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## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO

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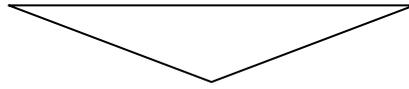
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## DRAFT DECISION\*



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

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\* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document (WFP/EB.1/2008/15) 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 July and 31 December 2007.
3. All EMOPs approved in the second semester of 2007 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 (RD) or country directors (CD) under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
4. During the period under review, 24 EMOPs were approved: 5 by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; 6 by the Senior Deputy Executive Director; and 13 by country directors. These operations represent a commitment of 874,998 mt of food to assist 12 million people at a food cost of US\$346.6 million; total costs to WFP were US\$919.3 million.

## **EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO**

5. Peru EMOP 10691.0 covers the needs of 80,000 beneficiaries from October 2007 to May 2008 at a cost to WFP of US\$6.9 million. The EMOP aims to provide food assistance to vulnerable groups severely affected by the earthquake of 15 August 2007.
6. Sudan EMOP 10693.0 started in January 2008 in support of 5.6 million people in the most food-insecure areas of the country at a cost to WFP of US\$697.2 million. The EMOP will continue to target households whose livelihoods have been disrupted by conflict, along with those who are returning to their places of origin or migrating to new areas and must re-establish their livelihoods.
7. The overall purpose of Nicaragua EMOP 10700.0 is to provide immediate food assistance to 80,000 victims of hurricane Felix to prevent the deterioration of the nutritional status of the affected population and assist in the recovery efforts to restore livelihoods and community infrastructures. The total cost to WFP is US\$10.2 million.
8. Bangladesh EMOP 10715.0 is WFP's response to cyclone Sidr. The EMOP supports 2.2 million affected people from November 2007 to May 2008 at a WFP cost of US\$51.8 million. The components of the EMOP response are relief assistance through micronutrient supplementation and recovery and rebuilding of livelihoods through food for work/cash for work and emergency school feeding.



9. Middle East regional EMOP 10717.0 will run throughout 2008 and will cover the needs of 1.1 million Iraqi internally displaced persons (IDPs)/refugees in Iraq and Syria at a total WFP cost of US\$126.6 million. In order to ensure safe, sufficient and appropriate food the operation will provide basic and complementary food packages to the most vulnerable people.

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## **EMOPS APPROVED BY THE SENIOR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

10. Cameroon EMOP 10663.0 provided emergency food assistance to refugees of the Central African Republic in Cameroon from July to December 2007. The objective of the operation was to support 21,000 beneficiaries' basic dietary needs through general and therapeutic feeding. The total WFP cost of the operation was US\$2.4 million.
11. EMOP 10684.0 in Yemen aims to prevent acute malnutrition among 36,000 IDPs and improve their nutritional status. The operation started in September 2007 and will end in March 2008 at a total WFP cost of US\$1.2 million.
12. Pakistan EMOP 10688.0 covers the needs of 132,000 beneficiaries in Balochistan from August 2007 to March 2008 at a total WFP cost of US\$3.9 million. The EMOP is part of WFP's response to cyclone Yemyin. Through food-for-work activities the operation enables households to rebuild their homes and productive assets.
13. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) EMOP 10689.0 provided food to 215,000 people affected by flooding in the DPRK from August to November 2007. The project supported the immediate food needs of the affected population and helped prevent further deterioration in the nutritional situation of the most vulnerable groups at a total WFP cost of US\$4.7 million.
14. EMOP 10710.0 in Ghana started in November 2007 and will run until April 2008, supporting 75,000 of the people who have lost their homes, livestock and food stocks due to the severe flooding in northern Ghana. The total WFP cost is US\$4.4 million.
15. In response to tropical storm Noel immediate response (IR)-EMOP 10714.0 will address the food needs of 55,000 storm-affected rural and peri-urban people in 11 provinces of the Dominican Republic from December 2007 to June 2008 at a total WFP cost of US\$4 million. The objectives are to ensure basic food needs, prevent a deterioration of the population's nutritional status, preserve assets, restore livelihoods and assist the Government in strengthening its emergency response.

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## **IMMEDIATE-RESPONSE EMOPS APPROVED BY REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS**

16. As an immediate response to cyclone Yemyin, WFP launched Pakistan IR-EMOP 10679.0 within 48 hours to provide food assistance to 5,330 families in Kharan, Nushki, Jaffarabad and Jal Magsi. The objective was to assist the Government in the provision of immediate food assistance. The project was operational from July to August 2007 and had a total WFP cost of US\$500,000.
17. Peru IR-EMOP 10685.0 covered the immediate needs of 35,000 beneficiaries impacted by frost in the highlands of Peru. The objectives of the operation were to alleviate hunger over the short term among the target population and reduce migration. The operation ran from July to October 2007 at a cost to WFP of US\$488,453.



18. Colombia IR-EMOP 10686.0 covered the needs of 55,000 victims of extensive flooding in the region of Mojana and the department of Córdoba in 2007. The objective of the operation was to provide food assistance to vulnerable people to re-establish livelihoods. The operation was active from August to September 2007 at a cost to WFP of US\$448,611.
19. As an immediate response to flooding in Nepal, IR-EMOP 10687.0 ran from August to October 2007, supporting 60,000 people severely affected by floods in 32 districts who received a one-month emergency food ration. Total WFP cost was US\$500,000.
20. IR-EMOP 10690.0 supported 25,000 beneficiaries in Peru affected by the earthquake on the southern coast of Peru. The operation was active from August to September 2007, providing a complementary ration to the affected population that covered 43 percent of its needs at a cost to WFP of US\$496,954.
21. IR-EMOP 10692.0 was operational in Jamaica and Belize from August to October 2007 following hurricane Dean. The objective of the operation was to ensure food access for the most vulnerable people and allow them to recover their livelihoods. The operation assisted 10,500 beneficiaries at a total WFP cost of US\$256,131.
22. In response to hurricane Felix in September, Nicaragua IR-EMOP 10695.0 covered the immediate food needs of 38,000 people living in affected areas and moved to evacuation centres. The operation's total cost to WFP was US\$499,925.
23. IR-EMOP 10703.0 in Ghana, active during September and October 2007, supported 75,000 victims of flooding at a total WFP cost of US\$500,000. The operation provided immediate life-saving food assistance to IDPs in the three northern regions, following intense rainfall in August 2007 that affected over 200,000 people.
24. IR-EMOP 10705.0 was active from September to December 2007, as a response to flood-affected people in Uganda. The operation provided 100 percent of the recommended dietary allowance to 124,000 people located in the most severely affected areas at a total cost to WFP of US\$499,938.
25. IR-EMOP 10711.0 in the Dominican Republic provided emergency assistance to 30,000 victims of tropical storm Noel during November and December 2007. The objective of the operation was to ensure immediate food access for the most vulnerable and to provide the most severely affected families with food rations to assist them while they recovered their livelihoods. The operation had a total WFP cost of US\$487,674.
26. Mexico IR-EMOP 10712.0 provided immediate assistance to 50,000 victims of flooding in the state of Tabasco from November through December 2007. The objectives of the operations were to ensure immediate food access for the vulnerable population and to assist the Government in its relief efforts. The operation had a total WFP cost of US\$499,690.
27. As a response to the flooding in eastern Cuba, IR-EMOP 10719.0 supports the Government's efforts to provide an emergency food ration to the most affected people, thus improving their access to a complete food basket. The operation started in December 2007 and will end in March 2008 at a total WFP cost of US\$497,579.
28. IR-EMOP 10722.0, approved on 28 December 2007, supports 22,000 beneficiaries in the Dominican Republic as a response to tropical storm Olga. The objective of the operation is to ensure immediate food access for the most vulnerable. The operation will have a total WFP cost of US\$495,203.



## EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2007

Approving Authority	Project Number	Project Title	Recipient Country	Bureau	Original Requirements			Beneficiaries	Approval Date	Original Duration (days)
					Food Cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total Cost (US\$)*			
<b>TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO</b>										
ED-DG	10691.0	Food Assistance to People Affected by the Earthquake	Peru	ODP	4 764 515	6 424	6 912 420	80 000	01/10/2007	243
ED-DG	10693.0	Food Assistance to Population Affected by Conflict	Sudan	ODS	213 880 811	632 560	697 158 765	5 560 000	27/12/2007	365
ED-DG	10700.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Victims of Hurricane Felix	Nicaragua	ODP	4 182 515	8 645	10 220 825	80 000	08/11/2007	273
ED-DG	10715.0	Response to Cyclone Sidr	Bangladesh	ODB	34 546 880	71 364	51 783 522	2 200 000	28/11/2007	181
ED-DG	10717.0	Food Assistance to Displaced Iraqis in Iraq and Syria	Middle East Region	ODC	73 905 630	120 490	126 571 939	1 112 000	27/12/2007	365
<b>Sub-total Table A</b>					<b>331 280 351</b>	<b>839 497</b>	<b>892 647 471</b>	<b>9 032 000</b>		
<b>TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE SENIOR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>										
Senior DED	10663.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Central Africa Refugees in Cameroon**	Cameroon	ODD	989 955	2 997	2 400 964	20 728	11/06/2007	152
Senior DED	10684.0	Humanitarian Assistance to IDPs in Sa'ada Governorate	Yemen	ODC	800 815	1 942	1 236 770	36 000	14/08/2007	90
Senior DED	10688.0	Assistance to Flood Victims in Balochistan	Pakistan	ODC	2 011 676	5 804	3 918 246	132 000	29/08/2007	91



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					Food Cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total Cost (US\$)*			
Senior DED	10689.0	Emergency Assistance to Flood-Affected Populations	DPRK	ODB	2 960 550	9 674	4 652 901	215 000	29/08/2007	92
Senior DED	10710.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Flood-Affected people in Northern Ghana	Ghana	ODD	2 165 198	5 864	4 351 067	75 000	13/12/2007	175
Senior DED	10714.0	Assistance to Victims of Tropical Storm Noel in the Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	ODP	2 562 043	3 344	3 954 227	55 000	28/12/2007	182
<b>Sub-total Table B</b>					<b>11 490 237</b>	<b>29 624</b>	<b>20 514 175</b>	<b>533 728</b>		

**TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS**

CD	10679.0	Emergency Assistance for Flood Affected Persons in Balochistan	Pakistan	ODC	246 400	176	499 996	132 000	06/07/2007	30
CD	10685.0	Frost in the Highlands of Peru	Peru	ODP	305 002	532	488 453	34 747	17/07/2007	91
CD	10686.0	Emergency Food Assistance for Victims by Flooding in the Mojana Region and the Department of Cordoba	Colombia	ODP	288 860	385	448 611	55 001	31/07/2007	60
CD	10687.0	Food Assistance to Flood Victims	Nepal	ODB	392 033	897	500 000	60 000	03/08/2007	91
CD	10690.0	Earthquake on the South Coast of Peru	Peru	ODP	350 000	373	496 954	24 872	17/08/2007	60



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Approving Authority	Project Number	Project Title	Recipient Country	Bureau	Original Requirements			Beneficiaries	Approval Date	Original Duration (days)
					Food Cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total Cost (US\$)*			
RD	10692.0	Assistance to Victims of Hurricane Dean in Jamaica and Belize	Latin America Region	ODP	117 380	170	256 131	10 500	24/08/2007	62
CD	10695.0	Assistance to Victims of Hurricane Felix in the North Atlantic Region (RAAN)	Nicaragua	ODP	198 670	410	499 925	38 000	05/09/2007	90
CD	10703.0	Food Assistance for Flood-Affected Populations in Ghana	Ghana	ODD	300 440	845	500 000	75 000	25/09/2007	65
CD	10705.0	Targeted Food Assistance for Flood-Affected Persons as Part of the Relief and Recovery of Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Vulnerable Groups	Uganda	ODK	329 080	845	499 938	124 000	20/09/2007	102
RD	10711.0	Assistance to Victims of Tropical Storm Noel	Dominican Republic	ODP	340 940	329	487 674	30 000	02/11/2007	44
RD	10712.0	Assistance to Victims of Flooding	Mexico	ODP	130 000	100	499 690	50 000	06/11/2007	45
CD	10719.0	Assistance to Victims of Flooding in Eastern Cuba	Cuba	ODP	453 027	398	497 579	1 740 060	17/12/2007	90
CD	10722.0	Assistance to Victims of Tropical Storm Olga	Dominican Republic	ODP	395 967	412	495 203	22 000	28/12/2007	59
<b>Sub-total Table C</b>					<b>3 847 799</b>	<b>5 872</b>	<b>6 170 156</b>	<b>2 396 180</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>346 618 387</b>	<b>874 998</b>	<b>919 331 802</b>	<b>11 961 908</b>		

\* Total project costs are inclusive of indirect support costs

\*\* This project was not included in the first semester report



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## ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

CD	country director
DED	Deputy Executive Director
DG	Director-General
DPRK	the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
ED	Executive Director
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IDP	internally displaced person
IR	immediate response
ODB	Asia Regional Bureau
ODC	Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe Regional Bureau
ODD	West Africa Regional Bureau
ODK	East and Central Africa Regional Bureau
ODP	Latin America and Caribbean Regional Bureau
ODS	Regional Bureau Sudan
RAAN	<i>Región Autónoma Atlántico Norte</i> (North Atlantic Autonomous Region)
RD	Regional Director