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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 2009)

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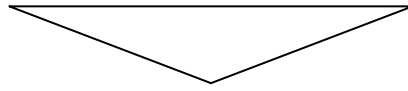
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DRAFT DECISION*



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 2009)” (WFP/EB.2/2009/10-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 and the Director-General 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 2009.
3. All EMOPs approved in the first semester of 2009 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 for Operations (who is also the Chief Operating Officer) 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 or country directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
4. During the period under review, 14 EMOPs were approved: 9 by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; 1 under the delegated authority of the Deputy Executive Director for Operations; and 4 by Regional Directors or country directors. These operations account for a commitment of 1,131,729 mt of food to assist 8.8 million people at a food cost of US\$377.3 million; total costs to WFP were US\$789.8 million.

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

5. Yemen EMOP 107670 started in January 2009 and is scheduled to end in December 2009. It covers the needs of 590,000 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$23.8 million in assistance to vulnerable people affected by the global increase in food prices who are at the highest risk of hunger and malnutrition.
6. Burkina Faso EMOP 107730 started in January 2009 and will end in December 2009. It responds to a drastic fall in purchasing power among a large segment of the urban population as a result of high food prices. Total cost for WFP is US\$17.5 million to assist 294,000 beneficiaries. Under EMOP 107730, children aged 6–24 months and pregnant or lactating women receive fortified food; very poor households receive monthly vouchers to be exchanged in selected shops against a food basket that includes maize, cooking oil and soap.
7. Occupied Palestinian Territory EMOP 107740 started in February 2009 and is scheduled to end in January 2010. It assists 31,000 people vulnerable to food insecurity in urban areas of the West Bank. Total cost of this operation to WFP is US\$6.7 million. Under EMOP 107740, targeted beneficiaries receive a monthly allocation of cash vouchers that may be redeemed for certain food items in selected shops.
8. Kyrgyzstan EMOP 108040 was launched in January 2009 and was initially due to end in June 2009; a budget revision extended it until March 2010. EMOP 108040 was approved in response to droughts, locust infestation, hailstorms, spring frosts and lack of rain in the context of economic shocks. Through this EMOP, WFP provides 75 kg of wheat flour and 7.5 kg of vegetable oil for 580,000 beneficiaries at a cost of US\$8.3 million.



9. Uganda EMOP 108110 commenced in February 2009 and will end in November 2009. The operation is designed to assist 970,000 beneficiaries in the north-eastern region of Karamoja who are severely affected by drought. The intervention consists of general food assistance for food-insecure households and supplementary and therapeutic feeding for moderately and severely malnourished people.
10. Somalia EMOP 108120 started in April 2009 and is scheduled to end in March 2010. Total cost to WFP is US\$482.5 million for food assistance for 3.5 million conflict-affected beneficiaries. Relief interventions include targeted food distributions, emergency school feeding, food for work, food for assets, food for training, institutional feeding and programmes involving children and nutrition.
11. Occupied Palestinian Territory EMOP 108170 was launched in January 2009 in response to an escalation of hostilities in the Gaza Strip in December 2008. The operation, which is scheduled to end in June 2010, assists beneficiaries through general food distribution, food for education and food vouchers. Total cost to WFP is US\$77.8 million.
12. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) EMOP 108240 started in May 2009 and will end in November 2009. It supports 162,000 beneficiaries. EMOP 108240 targets internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities, provides support for moderately malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women, and supports Congolese refugees. Total cost to WFP is US\$27.8 million.
13. Pakistan EMOP 108280 started in March 2009 and will end in December 2009. This operation was approved in response to the impact of heavy fighting in the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and aims to assist 2.2 million beneficiaries among IDPs and locally-affected people whose food and nutrition security has been adversely affected by the armed conflict. Total cost to WFP is US\$64.3 million.

EMOPS APPROVED BY THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

14. Yemen EMOP 108060 started in January 2009 and is scheduled to end in December 2009. It assists 43,000 flood-affected beneficiaries in the eastern part of the country through general food distribution at a cost of US\$1.6 million.

IMMEDIATE-RESPONSE EMOPS APPROVED BY REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS

15. Dominican Republic IR-EMOP 108460 was launched in response to widespread flooding and consequent damage to agricultural land and pasture. It started in May 2009 and ended in August 2009; the total cost to WFP was US\$449,000.
16. Ethiopia IR-EMOP 108190 was approved in anticipation of an increased influx of refugees from Somalia following the withdrawal of Ethiopian troops. The operation started in February and ended in April 2009; the total cost to WFP was US\$266,000. Approximately 25,000 beneficiaries were assisted through the distribution of high-energy biscuits.



17. Peru IR-EMOP 200021 started in June 2009 and ended in September 2009. It assisted 34,000 beneficiaries affected by exceptionally low temperatures in Puno Province; the total cost to WFP was US\$522,569.
18. Occupied Palestinian Territory IR-EMOP 108160 started in January 2009 to address the humanitarian crisis caused by the escalation of conflict in the Gaza Strip at the end of 2008. WFP organized general food distribution for 174,585 beneficiaries for 30 days in anticipation of the approval of EMOP 108170 (see above). Total cost to WFP was US\$449,440.



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2009

					Original Requirements					
Approving authority	Bureau	Recipient country	Project number	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	OMC	Yemen	107670	Food Assistance for People affected by High Food Prices	12 759 520	30 864	23 815 295	589 331	16/01/2009	364
ED/DG	OMD	Burkina Faso	107730	Emergency Response to High Food Prices in Burkina Faso Main Cities	12 604 580	18 288	17 465 991	294 000	13/01/2009	456
ED/DG	OMC	Occupied Palestinian Territory	107740	Emergency Response to High Food Prices in the West Bank and Gaza Strip	4 173 968	5 003	6 662 458	31 096	30/01/2009	364
ED/DG	OMC	Kyrgyzstan	108040	Kyrgyzstan Winter Emergency Food Aid Response	4 988 841	15 190	8 303 407	580 000	06/01/2009	454
ED/DG	OMJ	Uganda	108110	Emergency Assistance to Communities Affected by the 2008 Drought in Karamoja, North-Eastern Uganda	42 156 551	89 085	77 773 275	970 000	17/02/2009	272
ED/DG	OMJ	Somalia	108120	Food Aid for Emergency Relief and Protection of Livelihoods	207 937 976	503 021	482 529 259	3 529 000	08/04/2009	364
ED/DG	OMC	Occupied Palestinian Territory	108170	Emergency Support to Crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	47 227 918	73 506	77 837 641	365 000	20/01/2009	526
ED/DG	OMJ	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	108240	Emergency Support to the Population Affected by Insecurity in the Haut Uele District in Oriental Province of DRC	5 795 045	12 573	27 775 400	162 020	04/05/2009	152
ED/DG	OMC	Pakistan	108280	Food Assistance to Internally Displaced and Conflict-Affected Persons in Pakistan's NWFP and FATA	37 711 160	375 924	64 296 520	2 200 000	08/04/2009	291
Subtotal Table A					375 355 558	1 123 454	786 459 246	8 720 447		



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					Original Requirements					
Approving authority	Bureau	Recipient country	Project number	Project title	Food Cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total Cost (US\$)*	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS										
DED/COO	OMC	Yemen	108060	Food Assistance to Flood-Affected Persons in Eastern Yemen	843 484	7 053	1 565 252	42 905	10/01/2009	364
Subtotal Table B					843 484	7 053	1 565 252	42 905		
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS										
RD	OMP	Dominican Republic	108460	Flooding Victims Assistance	319 200	304	449 090	15 000	25/05/2009	92
CD	OMJ	Ethiopia	108190	Response to Somali Refugees Influx	28 500	19	266 056	25 000	03/02/2009	86
RD	OMP	Peru	200021	Response to Low Temperatures	349 632	480	522 569	34 000	16/06/2009	92
CD	OMC	Occupied Palestinian Territory	108160	Response to Gaza Crisis	420 676	419	499 440	174 585	15/01/2009	90
Subtotal Table C					1 118 008	1 222	1 737 154	248 585		
TOTAL					377 317 050	1 131 729	789 761 652	9 011 937		



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

CD	country director
DED/COO	Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer
DG	Director-General of FAO
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
ED	Executive Director
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas
IDP	internally displaced person
IR-EMOP	immediate-response EMOP
NWFP	North-West Frontier Province
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)
RD	Regional Director