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**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO
(1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 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 July and 31 December 2006. The next report, covering the first half of 2007, will be submitted to the Second Regular Session in October 2007.
4. All the EMOPs approved in the second 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 an individual value of less than US\$500,000 approved by country directors or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
5. During the period under review, nine EMOPs were approved: two jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; two by the Executive Director; and five immediate-response EMOPs by country or regional directors. These operations represent a commitment of 773,126 mt of food to assist 6.5 million people at a food cost of US\$196.2 million; operational and support costs to WFP were US\$782.4 million.
6. The EMOPs jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO were for Chad and the Sudan. These aimed to assist 6.0 million people at a cost to WFP of US\$770.8 million, including transport and support costs.
7. The two EMOPs approved by the Executive Director were for the Gambia and a Regional EMOP for Lebanon and Syria to assist 323,500 people at a cost to WFP of US\$9.8 million.
8. WFP country and regional directors approved immediate-response EMOPs in Ecuador, the Gambia, Lebanon, Nepal and the Philippines. These operations assisted 175,000 people at a cost to WFP of US\$1.7 million.

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

9. EMOP Chad 10559.0 "Assistance to Sudanese Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, IDP Host Communities and Refugee-Affected Local Populations in Eastern Chad" covers the needs of 500,000 people from January 2007 to 30 June 2008 at a cost to WFP of US\$85.4 million. The EMOP aims to balance the immediate needs of the Sudanese refugees with the longer-term needs of the IDPs and host populations. The operation includes general food rations and supplementary and therapeutic feeding for the refugees, and food-for-assets assistance for the IDPs and host populations. The EMOP takes into account the recommendations of (i) the WFP/UNHCR joint assessment mission of November 2005, (ii) WFP's April 2006 vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM)



survey of food self-sufficiency in the refugee camps and (iii) WFP April/May 2006 evaluation of food security among internally displaced populations of eastern Chad.

10. EMOP Sudan 10557.0 “Food Assistance to Populations Affected by Conflict” will meet the needs of 5.5 million people from January to December 2007. The cost to WFP is estimated at US\$685.4 million. This is WFP’s largest operation at present. In 2007, planned food assistance levels for the Darfur populations and returnees in the Sudan will remain similar to those for 2006. However, planned assistance to other vulnerable groups in southern, central and eastern Sudan and the Three Areas has been significantly reduced relative to 2006 plans; in most cases assistance will be limited to the critical hunger period.

EMOPs APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

11. The WFP response to the Lebanon crisis took the form of a short preparatory immediate-response EMOP under the Regional Director’s delegated authority to cover immediate assessment and start-up. It was followed by regional EMOP Lebanon and Syria 10537.0 “Food Assistance to Lebanese People Affected by Conflict”, approved by the Executive Director on 23 July 2006 to provide emergency assistance to 310,000 people for 90 days at a cost to WFP of US\$8.9 million. A subsequent budget increase augmented coverage to 500,000 beneficiaries; this is covered by a separate report to the Board.
12. In the Gambia, WFP initially responded to the refugee crisis through an immediate-response EMOP approved by the Regional Director. It was followed by EMOP 10572.0 “Assistance to Senegalese Refugees and Host Communities in the Gambia”, approved by the Executive Director. This EMOP is planned to run from February to October 2007, reaching 13,500 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$863,771.

IMMEDIATE-RESPONSE EMOPs APPROVED BY COUNTRY DIRECTORS OR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

13. There were two immediate-response EMOPs approved by regional directors, both mentioned in the previous section (see also Table C). Three immediate-response EMOPs were approved by country directors: (i) Ecuador, in response to a volcanic eruption; (ii) Nepal, for flood victims and (iii) the Philippines, for people affected by typhoon Reming. The combined value of these five operations was US\$1.7 million.





EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD JULY - DECEMBER 2006

Approval Authority	Project Number	Project title	Recipient country	Bureau	Approval authority	Approval date	Food cost (US\$)	Total cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Beneficiaries	Original duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO											
ED-DG	10559.0	Assistance to Sudanese Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, IDP Host Communities and Refugee-Affected Local Populations in Eastern Chad	Chad	ODD	ED-DG	24/11/2006	19 329 668	85 427 612	76 287	500 000	545
ED-DG	10557.0	Food Assistance to Populations Affected by Conflict	Sudan	ODK	ED-DG	29/12/2006	172 602 682	685 403 770	682 136	5 500 000	365
Subtotal							191 932 351	770 831 382	758 423	6 000 000	
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR											
ED	10537.0	Food Assistance to Lebanese People Affected by Conflict	Lebanon and Syria	ODC	ED	23/07/2006	2 884 040	8 951 779	10 605	310 000	90
DED	10572.0	Assistance to Senegalese Refugees and Host Communities in the Gambia	The Gambia	ODD	DED	22/12/2006	437 780	863 771	1 475	13 500	270
Subtotal							3 321 820	9 815 549	12 080	323 500	
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS											
RD	10532.0	Food Assistance to Populations Affected by Conflict	Lebanon and Syria	ODC	RD	17/07/2006		131 856			60
CD	10542.0	Food Assistance to Families Affected by the Eruption of Volcano Tungurahua	Ecuador	ODP	CD	24/08/2006	211 698	306 921	282	50 000	90
CD	10545.0	Food Assistance for Populations Affected by Flooding	Nepal	ODB	CD	05/09/2006	424 240	500 000	1 419	60 000	30
RD	10550.0	Food Assistance to Casamance Refugees in the Gambia	The Gambia	ODD	RD	25/09/2006	144 010	270 259	372	15 000	90
CD	10574.0	Assistance to People Affected by Typhoon Reming	Philippines	ODB	CD	15/12/2006	161 150	497 933	550	50 000	90
Subtotal							941 098	1 706 970	2 623	175 000	
Total							196 195 269	782 353 902	773 126	6 498 500	