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## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO (1 JANUARY – 30 JUNE 2006)

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1. At its Second Regular Session of 2001, the Board asked to be regularly informed about emergency operations (EMOPs) approved either jointly by the Executive Director and by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) or under the delegated authority of the Executive Director.
2. The first report on EMOPs approved in the previous semester was presented at the Board's Second Regular Session of 2002. Subsequently, this information has been provided twice a year.
3. This report covers EMOPs approved between 1 January and 30 June 2006. The next report, covering the second half of 2006, will be submitted to the First Regular Session in February 2007.
4. All the EMOPs approved in the first semester of 2006 are shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs 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 approved by the Executive Director with a food value of less than US\$3 million. Table C lists immediate-response EMOPs with a total individual value of less than US\$500,000 approved by country or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
5. During the period under review, 11 EMOPs were approved: three jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; two by the Executive Director; and six immediate-response EMOPs by country or regional directors. These operations represent a commitment of 814,886 mt of food, to assist 9.2 million people at a total food cost of US\$186.7 million and an overall combined operational and support cost to WFP of US\$796.8 million.
6. The EMOPs jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO were for the Sudan, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania. These aimed to assist a total of 8.8 million people at an overall cost to WFP, including transport and support costs, of US\$789.8 million.
7. The two EMOPs approved by the Executive Director were for Bolivia and Nepal, to assist a total of 270,000 people at an overall cost to WFP of US\$5.1 million.
8. WFP country directors approved immediate-response EMOPs in Algeria, Bolivia, Ecuador, Egypt, Guinea-Bissau and Indonesia, assisting 157,000 people at a total overall cost to WFP of US\$1.9 million.

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

9. EMOP Sudan 10503.0 "Food Assistance to Population Affected by Conflict" was the first EMOP approved this year, on 5 January. It accounts for more than 90 percent in value of the total approvals in the semester. This one-year EMOP for January - December 2006 includes all WFP emergency food assistance to the country. It continues assistance provided under two previous EMOPs – 10048.3 for the South, the Three Areas and the East, and 10339.1 for Darfur, both of which ended on 31 December 2005. A total of 6.1 million beneficiaries are planned for 2006 – 2.7 million for Darfur, 1.9 million for the South and 1.5 million in the Three Areas and the East – at an overall cost to WFP of US\$746 million.

10. WFP has resumed assistance to the Philippines supporting conflict-affected people in Mindanao, returning internally displaced people and expanding food-based safety net programmes. The one-year EMOP 10489.0 “Assistance to Conflict-Affected in Mindanao” was approved to assist 2.1 million beneficiaries from March 2006 to February 2007, at a total cost to WFP of US\$27.2 million.
11. EMOP 10519.0 “Assistance to Drought-Affected Persons in Tanzania” assisted 565,000 people from May to September 2006. The United Republic of Tanzania requested assistance to complement its own drought-relief efforts. The total cost of the operation to WFP is US\$16.6 million.

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

12. Bolivia requested international assistance with major flooding in early 2006. EMOP Bolivia 10517.0 “Assistance to Highly Food-Insecure Flood Victims” follows the immediate-response EMOP approved by the country director and provides assistance to 45,000 people for ten months at a total cost to WFP of US\$1.9 million.
13. Western Nepal requested WFP assistance with a severe winter drought. EMOP 10523.0 “Food Assistance to Drought-Affected People” provided a two-month food ration to 225,000 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$3.2 million.

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

14. The six immediate-response EMOPs approved during the period under review were only a fraction of the total approved value of EMOPs, but provided a timely response to the needs of people affected by sudden emergencies. In Guinea-Bissau, WFP provided short-term assistance to people internally displaced by conflict. In Algeria and Egypt, WFP provided short-term assistance to refugees affected by exceptional difficulties. Flood victims were assisted in Bolivia and Ecuador. WFP provided assistance to earthquake victims in Indonesia.
15. All current documents are available on the WFP website.



## EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2006

Approving Authority	Project Number	Project Title	Recipient Country	Bureau	Food Cost (US\$)	Total Cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Beneficiaries	Approval Date	Original Duration (days)
<b>TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO</b>										
ED-DG	10503.0	Food Assistance to Population Affected by Conflict	Sudan	ODS	163 053 758	746 004 887	730 955	6 100 000	05/01/2006	365
ED-DG	10489.0	Assistance to Conflict Affected in Mindanao	The Philippines	ODB	15 044 280	27 218 615	40 438	2 106 000	26/01/2006	365
ED-DG	10519.0	Assistance to Drought Affected Persons in Tanzania	Tanzania	ODK	4 983 300	16 611 448	33 900	565 000	06/04/2006	150
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>183 081 338</b>	<b>789 834 950</b>	<b>805 293</b>	<b>8 771 000</b>		
<b>TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>										
SDED	10517.0	Assistance to Highly Food-Insecure Flood Victims	Bolivia	ODP	1 299 220	1 911 179	3 477	45 000	20/05/2006	300
SDED	10523.0	Food Assistance to Drought Affected Populations of mid-west and far-west Nepal	Nepal	ODB	1 237 080	3 181 146	3 784	225 000	15/06/2006	90
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>2 536 300</b>	<b>5 092 325</b>	<b>7 261</b>	<b>270 000</b>		





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<b>TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY DIRECTORS</b>										
CD	10507.0	Food Assistance to Sudanese Refugees in Egypt	Egypt	ODC	88	121 573	200	4 000	09/01/2006	90
CD	10511.0	Assistance to Flood Victims in Bolivia	Bolivia	ODP	335 3	477 565	617	50 000	03/02/2006	90
CD	10512.0	Food Assistance to Western Saharan Refugees Affected by Torrential Rains	Algeria	ODC	91	175 119	271	60 000	22/02/2006	30
CD	10524.0	Food Assistance to Flood Affected Families in Los Rios Province in Ecuador	Ecuador	ODP	76	145 092	109	13 000	12/05/2006	60
CD	10525.0	Assistance to IDPs in Northern Guinea Bissau	Guinea Bissau	ODD	160 6	458 718	567	10 000	22/05/2006	90
CD	10526.0	Earthquake Affected People in Central Java	Indonesia	ODB	316 9	499 972	568	20 000	29/05/2006	60
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1 069 96</b>	<b>1 878 039</b>	<b>2 332</b>	<b>157 000</b>		
<b>Total</b>					<b>186 687 606</b>	<b>796 805 314</b>	<b>814 886</b>	<b>9 198 000</b>		

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## ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

CD	country director
ED-DG	Executive Director – Director-General
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
OBD	Asia Regional Bureau
ODC	Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe Regional Bureau
ODK	East and Central Africa Regional Bureau
ODO	Office of the Director of Operations
ODP	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Bureau
ODS	Sudan Regional Bureau
SDED	Senior Deputy Executive Director