



STUDY TO IDENTIFY SELF-SUSTAINMENT CATEGORIES THAT SHOULD REMAIN AT 100 PER CENT FOLLOWING CESSATION OF OPERATIONS

Secretariat Issue Paper #8 – Mandated Study

Issue Paper Theme: **Self-sustainment**

BACKGROUND

The General Assembly in its Resolution A/RES/74/279 endorsed recommendation 59 (a) of the 2020 Contingent Owned Equipment (COE) Working Group that the Secretariat conduct a study to identify the self-sustainment categories and sub-categories that should be eligible for the reimbursement at 10 per cent after the cessation of operations (COO) and until the uniformed personnel departs the mission area. The results of the study are to be presented to the COE WG 2023.

Currently COE Manual stipulates that after the cessation of operations the reimbursement for self-sustainment rates will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding and will be calculated upon remaining deployed troop strengths until all personnel of the unit have departed the mission area. During the discussions in the Self-Sustainment Sub-Working group some Member States put forward a proposal to maintain the reimbursement for certain self-sustainment categories at 100 per cent until the full departure of the personnel. Given the lack of unilateral support, it was decided that the Secretariat would undertake a study to identify the potential self-sustainment categories to be reimbursed at full rates until all personnel depart the mission area.” (para 23)

PROPOSAL

The results of the requested study are based on the analysis of the operations, activities, needs and requirements of the uniformed personnel in the peacekeeping missions after the announcement of Cessation of Operations (COO). Given that the personnel continue their day-to-day activities, the following self-sustainment categories were “shortlisted” for consideration to be eligible for reimbursement at full rates until the personnel depart the mission area:

- General / Catering: after the COO the unit continues to feed the troops with cold and hot meals, provide clean and hygienic kitchen facilities with all relevant catering equipment including dishes and cutlery. This category may be recommended for the reimbursement at 100% after the COO.



- Communication / Telephone: after the COO the unit will still need to fully rely on the telephone as the primary means of internal communication in the main base camp until departure. This category may be recommended for the reimbursement at 100% after the COO.
- General / Minor Engineering: this category covers the works associated with minor constructions, maintenance and repair of accommodation and camp areas, plumbing and water system works which stop after the COO since the contingent starts to pack and prepare for repatriation. Therefore, it is recommended that the reimbursement for minor engineering capabilities, equipment and tools used for packing is done at 50% of the rates since it is not utilized at full level required for 100% reimbursement.
- General / Laundry: after the COO the unit will still need to provide laundry services to its personnel including the provision of the related equipment and supplies. This category may be recommended for the reimbursement at 100% after the COO.
- General / Cleaning: after the COO the unit does not provide the cleaning of all facilities at the level required for 100% reimbursement. Therefore, it is recommended that the reimbursement for cleaning after the COO is done at 50% of rate.
- General / Accommodation: if, at the time of repatriation, the unit is accommodated in the self-sustainment standard accommodation it needs to be provided under the same requirements as prior to the COO. This category may be recommended for the reimbursement at 100% after the COO.
- Medical / Buddy First Aid: after the COO the unit is not required to go outside the camp for operations and the use of the BFAK becomes quite limited since there is no danger of injury associated with the operational activity. Therefore, it is recommended that the reimbursement for BFAK the COO is done at 50% of rate.
- Medical / Communal first aid: after the COO the unit is clearing the communal facilities and prepare vehicles for repatriation packing the Communal First Aid Kits. The requirements for the Communal First Aid Kit becomes limited and therefore it is recommended that the reimbursement is done at 50% of rate.
- Medical / High Risk (Epidemiological): after the COO contingent still needs to provide the preventive measures against endemic infectious diseases, including the mosquito nets, fumigators and malaria prophylaxis. This category may be recommended for the reimbursement at 100% after the COO.
- Level 1 Hospital: after the COO unit starts preparing medical equipment and consumables for repatriation. The Level 1 hospital capabilities are not used at the level required for full reimbursement. In case of serious trauma/injury the support is to be provided by the Mission through other Level 1 or a Level 2 hospital. Therefore, it is recommended that the reimbursement for a Level 1 Hospital is done at 50% of rate.



- Miscellaneous General Stores / Bedding: Bed linen, blankets, mattress covers, pillows and towels continue to be provided in full after the Cease of Operations. This category may be recommended for the reimbursement at 100% after the COO.
- Miscellaneous General Stores / Furniture: beds, mattresses, nightstands, table light and lockers for each person continue to be provided in full after the Cease of Operations. This category may be recommended for the reimbursement at 100% after the COO.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Per-capita financial impact amounts up to \$52 (US dollars) per person per month based on the generic 2020 COE Manual Rates. Overall annual financial implications will depend on the number of uniformed personnel repatriated from peacekeeping missions and the duration of their presence in the mission area after the announcement of cessation of operations.

As a rule, the main body of a unit (90%) is repatriated within 30 days after the announcement of the cessation of operations.

Calculations of the financial implications are presented in the Annex to this Issue Paper.

PREVIOUS HISTORY

The proposal was previously submitted for the consideration of the 2020 Contingent-Owned Equipment Working Group in the Issue Paper # 4 from Nepal.



ANNEX

The financial implications are calculated based on an 850 Battalion.

The option of the 100% reimbursement for Accommodation was not factored into the calculations given its rarity.

Category	Sub Category	100%	50%	Personnel	Responsibility	General Monthly Rate \$	50% as per current system	Study results				
								100% of the rate	50% of the rate	Total study results	Per capita cost	
								A	B	C	D=B+C	E=(D-A)/850
GENERAL	CATERING	x		850	CC	28.54	12,129.50	24,259.00		24,259.00	14.27	
COMMUNICATION	HF		x	640	CC	17.98	5,753.60		5,753.60	5,753.60	-	
COMMUNICATION	TELEPHONE	x		850	CC	15.49	6,583.25	13,166.50		13,166.50	7.75	
COMMUNICATION	VHF/UHF - FM		x	850	CC	47.43	20,157.75		20,157.75	20,157.75	-	
GENERAL	OFFICE		x	850	CC	22.86	9,715.50		9,715.50	9,715.50	-	
GENERAL	ELECTRICAL		x	850	CC	27.51	11,691.75		11,691.75	11,691.75	-	
GENERAL	MINOR ENGINEERING		x	850	CC	17.85	7,586.25		7,586.25	7,586.25	-	
GENERAL	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL		x	0	UN	8.51	-		-	-	-	
GENERAL	LAUNDRY	x		850	CC	9.46	4,020.50	8,041.00		8,041.00	4.73	
GENERAL	CLEANING		x	850	CC	14.10	5,992.50		5,992.50	5,992.50	-	
GENERAL	TENTAGE		x	0	CC	26.62	-		-	-	-	
GENERAL	ACCOMMODATION	x		0	UN/CC	41.45	-		-	-	-	
FIREFIGHTING	BASIC FIREFIGHTING		x	850	CC	0.23	97.75		97.75	97.75	-	
FIREFIGHTING	FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM		x	850	CC	0.16	68.00		68.00	68.00	-	
MEDICAL	BUDDY FIRST AID (BFA)		x	850	CC	2.69	1,143.25		1,143.25	1,143.25	-	
MEDICAL	COMMUNAL FIRST AID		x	850	CC	2.18	926.50		926.50	926.50	-	
MEDICAL	LEVEL 1		x	850	CC	16.11	6,846.75		6,846.75	6,846.75	-	
MEDICAL	LEVEL 2 (INCL. DENTAL AND LAB)		x	0	UN	21.53	-		-	-	-	
MEDICAL	LEVEL 3 (INCL. DENTAL AND LAB)			0	UN	25.68	-		-	-	-	
MEDICAL	HIGH-RISK AREAS (EPIDEMIOLOGICAL)	x		850	CC	9.12	3,876.00	7,752.00		7,752.00	4.56	
MEDICAL	BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS			0	UN	2.29	-		-	-	-	
MEDICAL	DENTAL ONLY		x	0	UN	2.78	-		-	-	-	
MEDICAL	GYNACEOLOGY		x	0	UN	2.13	-		-	-	-	
MEDICAL	LABORATORY ONLY		x	0	UN	4.59	-		-	-	-	
OBSERVATION	GENERAL		x	850	CC	1.45	616.25		616.25	616.25	-	
OBSERVATION	NIGHT OBSERVATION		x	850	CC	24.40	10,370.00		10,370.00	10,370.00	-	
OBSERVATION	POSITIONING		x	850	CC	5.75	2,443.75		2,443.75	2,443.75	-	
GENERAL	IDENTIFICATION		x	0	CC	1.21	-		-	-	-	
NBC PROTECTION	GENERAL			0	N/A	26.93	-		-	-	-	
FIELD DEFENCE STORES	GENERAL		x	0	UN	34.32	-		-	-	-	
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL STORES	BEDDING	x		850	CC	17.80	7,565.00	15,130.00		15,130.00	8.90	
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL STORES	FURNITURE	x		850	CC	23.20	9,860.00	19,720.00		19,720.00	11.60	
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL STORES	WELFARE		x	850	CC	6.73	2,860.25		2,860.25	2,860.25	-	
MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL STORES	INTERNET ACCESS		x	850	CC	4.00	1,700.00		1,700.00	1,700.00	-	
UNIQUE EQUIPMENT / SERVICE	GENERAL			0	N/A	-	-		-	-	-	
Total:							132,004.10	88,068.50	87,969.85	176,038.35	51.81	