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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 2010)**

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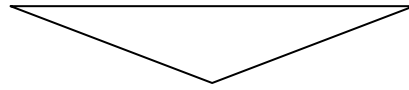
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DRAFT DECISION*



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 2010)” (WFP/EB.2/2010/10-E).

* 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 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 2010.
3. All EMOPs approved in the first half of 2010 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 Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer (DED/COO) 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, 19 EMOPs were approved: 7 by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; 1 under the delegated authority of the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer; 11 by Regional Directors or country directors. These operations represent a commitment of 242,372 mt of food to assist 5 million people at a food cost of US\$254 million; total costs to WFP were US\$417 million.

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

5. **Syria EMOP 200040** began in May 2010 and is scheduled to end in April 2011. It will cover the needs of 150,000 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$32.1 million. WFP will distribute 23,808 mt of food. The EMOP provides food assistance to Iraqi refugees in Syria made vulnerable by the extended duration of their displacement and the erosion of their livelihoods.
6. **Republic of the Congo EMOP 200095** began in January 2010 and ended in June 2010. The operation covered the needs of 124,700 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$15.7 million. WFP distributed 11,020 mt of food. The EMOP provided food assistance to Congolese people displaced in the Likouala province. Disputes between Enyele and Munzaya ethnic groups in the Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo degenerated into armed clashes beginning in late October 2009, with displaced people crossing the border into the Republic of the Congo.
7. **Haiti EMOP 200110** began in January 2010 and was initially scheduled to end in July 2010, but a budget revision approved on 19 February extended the EMOP until the end of 2010. The EMOP was originally intended to cover the needs of 2 million beneficiaries with 104,360 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$246 million. Emergency food security assessments and consultations with the Government informed the budget revision, increasing WFP food needs to 275,902 mt and initiating cash vouchers at a total cost of US\$475.3 million. The EMOP aims to provide assistance to earthquake-affected in Haiti to increase food consumption of affected households, protecting their livelihoods and enhancing their self-reliance and early recovery.

8. **Guatemala EMOP 200111** began in March 2010 and was scheduled to end in September 2010. It will cover the needs of 235,000 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$13.8 million. WFP will distribute 12,675 mt of food. The operation provides food assistance to families affected by acute malnutrition and food insecurity in Guatemala, which faces a prolonged economic and food security crisis, exacerbated by an extended drought.
9. **Chad EMOP 200112** began in March 2010 and is scheduled to end in December 2010. It will accommodate the needs of 737,000 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$65.4 million. WFP will distribute 46,784 mt of food. The EMOP provides food assistance to the drought-affected population in Chad, which faces a food security and nutrition crisis. Low and erratic rainfall during the 2009/10 cropping season, following below-average rainfall in 2008, has severely affected cereal production and availability of pasture for livestock.
10. **Cameroon EMOP 200127** began in June 2010 and is scheduled to end in April 2011. The project will cover the needs of 339,900 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$26 million. WFP will distribute 27,498 mt of food. The operation provides food assistance to drought-affected populations and acutely malnourished groups in northern Cameroon, which has suffered a widespread drought that has weakened the food security of vulnerable households and created fears of a regional food and nutritional crisis during the lean season.
11. **Uzbekistan EMOP 200160** began in June 2010 and was scheduled to end in December 2010. The project was to accommodate the needs of 100,000 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$12.1 million with 11,508 mt of food. The EMOP was to provide food assistance to refugees from the Kyrgyz Republic, a result of growing tensions erupting on 10 June with mass violence in the southern areas of Osh and Jalalabad, which led to the internal displacement of 300,000 people and 75,000 refugees fleeing to the Republic of Uzbekistan. On 24 June the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan announced that all refugees had returned to Kyrgyzstan and that no further assistance was required; WFP subsequently took steps to close the operation.

EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

12. **Senegal EMOP 200105** began in January 2010 and ended in March 2010. The project contributed to preparedness activities in the context of the crisis in the eastern Sahel at a cost to WFP of US\$194,000.

EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS

13. **Central African Republic EMOP 200106** began in January 2010 and ended in February 2010. The operation covered the needs of 14,000 refugees in the communities of Zinga/Enbushure, Mongoumba, Ikoumba I, and Sambouru/Kakaya/Ikoumba II at a cost to WFP of US\$498,000. WFP distributed 466 mt of food. The operation provided food assistance to Congolese refugees in the Lobaye prefecture displaced by ethnic violence in the Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It aimed to save lives of the most vulnerable people, to ensure that the basic food needs of the refugees were met



until their return to DRC, and reduce the pressure on the food supplies of the host population.

14. **Haiti EMOP 200107** began in January 2010 and ended in April 2010. The operation covered the immediate food needs of 30,000 people affected by the earthquake with 86 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$500,000. It was succeeded by EMOP 200110 (see previous section).
15. **Bolivia (Plurinational State of) EMOP 200115** began in February 2010 and ended in April 2010. It accommodated the food needs of 47,665 flood-affected families at a cost to WFP of US\$494,000 distributing 544 mt of food.
16. **Chile EMOP 200121** began in March 2010 and ended in May 2010. It accommodated the immediate food needs of 45,000 people affected by the earthquake with 120 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$298,000.
17. **Uganda EMOP 200123** began in March 2010 and ended in June 2010. The project covered the needs of 12,000 beneficiaries with 500 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$419,000. The operation involved general food distributions for people displaced by landslides and flooding in eastern Uganda.
18. **Mozambique EMOP 200125** began in April 2010 and ended in June 2010. The operation provided relief assistance to 460,000 people affected by floods and drought with 677 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$500,000.
19. **China EMOP 200132** began in May 2010 and ended in July 2010. It covered the needs of 125,000 beneficiaries with 422 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$500,000. The project provided life-saving sustenance to Qinghai earthquake survivors and helped meet the nutritional needs of children aged 6–36 months.
20. **Sri Lanka EMOP 200139** began in May 2010 and ended in August 2010. It covered the food needs of 477,000 people affected by floods with 800 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$500,000.
21. **Guatemala EMOP 200155** began in June 2010 and ended in August 2010. The operation accommodated the needs of 50,000 beneficiaries with 465 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$488,000. The project provided assistance to flood and landslide victims following tropical storm Agatha, as well as victims of the Pacaya volcano eruption in the central, southern and western highlands of Guatemala. Continued assistance for 110,000 flood victims was subsequently provided by EMOP 200111.
22. **Kyrgyzstan EMOP 200158** began in June 2010 and was scheduled to end in September 2010. The operation covered the needs of 40,000 beneficiaries with 80 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$498,000, addressing the needs of people affected by internal violence. Ethnic tension grew in southern Kyrgyzstan following the overthrow of the Government in early April. On 10 June, violence between Kyrgyz and Uzbeks erupted in the city of Osh, leading to a large number of people fleeing the city, many of them into the Republic of Uzbekistan. This immediate-response EMOP was succeeded by EMOP 200161 (approved on 7 July, after the reporting period of this report).
23. **Uzbekistan EMOP 200159** began in June of 2010 and was scheduled to end in September 2010. It accommodated the needs of 75,000 beneficiaries with 558 mt of food at a cost to WFP of US\$500,000. It provided assistance to Uzbeks living in Kyrgyzstan who fled Uzbekistan when violence broke out there. This immediate response EMOP was succeeded by EMOP 200160 (see previous section).

TREND ANALYSIS

24. The value of EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or under her delegated authority during the period covered by this report represents a 53 percent decrease in relation to the US\$790 million approved during the same period in 2009.



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2010

Approving authority	Project number	Bureau	Recipient country	Project title	Food cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)*	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED/DG	200040	OMC	Syria	Emergency Assistance to Refugees in Syria	21 877 890	23 808	32 061 874	150 000	10/05/2010	359
ED/DG	200095	OMJ	Congo, Rep. of	Food Assistance to Congolese Displaced in Likouala Province	5 853 745	11 021	15 748 677	124 700	20/01/2010	179
ED/DG	200110	OMP	Haiti	Food Assistance to Earthquake-Affected Population in Haiti	176 384 750	104 360	246 039 061	2 000 000	15/01/2010	180
ED/DG	200111	OMP	Guatemala	Emergency Food Assistance to Families Affected by Acute Undernutrition and Food Insecurity	8 821 150	12 675	13 799 410	235 000	29/03/2010	197
ED/DG	200112	OMD	Chad	Emergency Food Assistance to Drought-Affected Population	20 740 467	46 784	65 439 726	737 000	03/03/2010	300
ED/DG	200127	OMD	Cameroon	Emergency Food Assistance to Population Affected by Drought and Acute Malnutrition in Northern Cameroon	10 636 844	27 498	26 157 158	339 900	07/06/2010	329
ED/DG	200160	OMC	Uzbekistan	Support to Refugees from Kyrgyzstan	6 762 560	11 508	12 068 911	100 000	25/06/2010	188
Subtotal Table A					251 077 407	237 654	411 314 817	3 686 600		
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED BY THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER UNDER HIS DELEGATED AUTHORITY										
DED/COO	200105	OMD	Senegal	Preparedness Activities In the Context of the Eastern Sahel Crisis	–	–	194 462	n/a	05/01/2010	90
Subtotal Table B					–	–	194 462	–	–	
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS UNDER THEIR DELEGATED AUTHORITY										
CD	200106	OMD	Central African Republic	Assistance to Congolese Refugees in Lobaye Prefecture Displaced by Ethnic Violence in Equateur Province of DRC	206 136	466	497 520	14 000	18/01/2010	90
RD	200107	OMP	Haiti	Immediate Response to Earthquake in Haiti	154 800	86	500 000	30 000	13/01/2010	91



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2010										
Approving authority	Project number	Bureau	Recipient country	Project title	Food cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)*	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
CD	200115	OMP	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Immediate Response to Flood-Affected Families	319 730	544	494 038	47 665	29/01/2010	89
RD	200121	OMP	Chile	Immediate Response to Earthquake in Chile	216 000	120	297 503	45 000	02/03/2010	90
CD	200123	OMJ	Uganda	General Food Distribution for Populations Displaced by Landslides and Flooding in Eastern Uganda	213 315	500	419 383	12 000	11/03/2010	89
CD	200125	OMJ	Mozambique	Relief Assistance to Floods and Drought-Affected Populations	253 620	677	500 000	460 000	18/03/2010	89
RD	200132	OMJ	China	Emergency Response to Qinghai Earthquake	419 600	422	500 000	125 000	27/04/2010	75
CD	200139	OMB	Sri Lanka	Food Assistance For Flood-Affected Population in Sri Lanka	353 920	800	476 896	400 000	21/05/2010	89
CD	200155	OMP	Guatemala	Assistance to Victims of Flood and Landslides and Pacaya Volcano Eruption in the Central, Southern and Western Highlands	300 250	465	487 990	50 000	02/06/2010	89
RD	200158	OMC	Kyrgyzstan	Food Support to Population Affected by the Conflict in the South of the Kyrgyz Republic	93 600	80	497 502	48 856	17/06/2010	90
RD	200159	OMC	Uzbekistan	Support to Refugees from Kyrgyzstan	215 300	558	499 917	75 000	16/06/2010	89
Subtotal Table C					2 746 271	4 718	5 170 748	1 307 521		
GRAND TOTAL					253 823 678	242 372	416 680 027	4 994 121		

OMB - Regional Bureau Bangkok (Asia)

OMC - Regional Bureau Cairo (Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe)

OMD - Regional Bureau Dakar (West Africa)

OMJ - Regional Bureau Johannesburg (Southern, Eastern and Central Africa)

OMP - Regional Bureau Panama City (Latin America and the Caribbean)