

برنامج
الأغذية
العالمي



Programme
Alimentaire
Mondial

World
Food
Programme

Programa
Mundial
de Alimentos

**Executive Board
First Regular Session**

Rome, 13–15 February 2012

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Agenda item 10

*For information**

E

Distribution: GENERAL
WFP/EB.1/2012/10-E
20 January 2012
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR–GENERAL OF FAO (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2011)

* In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it, well in advance of the meeting, and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.

This document is printed in a limited number of copies. Executive Board documents are available on WFP's Website (<http://executiveboard.wfp.org>).

NOTE TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

This document is submitted to the Executive Board for information

The Secretariat invites members of the Board who may have questions of a technical nature with regard to this document to contact the WFP staff focal point indicated below, preferably well in advance of the Board's meeting.

Director, ODX:*

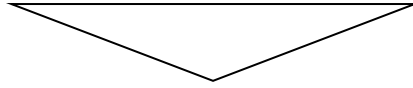
Ms V. Guarnieri

tel.: 066513-3286

Should you have any questions regarding availability of documentation for the Executive Board, please contact Ms I. Carpitella, Senior Administrative Assistant, Conference Servicing Unit (tel.: 066513-2645).

* Programme Division

DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of “Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July – 31 December 2011)” (WFP/EB.1/2012/10-E).

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document issued at the end of the session.

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 July and 31 December 2011, as shown in the attached tables. Table A lists projects with a food value of more than US\$3 million approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists projects with a food value of less than US\$3 million approved by the Deputy Executive Director (DED) under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Table C lists EMOPs with an individual value of US\$500,000 or less approved by Regional Directors or Country Directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
3. During the period under review, 12 EMOPs were approved: 4 by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; 5 under the delegated authority of the Deputy Executive Director; and 3 by Regional Directors or Country Directors. These operations provide food assistance to 6.5 million people at a food cost of US\$313.2 million. The total costs to WFP are US\$815.7 million.

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

4. **Afghanistan EMOP 200366 (October 2011–September 2012)** is an emergency response to severe drought, caused by extremely poor rainfall during the November 2010 to April 2011 season and higher than normal temperatures, which led to harvest failure. The drought hit the north, northeast, central highlands and northwest, affecting both rainfed and irrigated crops and forcing herders to sell animals prematurely at low prices. The operation targets 2.4 million beneficiaries with 90,495 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$116 million.
5. **Cambodia EMOP 200373 (November 2011–November 2012)** responds to severe flooding of the Mekong and Tonle Sap river basins and flash floods, which affected 18 of Cambodia's 24 provinces with the worst floods since 2000. Flood-affected households facing immediate food shortages are assisted through general food distributions, vulnerable group feeding, and food for assets supporting the rehabilitation of critically damaged infrastructure. The operation targets 150,000 beneficiaries with food requirements of 10,777 mt, at a cost to WFP of US\$10.9 million.
6. **Somalia EMOP 200281 (July 2011–December 2012)** and its budget revision respond to extreme food insecurity and famine in Somalia, caused by prolonged drought conditions exacerbated by conflict, insecurity, high food prices and access constraints. The global acute malnutrition rate reaches 30 percent in some areas, and is 16 percent nationally. Beneficiaries are assisted through general food distributions, targeted supplementary feeding and mother-and-child health and nutrition programmes; emergency school feeding and support to anti-retroviral treatment and tuberculosis treatment patients; and livelihoods assistance through food for assets and food for training. The operation supports 1.9 million beneficiaries with 318,803 mt of food along with cash assistance, at a cost to WFP of US\$427.6 million.

7. **Syrian Arab Republic EMOP 200339 (October–December 2011):** Civil unrest, displacement, international sanctions, low productivity, high food prices, and loss of livelihoods and assets have all combined to create a humanitarian crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic, affecting both urban and rural populations. This operation supported 50,000 beneficiaries with 1,750 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$2 million.
8. **South Sudan EMOP 200338 (January–December 2012):** As the world's newest country, South Sudan is in the early stages of nation-building; however, life-threatening conditions persist in many areas. Most displaced persons, refugees, conflict-affected and other vulnerable people are agropastoralists. Limited infrastructure, social services and sustainable economic opportunities, combined with the recurring threat of drought and floods, put these households at increasing risk of adopting negative coping mechanisms. WFP is well placed to provide timely and appropriate responses to evolving needs. The operation will support 1.9 million beneficiaries with 152,243 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$252.2 million.

EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR¹

9. **Republic of the Congo EMOP 200384 (1–31 December 2011)** enhanced WFP's ability to respond to large influxes of refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which were expected because of the increasing tension related to elections in DRC. The operation aimed to: i) increase the fleet of small barges for moving food and non-food items (NFIs); ii) increase the number of rub halls for storage; iii) enhance information technology and communications systems; and iv) enhance logistics coordination. The cost to WFP is US\$293,313.
10. **Mali EMOP 200378 (November 2011–February 2012):** Mali is facing a food crisis following failed rains, combined with high food prices. This operation prepares the Mali country office to provide assistance during the agricultural lean season, including conducting a post-harvest food security assessment in the worst-affected areas, and working with food security and nutrition stakeholders to develop a strategy for responding to the looming crisis. The cost to WFP is US\$147,202.
11. **Mauritania EMOP 200370 (November 2011–January 2012):** Mauritania is facing a food crisis following failed rains, combined with high food prices. This operation prepares the Mauritania country office to provide assistance during the agricultural lean season, by conducting a post-harvest food security assessment and a logistics capacity assessment, and by working with food security and nutrition stakeholders to develop a response strategy. The cost to WFP is US\$130,272.
12. **Lesotho EMOP 200367 (November 2011–May 2012)** responds to major flooding that inundated much of the country following the heaviest rainfall in ten years. The farming sector suffered heavy losses, including of crops and seasonal employment opportunities. In response to the Government's request, WFP is providing food rations to households in the highlands, where the rains exacerbated an already precarious food security situation; and food-for-assets opportunities to households in the lowlands, where the damage was mainly to infrastructure. The operation supports 40,000 beneficiaries with 3,456 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$3.1 million.

¹ EMOPs described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 14 are special preparedness activities approved through the Immediate Response Account (IRA) mechanism.

13. **Ghana EMOP 200321 (August 2011–February 2012)** responds to the needs of refugees who fled the political crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. Although this crisis has gradually been resolved, and a new President was inaugurated in May 2011, a recent Government of Ghana/United Nations inter-agency assessment revealed that 98 percent of refugees interviewed are unwilling to return to Côte d'Ivoire for political reasons. Through WFP, refugees in camps/transit centres receive full monthly rations of 2,150 kcal per person per day, which are distributed by a cooperating partner, supported by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). UNHCR also provides refugees with NFIs, including cooking utensils, coal pots, lanterns and charcoal. The operation supports 17,750 beneficiaries with 1,366 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$1.3 million.
14. **Burkina Faso EMOP 200388 (January–March 2012):** Burkina Faso is facing a food crisis following failed rains, combined with high food prices. This operation will prepare the Burkina Faso country office to provide assistance during the agricultural lean season, by conducting a post-harvest food security assessment and a logistics capacity assessment, and by working with food security and nutrition stakeholders to develop a response strategy. WFP will also work to enhance national market information systems. The cost to WFP is US\$280,715.

EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS

15. **Cambodia EMOP 200368 (October–December 2011)** provided the initial response to flooding of the Mekong and Tonle Sap river basins and flash floods, which affected vast areas of the country causing loss of lives, population displacement, damage to infrastructure, disrupted livelihoods and the adoption of negative coping strategies, particularly among the poorest and most vulnerable households. Many families lost their food stocks, livestock and household goods. Markets continued to function in most areas, but rice prices increased by up to 15–20 percent. WFP assisted with a one-off distribution of 50 kg of rice per household. In some of the worst-affected areas, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government counterparts distributed other food items to complement the rice allocation. The operation supported 60,000 beneficiaries with 600 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$500,000. It was followed by EMOP 200373, described above.
16. **Mauritania EMOP 200334 (August–October 2011):** In early 2011, extremely high food prices, caused by several factors, created moderate to severe food insecurity among households in poor peri-urban areas, leaving many unable to afford even subsidized food items. In response, WFP partnered with the Government's Food Security Commission to purchase a food basket and distribute it among selected shops, from where the food was redeemed against vouchers that were distributed to targeted beneficiaries. The operation supported 16,125 beneficiaries with US\$350,000 of food vouchers, at a total cost to WFP of US\$498,726.
17. **Togo EMOP 200308 (July–October 2011)** responded to the needs of refugees who fled the political crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. Although the situation improved with the inauguration of a new President in May 2011, supporters of the former President continued to flee Côte d'Ivoire, fearing reprisals. Most of the refugees arriving in Togo – about 200 a week – first moved through Ghana, but found conditions more favourable in Togo, particularly as they are French-speaking. The operation supported 7,200 beneficiaries with 394 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$499,449.

TREND ANALYSIS

18. The value of the EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or under her delegated authority during the period covered by this report represents a 60 percent decrease in relation to the US\$1.7 billion approved during the same period in 2010.



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2011

Approving authority	Project number	Bureau	Recipient country	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (US\$)	Total cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
DG/ED	200366	ODB	Afghanistan	Relief Food Assistance for Drought-Affected Populations in Northern Afghanistan	90 495	54 418 647	116 041 308	2 386 730	09/12/2011	359
DG/ED	200373	ODB	Cambodia	Relief and Early Recovery Food Assistance to Flood-Affected Households	10 777	7 342 438	10 911 030	150 000	30/11/2011	359
DG/ED	200281	ODN	Somalia	Tackling Hunger and Food Insecurity in Somalia	318 803	167 849 103	427 681 847	1 900 000	18/07/2011	540
ED	200339	ODC	Syrian Arab Republic	Emergency Food Assistance to People Affected by Unrest in the Syrian Arab Republic	1 750	1 369 498	1 997 380	50 000	13/10/2011	90
DG/ED	200338	ODN	South Sudan	Food Assistance for Food-Insecure and Conflict-Affected Populations in South-sudan	152 243	78 669 677	252 232 347	1 873 958	22/12/2011	365
Subtotal Table A					574 069	309 649 363	808 863 913	6 360 688		
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR										
DED	200384	ODN	Congo,Rep of	Influx of Refugees from Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)	n/a	n/a	293 313	n/a	25/11/2011	30
DED	200378	ODD	Mali	Preparedness Activities in Mali	n/a	n/a	147 202	n/a	15/11/2011	88
DED	200370	ODD	Mauritania	Immediate Response Preparedness Account To Enhance Preparedness to the High Food Prices Crisis in West Africa	n/a	n/a	130 272	n/a	19/10/2011	90

EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2011										
Approving authority	Project number	Bureau	Recipient country	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (US\$)	Total cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Duration (days)
DED	200367	ODJ	Lesotho	Emergency Assistance in Response to Crop Failure in Lesotho	3 456	1 852 560	3 136 439	40 000	01/12/2011	210
DED	200321	ODD	Ghana	Assistance to Ivorian Refugees in Ghana	1 366	696 321	1 339 679	17 750	06/09/2011	180
DED	200388	ODD	Burkina Faso	Enhanced Preparedness in Food Needs Assessment and Logistics Capacity Assessment	n/a	n/a	280 715	n/a	20/12/2011	90
Subtotal Table B					4 822	2 548 881	5 327 620	57 750		
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS										
CD	200368	ODB	Cambodia	Relief Food Assistance for Vulnerable People Affected by Floods	600	330 000	500 000	60 000	13/10/2011	79
CD	200334	ODD	Mauritania	Voucher-Based Transfers to Assist Vulnerable Populations in Coping with the Lean Season and High Food Prices in Nouakchott	-	350 000	498 726	16 125	18/07/2011	90
CD	200308	ODD	Togo	Emergency Assistance to Ivorian Refugees in Togo	394	311 131	499 449	7 200	27/07/2011	99
Subtotal Table C					994	991 131	1 498 175	83 325		
TOTAL					579 885	313 189 375	815 689 709	6 501 763		

ODB – Regional Bureau Bangkok (Asia)

ODC – Regional Bureau Cairo (Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia)

ODD – Regional Bureau Dakar (West Africa)

ODJ – Regional Bureau Johannesburg (Southern Africa)

ODN – Regional Bureau Nairobi (East and Central Africa)

