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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 2012)

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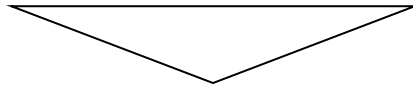
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## DRAFT DECISION\*



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 2012)” (WFP/EB.1/2013/9-E).

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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 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 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 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 2012, as shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food value of more than US\$3 million approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists EMOPs with a food value of less than US\$3 million approved by the Deputy Executive Director (DED) under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Table C lists EMOPs with an individual value of US\$500,000 or less approved by Regional Directors, Country Directors or the Director of Emergencies under authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
3. During the period under review, seven EMOPs were approved: three by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; one by the Deputy Executive Director; and three by Regional Directors, Country Directors or the Director of Emergencies. These operations provide food assistance to nearly 2 million people at a food cost of US\$48 million. The total costs to WFP are US\$94 million.

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

4. **Democratic Republic of the Congo EMOP 200480 (August 2012–June 2013)** responds to intensified conflict that has resulted in a significant number of internally displaced persons. The situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has remained fragile because of continued armed conflict, the proliferation of arms, land disputes and the Government's inability to restore State authority and control. The areas most affected include North and South Kivu, Katanga, Maniema and Oriental provinces. The operation provides timely lifesaving assistance to newly displaced persons in these provinces. The operation targets 1.2 million beneficiaries with 48,347 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$80.9 million.
5. **Lesotho EMOP 200499 (October 2012–April 2013)** responds to the devastating effects of two successive crop failures. The operation targets people living in the most food-insecure areas, mainly in the higher mountains, southern lowlands and Senqu Valley. Food assistance is provided through targeted food distributions and livelihood support activities using cash-for-asset modalities. The operation provides assistance to 210,000 beneficiaries with 4,915 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$9.8 million.
6. **Paraguay EMOP 200482 (September–December 2012)** responded to floods and other natural disasters in the El Chaco region, which caused fatalities, population displacement and devastated livelihoods. Following an immediate-response (IR)-EMOP, the operation supported vulnerable people through general food distribution for four months. The EMOP provided assistance to 50,000 beneficiaries with 989 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$1.3 million.

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## EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

7. **Kyrgyzstan IR Preparedness EMOP 200511 (October 2012–January 2013)** responded to the need to implement immediate preparedness measures for WFP and partners in the country. The country office felt that these measures were necessary because Kyrgyzstan is threatened by several human-induced and natural shocks. The measures included rapid needs assessment training for WFP and cooperating partner staff, and cash and voucher market assessments. The operation has a total cost to WFP of US\$126,251 and was approved through the Immediate Response Account mechanism.

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## EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COUNTRY DIRECTORS OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES

8. **Cuba EMOP 200516 (February–August 2013)** responds to the adverse effects of Hurricane Sandy. Food security is a priority because flooding and strong winds resulted in food losses and damage to food storage facilities. Large losses in agriculture crops in the eastern region, which the hurricane hit directly, were compounded by subsequent flooding in the central regions, reducing the Government's ability to cope with the emergency using its own resources. The operation follows an IR-EMOP and provides assistance to 492,390 beneficiaries with 793 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$1 million.
9. **Benin IR-EMOP 200513 (November 2012–January 2013)** responded to severe flooding caused by heavy seasonal rains in northern Benin and rising water levels of the Niger River during July, August and September 2012. These floods affected vulnerable populations that had already experienced two consecutive shocks when severe flooding in 2010 was followed by extreme drought in 2011. WFP focused its food assistance on the most vulnerable, including people who had been displaced from their homes and were thus severely food-insecure. The operation provided assistance to 50,000 beneficiaries with 1,152 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$998,286.
10. **Syrian Arab Republic IR-EMOP 200536 (December 2012–March 2013)** responds to rapid population movements in urban and rural Damascus due to military activity in and around the centre of Yarmouk and other densely populated areas of the city. The IR-EMOP provides assistance to 125,000 beneficiaries with 582 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$1,496,881.

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## TREND ANALYSIS

11. The value of the EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or under her delegated authority during the period covered by this report represents a 90 percent decrease compared with the US\$815 million approved during the same period in 2011.



**EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2012**

					Original requirements					
Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (US\$)	Total cost* (US\$)	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	200480	OMN	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Emergency Support to Internally Displaced Populations in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo	48 347	39 323 857	80 939 264	1 184 256	07/09/2012	299
ED/DG	200499	OMJ	Lesotho	Assistance in Response to Crop Failure in Lesotho	4 915	7 133 366	9 810 756	210 300	12/10/2012	209
ED	200482	OMP	Paraguay	Emergency Assistance to Households Affected by Natural Disasters in El Chaco	989	746 460	1 340 709	50 000	05/09/2012	120
<b>Subtotal Table A**</b>					<b>54 250</b>	<b>47 203 683</b>	<b>92 090 728</b>	<b>1 444 556</b>		
<b>TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>										
DED	200511	OMC	Kyrgyzstan	Support to Special Emergency Preparedness Activities in the Kyrgyz Republic	n/a	n/a	126 251	n/a	03/10/2012	90
<b>Subtotal Table B**</b>					<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126 251</b>	<b>-</b>		

## EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2012

					Original requirements					
Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (US\$)	Total cost* (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
<b>TABLE C: EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COUNTRY DIRECTORS OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES (DIR/EMERG)</b>										
RD	200516	OMP	Cuba	Emergency Assistance to People Affected in Cuba by hurricane Sandy in the Provinces of Santiago de Cuba, Holguín and Guantanamo	793	662 511	999 976	492 390	02/11/2012	59
RD	200513	OMD	Benin	Emergency Assistance to Victims of flooding in Northern Benin	1 152	596 850	998 286	50 000	08/11/2012	90
DIR/EMERG	200536	OMC	Syria	Emergency Food Assistance for People Affected by Intensification of Civil Unrest	582	1 260 319	1 496 881	125 000	20/12/2012	90
<b>Subtotal Table C**</b>					<b>2 527</b>	<b>2 519 680</b>	<b>3 495 143</b>	<b>667 390</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>56 777</b>	<b>49 723 363</b>	<b>95 712 123</b>	<b>2 111 946</b>		

\* Including indirect support costs (7 percent).

\*\* Totals have been rounded.



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## ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

DED	Deputy Executive Director
DG	Director-General
ED	Executive Director
EMOP	emergency operation
DIR/EMERG	Director of Emergencies
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IR	immediate response
OMC	Regional Bureau Cairo (Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia)
OMD	Regional Bureau Dakar (West Africa)
OMJ	Regional Bureau Johannesburg (Southern Africa)
OMN	Regional Bureau (East and Central Africa)
OMP	Regional Bureau Panama City (Latin America and the Caribbean)
RD	Regional Director