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (WHH) - both international NGOs with field offices in North Kivu and Equateur provinces - for the rehabilitation of airstrip infrastructure in these provinces. Several organizations, including UN agencies, NGOs and, from time to time, the government, participated in Logistics Cluster meetings and activities. These took place once a month and continue to play a key role in sharing information, addressing logistic gaps and coordinating appropriate responses.

Lessons Learned

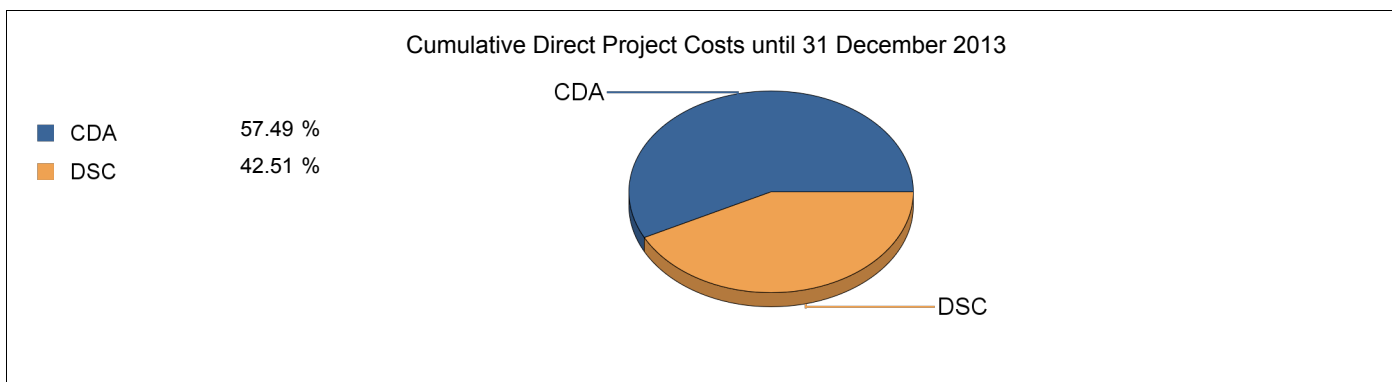
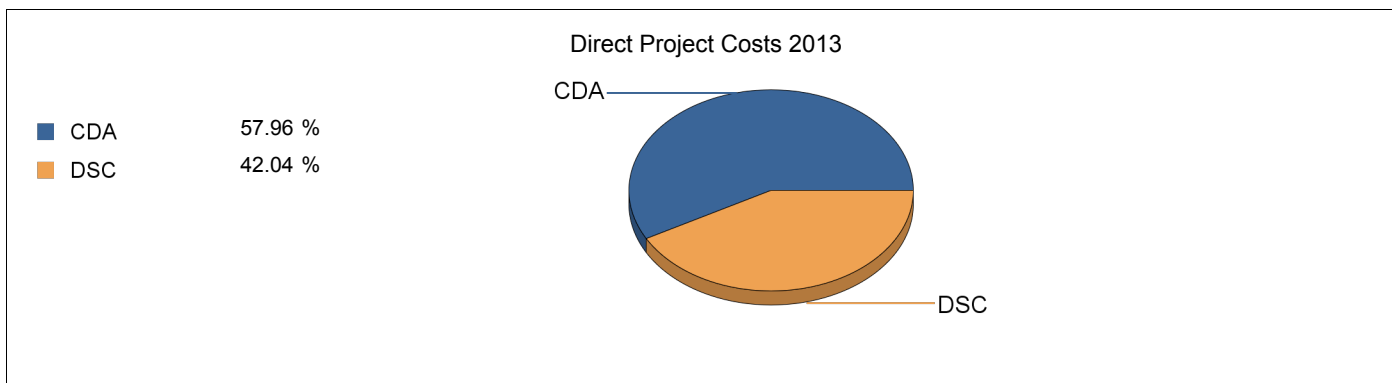
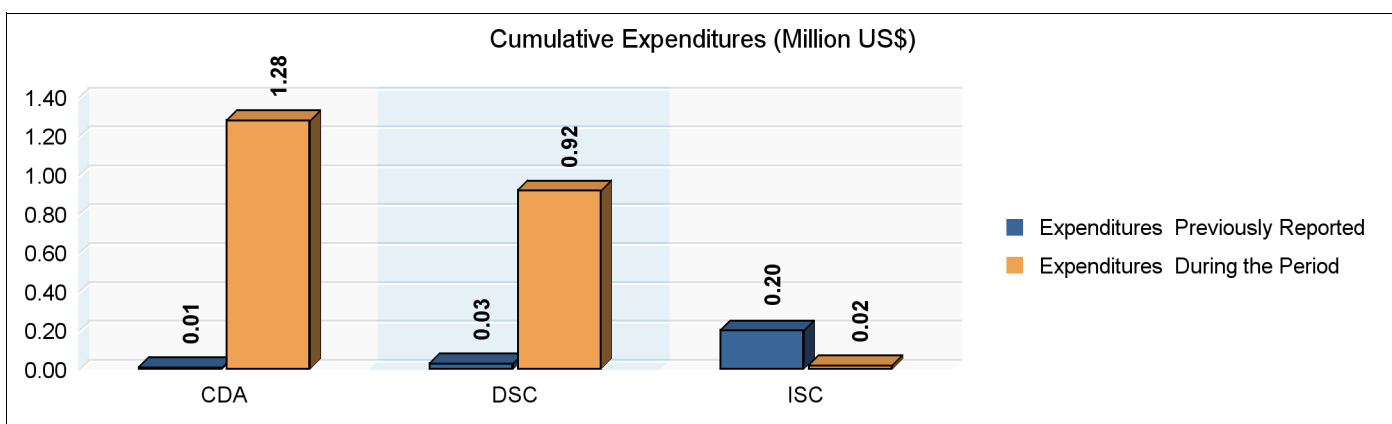
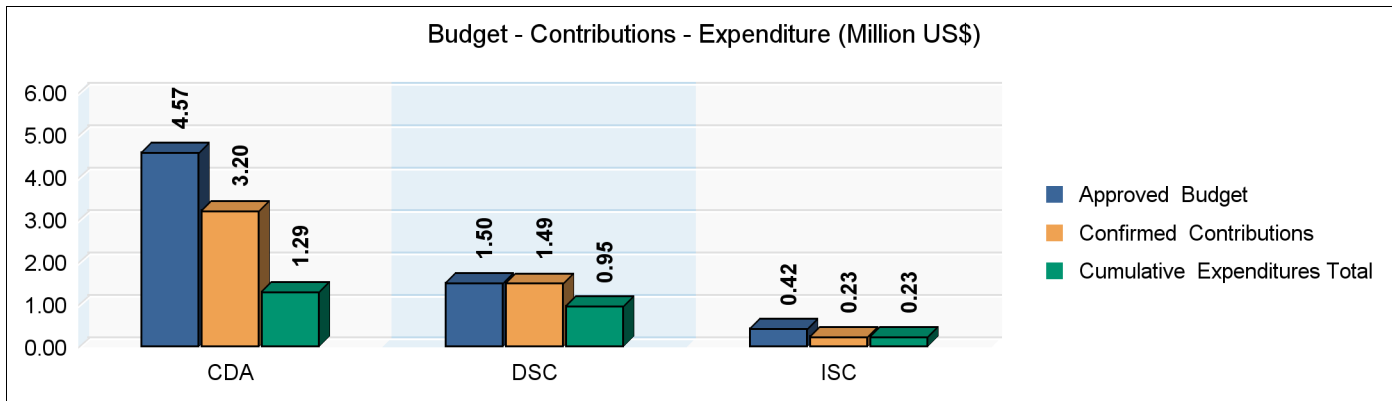
Humanitarian partners in DRC continued to request logistic support in the implementation of their projects. Therefore, transport and storage services will be maintained through various funding mechanisms. The Logistics Cluster will continue to play an important role in coordinating a response to the needs of the humanitarian community.

Due to the challenging environment in DRC, WFP needs to redefine its strategy for a longer-term intervention in the rehabilitation of transport infrastructure. This also requires a review of WFP activities in light of changing priorities identified by the humanitarian community. Following lessons learned in 2013 there was a need to readdress the selection process of cooperating partners, to avoid delays in the implementation of projects. Following this, a technical capacity assessment identified the most valuable partners, and simplified the selection process for the implementation of infrastructure rehabilitation projects.

Financial Section

Financial information is taken from WFP's financial records which have been submitted to WFP's auditors.

Figures Based on Project Overview of Financial Section



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project: 200456

SO-CDCO-Log Cluster Coord. & Road Repair

Statement of Account for the Period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013

(Amounts in US dollars)

	Approved Budget	Confirmed Contributions	Expenditures			Balance of Contributions
			Prior Period	During the Period	Cumulative Total	
Direct Project Costs						
Food and Related Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash & Voucher and Related Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capacity Dev't & Augmentation	4,571,899	3,203,383	10,000	1,275,169	1,285,169	1,918,215
Total Direct Operational Costs	4,571,899	3,203,383	10,000	1,275,169	1,285,169	1,918,215
DSC	1,499,039	1,486,518	25,582	924,856	950,439	536,079
Unprogrammed Project Costs		1,084,729				1,084,729
Total Direct Project Costs	6,070,938	5,774,629	35,582	2,200,025	2,235,607	3,539,022
Indirect Support Costs	424,966	228,023	203,331	24,692	228,023	0
Total	6,495,904	6,002,652	238,913	2,224,718	2,463,630	3,539,022



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	Total	Total Multilateral	Subtotal Directed Multilateral	AUL AUSAID 10018654 AUL-C-00170-04	NOR REF.COUNC 10021212 NOR-C-00228-01
Confirmed Contributions					
In Kind	247,204	0	247,204	0	163,915
Cash	5,755,449	214,000	5,541,449	1,043,700	0
Total Confirmed Contributions	6,002,652	214,000	5,788,652	1,043,700	163,915
Expenditures					
Project Costs					
Food and Related Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Cash & Voucher and Related Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Capacity Dev't & Augmentation	1,285,169	5,711	1,041,781	350,000	0
Total Direct Operational Costs	1,285,169	5,711	1,041,781	350,000	0
DSC	950,439	0	950,439	500,752	0
Total Direct Project Costs	2,235,607	5,711	1,992,220	850,752	0
Indirect Support Costs	228,023	14,000	214,023	68,279	0
Total Expenditures	2,463,630	19,711	2,206,243	919,032	0
Balance of Contributions	3,539,022	194,289	3,582,410	124,668	163,915

The following donors have provided multilateral contributions for this project:
JPN MOFA

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	SWI SDC 10021283 SWI-C-00314-01	UK DFID 10018666 UK -C-00145-03	UN CERF 10017692 001-C-00750-01	UN CERF 10018028 001-C-00781-01	UN CHF ZAI 10017639 001-C-00744-01
Confirmed Contributions					
In Kind	83,289	0	0	0	0
Cash	0	505,204	867,567	499,893	191,692
Total Confirmed Contributions	83,289	505,204	867,567	499,893	191,692
Expenditures					
Project Costs					
Food and Related Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Cash & Voucher and Related Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Capacity Dev't & Augmentation	0	212,006	457,030	0	10,000
Total Direct Operational Costs	0	212,006	457,030	0	10,000
DSC	0	260,147	36,438	0	7,419
Total Direct Project Costs	0	472,153	493,468	0	17,419
Indirect Support Costs	0	33,051	56,757	32,703	12,541
Total Expenditures	0	505,204	550,225	32,703	29,960
Balance of Contributions	83,289	0	317,342	467,190	161,732

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	WPD HOW BUF 10020298 WPD-C-02377-02	DRC SO 10556.0 Logistics Augmentation 6000028	Unassigned
Confirmed Contributions			
In Kind	0	0	0
Cash	163,437	2,269,956	0
Total Confirmed Contributions	163,437	2,269,956	0
Expenditures			
Project Costs			
Food and Related Costs	0	0	0
Cash & Voucher and Related Costs	0	0	0
Capacity Dev't & Augmentation	12,745	0	237,677
Total Direct Operational Costs	12,745	0	237,677
DSC	140,000	5,682	0
Total Direct Project Costs	152,745	5,682	237,677
Indirect Support Costs	10,692	0	0
Total Expenditures	163,437	5,682	237,677
Balance of Contributions	0	2,264,274	(237,677)

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	Total	Total Multilateral	Subtotal Directed Multilateral	AUL AUSAID 10018654 AUL-C-00170-04	NOR REF.COUNC 10021212 NOR-C-00228-01
Confirmed Contributions					
In Kind	247,204	0	247,204	0	163,915
Cash	5,755,449	214,000	5,541,449	1,043,700	0
Total Confirmed Contributions	6,002,652	214,000	5,788,652	1,043,700	163,915
Contribution Received					
In Kind			0	0	0
Cash			5,541,449	1,043,700	0
Total Contributions Received			5,541,449	1,043,700	0
Outstanding Confirmed Contributions					
In Kind			247,204	0	163,915
Cash			0	0	0
Outstanding Contribution Receivable			247,204	0	163,915

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Confirmed Contributions					
In Kind	83,289	0	0	0	0
Cash	0	505,204	867,567	499,893	191,692
Total Confirmed Contributions	83,289	505,204	867,567	499,893	191,692
Contribution Received					
In Kind	0	0	0	0	0
Cash	0	505,204	867,567	499,893	191,692
Total Contributions Received	0	505,204	867,567	499,893	191,692
Outstanding Confirmed Contributions					
In Kind	83,289	0	0	0	0
Cash	0	0	0	0	0
Outstanding Contribution Receivable	83,289	0	0	0	0

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	WPD HOW BUF 10020298 WPD-C-02377-02	DRC SO 10556.0 Logistics Augmentation 6000028
Confirmed Contributions		
In Kind	0	0
Cash	163,437	2,269,956
Total Confirmed Contributions	163,437	2,269,956
Contribution Received		
In Kind	0	0
Cash	163,437	2,269,956
Total Contributions Received	163,437	2,269,956
Outstanding Confirmed Contributions		
In Kind	0	0
Cash	0	0
Outstanding Contribution Receivable	0	0

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