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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2015)

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1. At its third Regular Session of 2001, the Board asked to be regularly informed about emergency operations (EMOPs) approved jointly by the Executive Director (ED) and the Director-General (DG) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) or under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Since the Second Regular Session of 2002 this information has been provided twice a year.
2. This report covers EMOPs approved between 1 January and 30 June 2015, as shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food value of more than USD 3 million approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists EMOPs with a food value of less than USD 3 million approved by the Chief of Staff (CoS) under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Table C lists EMOPs approved by Regional Directors, Country Directors and/or the Director of Emergencies under authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
3. During the period under review, a total of seventeen EMOPs were approved: three by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; four by the Chief of Staff; and ten by Regional Directors, Country Directors or the Director of Emergencies. These operations provide food assistance to about 4.3 million people at a food cost of USD 115.3 million. The total cost to WFP is USD 294 million.

EMOPs APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO

4. **Regional EMOP 200799 (1 January–31 December 2015)** responds to the ongoing conflict in the Central African Republic and displacement of populations in Cameroon, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Congo, consolidating earlier country-specific responses to this crisis. This EMOP was designed with a broad view of supply-chain management, recognizing common challenges and cross-border opportunities for transporting goods. It aims to: i) improve food consumption and access to markets; ii) stabilize undernutrition rates; and iii) restore access to basic services for 1.56 million people with 111,962 mt of food at a cost of USD 196 million.
5. **Nepal EMOP 200668 (27 April–31 December 2015)** supports 2 million vulnerable and food-insecure people in the western and central regions of Nepal affected by the 25 April earthquake. The activities aim to: i) meet urgent food and nutrition needs of vulnerable people, and reduce undernutrition to below emergency level; and ii) protect lives and livelihoods while enabling safe access to food. The operation requires 21,430 mt of food at a cost of USD 80.4 million.
6. **Vanuatu EMOP 200833 (4 April–11 July 2015)** addressed the needs of 57,300 people affected by tropical cyclone Pam of 13 March 2015. It was launched to assist the Government in meeting critical needs and aimed to: i) meet the urgent food needs of people with limited means of subsistence; and ii) protect livelihoods, limit negative coping strategies and accelerate recovery with 1,674 mt of food at a cost of USD 3.5 million.

EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

7. **Egypt EMOP 200835 (1 May–31 July 2015)** assisted 60,000 Egyptian migrant workers who had fled armed conflict in Libya. The operation delivered food vouchers to returnees for three months at a cost of USD 2.8 million.
8. **DRC Immediate Response (IR)-EMOP 200854 – Special Preparedness Activities (15 May–14 August 2015)** was launched following the pre-election crisis in Burundi to prepare for an influx of Burundian refugees by: i) pre-positioning mobile storage units in South Kivu for food and non-food items; and ii) conducting a rapid food security assessment, sectoral capacity assessments and a baseline study to create indicators for projects. The cost to WFP was USD 264,023.
9. **Burundi IR-EMOP 200825 – Special Preparedness Activities (1 March–30 May 2015)** allowed WFP to increase its emergency preparedness in light of expected violence ahead of Burundi's presidential elections through: i) rapid needs assessment training; ii) information and communications technology (ICT) equipment; iii) cash-based transfer market assessments; iv) temporary staffing; v) monitoring and reporting; and vi) coordination. The cost to WFP was USD 250,000.
10. **Zimbabwe IR-EMOP 200886 – Special Preparedness Activities (25 June–24 September 2015)** addressed the impacts of Zimbabwe's poor agricultural harvests, including a significant loss of crops in the southeast and what the Regional Food and Nutrition Security Working Group for Southern Africa called "a potential huge food deficit". Preparedness activities included training and assessments of the appropriateness and feasibility of cash-based assistance in the most affected districts. The cost to WFP was USD 223,527.

EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COUNTRY DIRECTORS OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES

11. **Burundi IR-EMOP 200851 (15 May–15 August 2015)** delivered general food distributions to 25,000 people affected by political violence, totalling 1,333 mt of food. The USD 1.5 million cost also covered preparedness activities such as augmenting emergency coordination, security capacity and ICT preparedness.
12. **Vanuatu IR-EMOP 200831 (19 March–2 April 2015)** responded to people most affected by tropical cyclone Pam in the districts of Efate, Penama, Malampa, Torba, Shefa and Tafea. The immediate life-saving needs of 162,650 beneficiaries required 270 mt of food at a cost of USD 1.5 million to complement government assistance.
13. **Albania IR-EMOP 200819 (13 February–12 May 2015)** provided a three-month emergency cash intervention at the Government's request, targeting 10,000 people affected by the worst flooding in southern Albania in 40 years at a cost of USD 1.4 million.

14. **DRC IR-EMOP 200856 (1 June–30 August 2015)** provided life-saving assistance to 21,500 refugees in Uvira and Fizi territories of South Kivu who had fled conflict in Burundi. Food baskets were provided in June and July, with a shift to cash-based transfers in August. The total food requirement was 697 mt at a cost of USD 1.4 million. Following the IR-EMOP, refugee assistance was provided through a budget revision to PRRO 200540.
15. **Haiti IR-EMOP 200850 – Special Preparedness Activities (11 May–10 August 2015)** allowed the country office to strengthen its emergency preparedness and response capacities in light of political instability, a rise in criminality and the upcoming hurricane season. Activities included: i) participation in a national simulation exercise; ii) training in 72-hour emergency food security assessment; and iii) provision of ICT equipment and first aid supplies. The cost to WFP was USD 80,883.
16. **Malawi IR-EMOP 200810 (17 January–17 March 2015)** assisted 77,000 people affected by floods with 77 mt of high-energy biscuits provided to the most vulnerable households in Nsanje and Chikwawa districts for five days at a cost of USD 981,874. Subsequently food rations were provided through PRRO 200692.
17. **Rwanda IR-EMOP 200838 (10 April–10 July 2015)** provided 20,000 asylum-seekers in Gashora, Muyira and Rukomo centres who had fled political violence in Burundi with high-energy biscuits for five days – a total of 20 mt – followed by general food distributions of 953 mt. The cost to WFP was USD 981,409.
18. **Sri Lanka IR-EMOP 200809 (15 January–24 January 2015)** assisted 238,400 people in the 13 districts of Sri Lanka most affected by severe flooding and landslides. The daily food ration mitigated short-term food insecurity and sought to improve the nutritional status of affected people with 1,311 mt of food at a cost of USD 919,222.
19. **United Republic of Tanzania IR-EMOP 200853 (11 May–10 August 2015)** supported refugees fleeing political violence in Burundi. WFP provided high-energy biscuits for 12,000 refugees and other vulnerable people for five days, followed by general food distributions. The food requirement was 715 mt at a cost of USD 883,866.
20. **Djibouti IR-EMOP 200837 (12 April–12 July 2015)** allowed WFP to quickly meet the needs of refugees from Yemen to prevent further deterioration in their nutritional status. A full ration was provided to 10,000 people in the refugee camp in Obock-ville. The total food requirement was 544 mt at a cost of USD 498,313.

TREND ANALYSIS

21. The value of the EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or under her delegated authority during the period covered by this report decreased by USD 94 million compared with the USD 388 million approved during the same period in 2014.

EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2015

Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (USD)	Total cost (USD)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPs APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED/DG	200799	Dakar Regional Bureau (RBD)	Central African Republic, Cameroon, Chad, DRC, Congo	Critical Support to Populations Affected by the Ongoing Crisis in Central African Republic and its Regional Impact	111 962	74 040 480	196 335 000	1 565 400	06/01/2015	360
ED/DG	200668	Bangkok Regional Bureau (RBB)	Nepal	Emergency Food Assistance to Populations Affected by Earthquake in Nepal	21 430	33 185 992	80 387 727	2 037 000	30/04/2015	244
ED	200833	RBB	Vanuatu	Emergency Food Assistance to Victims of Cyclone Pam	1 674	1 779 399	3 521 038	57 300	15/04/2015	76
Subtotal Table A					135 065	109 005 871	280 243 765	3 659 700		



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TABLE B: EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Chief of Staff	200835	Cairo Regional Bureau (RBC)	Egypt	Assistance to Egyptian Returnees from Libya	-	1 800 000	2 822 361	60 000	07/05/2015	90
Chief of Staff	200854	Johannesburg Regional Bureau (RBJ)	DRC	DRC Special Preparedness Activity	-	-	264 023	-	15/05/2015	90
Chief of Staff	200825	Nairobi Regional Bureau (RBN)	Burundi	Burundi – Special Preparedness Activity	-	-	250 000	-	24/02/2015	90
Chief of Staff	200886	RBJ	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe – Special Preparedness Activity	-	-	223 527	-	29/06/2015	89
Subtotal Table B					-	1 800 000	3 559 911	60 000		

TABLE C: EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS (RDs), COUNTRY DIRECTORS (CDs) OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES

DIR. EMER	200851	RBN	Burundi	Food Assistance of Political Violence in Burundi	1 333	639 675	1 499 811	25 000	15/05/2015	90
DIR. EMER	200831	RBB	Vanuatu	Food Assistance for Victims of Cyclone Pam	270	304 000	1 450 930	162 650	19/03/2015	13
DIR. EMER	200819	RBC	Albania	Response to Albania Floods	10 000	1 050 000	1 428 507	10 000	13/02/2015	89



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DIR. EMER	200856	RBJ	DRC	Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees in DRC	697	653 749	1 381 998	21 500	27/05/2015	90
DIR. EMER	200850	Panama Regional Bureau (RBP)	Haiti	Haiti – Special Preparedness Activity	-	-	80 883	-	07/05/2015	90
RD	200810	RBJ	Malawi	Emergency Food Assistance to Vulnerable Populations Affected by Floods in Malawi	77	94 710	981 874	77 000	17/01/2015	60
RD	200838	RBN	Rwanda	Emergency Assistance to Asylum-Seekers from Burundi in Rwanda	973	433 570	981 409	20 000	16/04/2015	90
RD	200809	RBB	Sri Lanka	Food Assistance for Flood Victims in Sri Lanka	1 311	763 977	919 222	238 400	15/04/2015	90
RD	200853	RBJ	United Republic of Tanzania	Emergency Food Assistance to Burundian Refugees in the United Republic of Tanzania	715	333 232	883 866	12 000	08/05/2015	89
CD	200837	RBN	Djibouti	Refugees from Yemen	544	221 204	498 313	10 000	09/04/2015	90
Subtotal Table C					15 920	4 494 118	10 106 813	576 550		
TOTAL (A, B, C)					150 985	115 299 989	293 910 489	4 296 250		



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

CD	Country Director
DG	Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
ED	Executive Director
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ICT	information and communications technology
IR	immediate response
RBB	Bangkok Regional Bureau (Asia)
RBC	Cairo Regional Bureau (Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia)
RBJ	Johannesburg Regional Bureau (Southern Africa)
RBN	Nairobi Regional Bureau (East and Central Africa)
RBP	Panama Regional Bureau (Latin America and the Caribbean)
RD	Regional Director