

**Decision to modify a humanitarian aid decision
from the 9th European Development Fund
in MOZAMBIQUE**

1. Decision subject to the proposed modifications.

Identification of the decision: **ECHO/MOZ/EDF/2007/01000**

Title: **Humanitarian aid to support the recovery of vulnerable populations
affected by climate-induced natural disasters**

Location of operation: **Mozambique**

Amount of the decision: **EUR 3,000,000**

Date of the decision: **7 August 2007**

2. Motives justifying the modifications.

The decision was adopted in order to support a second – recovery - phase of interventions following the first – emergency - phase made necessary as a consequence of severe flooding in the lower Zambezi Valley early in 2007. However, severe flooding in early 2008 has once again and for the second year running, affected the same populations in the same area, and has had an impact on the implementation of on-going interventions funded from the decision. Following a DG ECHO field assessment mission in mid-January 2008, partners were urged to assess the impact of the renewed flooding on their interventions.

According to partners, extensive rainfall has affected accessibility to most resettlement camps, and the rains are expected to worsen before ceasing in April. The targeted populations are moving to find a safe place for their families, and this situation is unlikely to settle before the end of the rainy season. The interventions require the active participation of communities and the collaboration of local authorities. The main priority for both sides has, however, shifted to emergency survival, rather than recovery, activities. Construction schemes in these areas have been severely hampered by access, transport, the inability of communities to mould and fire blocks, and the difficulties in using cement. Though water provision can be carried out even with heavy rains, ground water levels will naturally be high, and the depth of wells therefore underestimated. Finally, support for agricultural activities for the first planting season has been compromised by renewed flooding, particularly in areas where resettlement zones have been inundated. There is therefore a need to reinforce the second planting season.

In the light of the above, DG ECHO feels that the call to extend the seven grant agreements funded from this decision is justified, and necessary in order to achieve the objectives set. In order to be able to extend those grant agreements, it is necessary to extend the validity of the funding decision to 31st December 2008.

COMMISSION DECISION TO MODIFY DECISION PH/2004/1399

on the financing of humanitarian operations from the 9th European Development Fund in Mozambique

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000, in particular Article 72 thereof¹,

Having regard to the Internal Agreement of 15 December 2000 on the Financing and Administration of the Community Aid under the Financial Protocol to the Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States signed in Cotonou (Benin) on 23 June 2000, in particular Articles 24(3) and 25(1) thereof².

Whereas:

1. Severe flooding in early 2008 has once again affected vulnerable populations in the lower Zambezi Valley, causing delays in the implementation of on-going humanitarian interventions;
2. An assessment of the situation leads to the conclusion that an additional period of six months is necessary, in order to allow the objectives of the on-going interventions to be achieved in support of the recovery of the affected populations ;
3. In accordance with the objectives set out in Article 72 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement, it is estimated that no increase of funding from the 9th European Development Fund is necessary over and above the EUR 3,000,000 already made available;
4. The EDF Committee has been duly informed in accordance with Article 24(3) of the 9th EDF.

¹ OJ L317 of 15.12.2000, p.3

² OJ L317 of 15.12.2000, p.354

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 2.1, first paragraph of the Decision ECHO/MOZ/EDF/2007/01000 adopted on 7 August 2007 is replaced with the following:

The duration for the implementation of this Decision shall be for a maximum period of 18 months, starting on the 1 July 2007.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission