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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 2008)**

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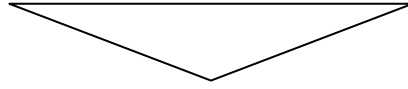
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of “Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2008)” (WFP/EB.2/2008/10-E).

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations (document WFP/EB.2/2008/15) 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 (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 Board's 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 2008.
3. All EMOPs approved in the first semester of 2008 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. Table B lists those with a food value of less than US\$3 million approved by the Senior Deputy Executive Director (DED) 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 (RDs) or country directors (CDs) under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
4. During the period under review, eight EMOPs were approved: two by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; two under the delegated authority of the Senior Deputy Executive Director; one by a Regional Director and three by country directors. These operations represent a commitment of 107,633 mt of food to assist 2.9 million people at a food cost of US\$70.5 million; total costs to WFP were US\$117.6 million.

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

5. Philippines EMOP 10489.1 started in June 2008 and is scheduled to end in May 2009, covering the needs of 1.6 million beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$25.1 million. The EMOP's objective is to continue food assistance previously provided by EMOP 10489.0 to targeted vulnerable groups affected by the conflict in the region of Mindanao.
6. Myanmar EMOP 10749.0 is WFP's response to the deadly effects of Cyclone Nargis, which struck the coast of the country on 2 and 3 May 2008. The operation, which started in May 2008 and is scheduled to end in April 2009, supports 924,000 beneficiaries, at a cost to WFP of US\$69.5 million.

EMOPs APPROVED BY THE SENIOR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

7. Cameroon EMOP 10735.0 provides emergency food assistance to 85,000 refugees originating from both Chad and the Central African Republic for the period April 2008 to March 2009. The total WFP cost of the operation is US\$18.3 million.
8. EMOP 10742.0 in Ecuador aims to assist 30,100 victims of heavy rain and floods in the coastal areas of the country. The operation started in June 2008 and will end in December 2008. Total cost to WFP is US\$3.2 million.



IMMEDIATE-RESPONSE EMOPs APPROVED BY REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS

9. Ecuador IR-EMOP 10738.0 was the immediate response of WFP to the torrential rains and subsequent floods in the coastal areas of Ecuador; it started in March 2008 and closed in May 2008. WFP supported 100,000 beneficiaries by providing high-energy biscuits, which were incorporated into food rations distributed by the Government. WFP also provided technical cooperation for emergency assessment, warehousing and local purchases. The total cost to WFP was US\$480,000.
10. Cameroon IR-EMOP 10729.0 was launched in response to fighting between Chadian rebels and government troops, which led to most United Nations staff being evacuated and left hundreds of thousands of refugees in need of assistance. The operation started in February and ended in April 2008, assisting 50,000 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$500,000.
11. Myanmar IR-EMOP 10748.0 addressed the immediate needs of 40,000 beneficiaries affected by Cyclone Nargis at the beginning of May 2008. The operation started in May and ended in June 2008, at a total cost to WFP of US\$500,000.
12. China IR-EMOP 10753.0 was WFP's response to the devastating earthquake that struck Wenchuan County in the Sichuan Province of China. WFP procured 55 mt of instant noodles to complement the emergency food ration distributed with the Government and other partners to 100,000 victims of the earthquake. Total cost of the operation to WFP was US\$100,000.

EMOPs APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2008

					Requirements					
Approving authority	Project number	Project title	Recipient country	Regional bureau	Food cost (US\$)	Food (mt)	Total cost (US\$)*	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Approval duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPs APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED-DG	10489.1	Immediate Support to Conflict-Affected Populations in Mindanao	Philippines	Bangkok	16 502 685.0	23 703.0	25 089 343.9	1 551 400	16/06/2008	364
ED-DG	10749.0	Food Assistance to Cyclone-Affected Populations in Myanmar	Myanmar	Bangkok	41 921 099.0	65 615.0	69 504 128.2	924 001	12/05/2008	338
Subtotal Table A					58 423 784.0	89 318.0	94 593 472.2			
TABLE B: EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE SENIOR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR										
Senior DED	10735.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Central African and Chadian Refugees in Cameroon	Cameroon	Dakar	9 220 376.0	15 550.5	18 292 351.9	85 000	14/03/2008	347
DCOO**	10742.0	Food Assistance to Flood Victims in the Coastal Area of Ecuador	Ecuador	Panama City	2 015 762.0	1 619.2	3 171 512.6	30 100	28/06/2008	213
Subtotal Table B					11 236 138.0	17 169.7	21 463 864.5			



EMOPs APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2008

					Requirements					
Approving authority	Project number	Project title	Recipient country	Regional bureau	Food cost (US\$)	Food (mt)	Total cost (US\$)*	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Approval duration (days)
TABLE C: EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS										
RD	10738.0	Assistance to Victims of Floods in Ecuador	Ecuador	Panama City	350 000.0	200.0	479 830.2	100 000	28/02/2008	91
CD	10729.0	Food Assistance for Chadian Refugees in Northern Cameroon	Cameroon	Dakar	228 188.0	442.5	499 783.7		05/02/2008	57
CD	10748.0	Immediate Response to Cyclone Nargis	Myanmar	Bangkok	199 000.0	448.0	499 954.3	40 000	06/05/2008	31
CD	10753.0	Emergency Response to Sichuan Earthquake	China	Bangkok	83 875.0	55.0	99 996.9	100 000	16/05/2008	60
Subtotal Table C					861 063.0	1 145.5	1 579 565.1			
TOTAL					70 520 985.0	107 633.2	117 636 901.8			

* Total project costs are inclusive of indirect support costs (7%)

** Deputy Chief Operational Officer

