

- *Use of the IRA for preparedness activities*

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# 1. Use of the Immediate Response Account (IRA) for preparedness

- Use of the IRA for preparedness activities was approved by the Executive Board in 2004
- Activities covered include:
  - ✓ Capacity assessment for logistics, ICT and procurement
  - ✓ Contingency planning and emergency preparedness
  - ✓ Needs assessments, including VAM, targeting and technical appraisal
  - ✓ Baseline analyses and surveys
- IRA funding allowed up to a limit of **USD 2 million per year**

## 2. No change in annual limit set for IRA use to support preparedness

- **IRA annual target level of USD 70 million was set in 2004**
- **Since then WFP's income has doubled, accompanied by increased volume and complexity of operations**
- **IRA annual target level increased in 2014 from USD 70 million to USD 200 million**
- **But annual limit for use of IRA for preparedness activities not adjusted**

**Authority for use of the IRA for preparedness activities has not changed to keep pace with changes in WFP's profile and complexity**

### 3. New proposal for Use of the Immediate Response Account (IRA) for preparedness activities

- Proposal to revise annual limit up to **USD 6 million** per year
  - ✓ Enrich operational readiness for a response, through emergency preparedness planning processes
  - ✓ Establish baselines for an informed response including capacity assessments, needs assessments, VAM assessments, targeting and technical appraisals
  - ✓ Augment operational capacity of WFP's supply chain, information and communications technology (ICT) and engineering services
  - ✓ Increase the capabilities of partners, in preparedness, to enable a joint and effective response to an emergency