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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2009)

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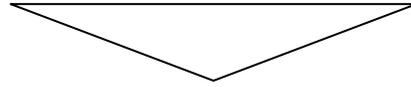
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DRAFT DECISION*



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 2009)” (WFP/EB.1/2010/11).

* 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 either jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) or under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Since the Board's 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 2009.
3. All EMOPs approved in the second semester of 2009 are shown in the attached tables. Table A lists those projects with a food commitment value of more than US\$3 million approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (ED and DG). Table B lists those with a food value of less than US\$3 million approved by the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer (DED/COU) under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Table C lists EMOPs with an individual value of less than US\$500,000 approved by Regional Directors (RD) or country directors (CD) under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
4. During the period under review, 15 EMOPs were approved: 3 by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; 1 under the delegated authority of the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer; 11 by Regional Directors or country directors. These operations represent a commitment of 729,019 mt of food to assist 8.3 million people at a food cost of US\$300 million; total costs to WFP were US\$923 million.

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

5. Philippines EMOP 200076 began in October 2009 and is scheduled to end in June 2010. The project is meeting the needs of 1 million beneficiaries at risk from the effects of tropical storms Ketsana and Parma at the total cost to WFP of US\$19.7 million.
6. Sudan EMOP 200027 will start distribution to 6.5 million beneficiaries in January 2010; the total cost is US\$874 million. The project will continue until December 2010, providing assistance to save lives, reduce food insecurity and restore the livelihoods of conflict-affected and vulnerable populations in the Sudan.
7. Syria EMOP 200042 is a response to the effects of the third consecutive year of drought in northeastern Syria, which are further exacerbated by the impacts of high food and fuel prices, and the global financial crisis. Between December 2009 and July 2010, WFP will provide emergency food assistance to vulnerable small-scale farmer and herder households. Assistance will be provided to 300,000 beneficiaries at a cost of US\$22 million.

EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

8. Niger EMOP 200071 (October–December 2009) ensured adequate access to food for a population whose food and nutrition security had been adversely affected by floods. With a total cost of US\$3.1 million, 79,000 beneficiaries received assistance.



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

9. Philippines EMOP 200074 (September–December 2009) in response to tropical storm Ketsana and provided initial assistance to internally displaced persons and other vulnerable people who were unable to access food through other means. The project targeted 178,000 beneficiaries at a cost of US\$500,000; it was followed by EMOP 20076 described above.
10. Burkina Faso EMOP 200067 (September–December 2009) addressed the immediate food needs of 125,000 beneficiaries affected by widespread flooding in West Africa. The cost to WFP of this operation was US\$500,000.
11. Gambia EMOP 200083 (October 2009–January 2010) provides food assistance to 14,700 people adversely affected by heavy rains in 2009 at a cost of US\$450,000.
12. Guinea EMOP 200084 (October 2009–January 2010) aims to provide 40,000 flood victims – including 25,000 women and 7,000 children under 5 – with one month of rations at a cost of US\$500,000.
13. Niger EMOP 200069 (15–27 September 2009) provided 336 mt of food at a cost of US\$400,000 to meet the immediate needs of 39,000 of the most vulnerable people within the city of Agadez in northern Niger.
14. Republic of the Congo EMOP 200093 (November–December 2009) was in response to ethnic violence in the Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which led to an influx of refugees into the Republic of the Congo. The project provided emergency food assistance to 30,000 beneficiaries at a cost of US\$500,000.
15. United Republic of Tanzania EMOP 200100 (November 2009–January 2010) was in response to floods that destroyed crops and supplies in the Kilimanjaro Region. The project addressed the immediate food needs of 6,200 beneficiaries at a cost of US\$145,000.
16. Colombia EMOP 200085 (November 2009–February 2010) was in response to mass displacements in Nariño, where thousands of people had been forced to flee their homes because of armed conflict. The project assisted 5,700 beneficiaries at a cost of US\$500,000.
17. Guatemala EMOP 200072 (September–December 2009) aimed to prevent further deterioration of the nutritional status and food insecurity of people living in the province of Izabal, which was affected by drought, previous flooding, the global financial crisis and decreased remittances. The project assisted 10,000 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$479,000.
18. El Salvador EMOP 200089 (November 2009–February 2010) met the immediate food needs of displaced people living in shelters after the tropical storm Ida. At a cost to WFP of US\$459,000, individual and family rations were provided to 10,000 beneficiaries.
19. Ecuador EMOP 200094 (December 2009–March 2010) was in a response to drought in the province of Manabi, which has decreased the availability of water for human consumption. At a cost of US\$367,000, this EMOP assists 10,000 people at immediate risk of food insecurity.



TREND ANALYSIS

20. Between January and December 2009, US\$1.6 billion in EMOPs were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Compared to 2008, when US\$2 billion was approved, there was a 30 percent decrease in the value of EMOPs approved under the Executive Director's delegated authority.

EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 July – 31 December 2009

					Original Requirements					
Approving Authority	Bureau	Recipient Country	Project Number	Project Title	Food Cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total Cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval Date	Original Duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED & DG	OMB	Philippines	200076	Emergency Food Assistance to Tropical Storm Ketsana-Affected Populations	14 620 000	25 800	19 698 960	1 000 000	02/10/2009	272
ED & DG	OMS	Sudan	200027	Food Assistance to Conflict-Affected Population	264 560 085	665 550	873 657 247	6 465 816	29/09/2009	364
ED & DG	OMC	Syria	200042	Assistance to Victims of Drought	16 147 538	30 157	22 330 337	300 000	18/12/2009	242
Subtotal Table A					295 327 623	721 507	915 686 544	7 765 816		
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER										
DED/COO	OMD	Niger	200071	Emergency Food Assistance to Flood-Affected Populations in Agadez Region	2 185 289	2 730	3 072 729	79 129	13/10/2009	122
Subtotal Table B					2 185 289	2 730	3 072 729	79 129		
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS										
CD	OMB	Philippines	200074	Food Assistance to Tropical Storm Ketsana-Affected Populations	383 614	742	500 000	178 000	28/09/2009	90
CD	OMD	Burkina Faso	200067	Assistance to Flood Victims	263 838	617	499 953	125 000	11/09/2009	90
CD	OMD	Gambia	200083	Assistance to Populations Affected by Floods	167 114	432	445 310	14 724	08/10/2009	92
CD	OMD	Guinea	200084	Assistance to Floods Victims in Conakry, Coastal, Middle, Upper and Forest Guinea	239 476	528	499 731	40 000	09/10/2009	92





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CD	OMD	Niger	200069	Food Assistance for Flood-Affected Population	130 723	336	378 545	39 000	15/09/2009	20
CD	OMJ	Republic of the Congo	200093	Displaced Population from DRC in Likouala Region	192 720	501	499 648	30 000	18/11/2009	95
CD	OMJ	United Republic of Tanzania	200100	Emergency Assistance to Flood Victims in Kilimanjaro	90 349	188	144 738	6 200	15/12/2009	106
CD	OMP	Colombia	200085	Emergency Assistance to Persons Affected by Massive Displacements in Nariño	310 014	361	500 000	5 700	20/11/2009	92
CD	OMP	Guatemala	200072	Food Assistance to Population Affected by Flood	269 140	407	479 027	10 000	23/09/2009	91
CD	OMP	El Salvador	200089	Emergency Assistance to Populations Affected by Tropical Storm Ida	311 270	486	459 189	10 000	13/11/2009	90
CD	OMP	Ecuador	200094	Food Assistance to Families Affected by Droughts in Manabi	167 038	185	367 855	10 000	15/12/2009	90
Subtotal Table C					2 525 297	4 783	4 773 995	468 624		
TOTAL					300 038 209	729 019	923 533 269	8 313 569		

OMB - Regional Bureau Bangkok (Asia)

OMC - Regional Bureau Cairo (Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe)

OMD - Regional Bureau Dakar (West Africa)

OMJ - Regional Bureau Johannesburg (Southern, Eastern and Central Africa)

OMP - Regional Bureau Panama City (Latin America and the Caribbean)

OMS - Regional Bureau the Sudan