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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 2005)

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1. At the 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.
2. The first such report on EMOPs approved in the previous semester was provided to the Board at the 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 2005. The next report, covering the first half of 2006, will be submitted to the Second Regular Session in November 2006.
4. All the EMOPs approved in the second semester of 2005 are shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food commitment value of over 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 below US\$3 million. Table C lists immediate-response EMOPs with a total individual value of less than US\$500,000, approved by country or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
5. During the period under review, ten EMOPs were approved, of which three were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, two were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director and five immediate response EMOPs were approved by country or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director. These ten operations represent a commitment of 172,000 mt of food to assist 2.5 million people at a total food cost of US\$49 million and an overall combined operational and support cost to WFP of US\$99 million.
6. The EMOPs jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO were for Guatemala, Pakistan and Russia to assist a combined total of 1.5 million people. The overall cost to WFP, including transport and support costs, was US\$92.1 million.
7. Two EMOPs were approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority: an EMOP for Cameroon and a regional EMOP for Benin, Ghana and Togo. These operations were to assist a combined total of 304,200 people at an overall cost to WFP of US\$5.0 million.
8. WFP country directors used their delegated authority to approve three immediate-response EMOPs in Benin, Cuba and Guatemala and two for Pakistan. The five operations assist 648,100 people at an overall cost to WFP of US\$1.9 million.

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

9. The first EMOP approved during this semester is to assist the victims of the Pakistan earthquake of 8 October that claimed the lives of 82,000 people; this EMOP 10491.0 followed an immediate-response EMOP. Both were approved within days of the disaster. EMOP 10491.0 provides emergency assistance for 1 million beneficiaries at an overall cost to WFP of US\$55.9 million, including transport and support costs.



10. Hurricane Stan hit Guatemala in the first week of October, causing flooding and landslides that claimed the lives of over 600 people. EMOP 10497.0 was approved on 21 October to follow an immediate-response EMOP that had been approved earlier in the month. EMOP 10497.0 provides food assistance for 285,000 beneficiaries who lost access to their livelihoods. The overall cost to WFP is US\$ 14.1 million, including transport and support costs.
11. The conflict in the Russian Republic of Chechnya continues at a low level. Over the years, it has destroyed much of the economic and social infrastructure and left many people without access to their livelihoods. The expansion of EMOP 10128.2 for a further 12 months provides assistance for 249,000 beneficiaries at an overall cost to WFP of US\$22.2 million, including transport and support costs.

EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH FOOD COMMODITIES VALUED AT LESS THAN US\$3 MILLION

12. As a result of severe drought in the northern provinces of Cameroon, the provinces of Logone and Chari have suffered a prolonged food crisis. A joint mission by FAO, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WFP recommended emergency food assistance. This EMOP provided food for 237,700 beneficiaries for one month.
13. After the elections in Togo at the end of April, violence created internal and cross-border population displacements. Refugees sought shelter in neighbouring Benin and Ghana. EMOP 10465.0 provided assistance for 66,500 refugees and internally displaced people in Benin, Ghana and Togo. Preceding this regional EMOP, three immediate-response EMOPs had been approved during the previous semester to assist the displaced populations.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMOPS APPROVED BY COUNTRY DIRECTORS

14. Hurricane Dennis hit Cuba on 8 July, affecting 12 of the 14 provinces; many people lost their homes and livelihoods. WFP's assistance complemented the Government's assistance and provided a ration for pregnant women, children under 5 and elderly people. EMOP 10473.0 provided assistance for 110,900 beneficiaries.
15. Heavy winter snowfalls followed by high summer temperatures resulted in severe flooding in many districts in the Northern Areas and North West Frontier Province of Pakistan. EMOP 10472.0, in coordination with the Government and other agencies, assisted 44,400 beneficiaries who had temporarily lost their source of livelihood.
16. A combination of the food crisis in Niger, irregular rainfall and the demand on host families resulted in food shortages in the northern region of Benin during the last quarter of the year. EMOP 10485.0 provided food assistance for 32,800 beneficiaries during this period.
17. EMOP 10490.0 was WFP's immediate response to assist the victims of the earthquake that struck Pakistan on 8 October. The EMOP provided high-energy biscuits to the areas worst affected, providing short-term relief for 400,000 beneficiaries. This immediate-response EMOP was followed by EMOP 10491.0.



18. Hurricane Stan hit Guatemala and other countries in Central America on 4 October, causing death and destruction; over 600 lives were lost. This immediate-response EMOP 10492.0 provided high-energy biscuits for 60,000 beneficiaries in southern coastal and western highland areas; it was followed by the larger EMOP 10497.0 approved later in October.
19. All current EMOP documents are available on the WFP website.



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD JULY–DECEMBER 2005

Approving Authority	Project Number	Project Title	Recipient Country	Bureau	Food Cost (US\$)	Total Cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Beneficiaries	Approval Date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED-DG	10491.0	Food Assistance to Affected Persons - South Asia Earthquake.	Pakistan	ODC	26 441 727	55 853 174	101 521	1 000 000	11/10/2005	180
ED-DG	10497.0	Assistance to the Food-Insecure Population Affected by Hurricane Stan.	Guatemala	ODPC	6 516 397	14 095 271	24 273	285 000	21/10/2005	180
ED-DG	10128.2	Emergency Food Assistance to Vulnerable Groups in the North Caucasus.	Russia	ODR	12 749 944	22 162 540	36 368	249 000	14/12/2005	365
Subtotal					45 708 067	92 110 985	162 162	1 534 000		
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR										
DED	10474.0	Assistance to the Food-Insecure Population Affected by Drought in Logone et Chari, Extreme North Province	Cameroon	ODD	995 04	1 986 548	2 853	237 700	05/09/2005	30
ED	10465.0	Assistance to IDPs in Togo and refugees in Ghana and Bénin	Benin, Ghana and Togo	ODDY	1 351 678	3 018 628	5 234	66 500	08/07/2005	180
Subtotal					2 346 719	5 005 177	8 087	304 200		
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF COUNTRY DIRECTORS										
CD	10473.0	Assistance to the Food-Insecure Population Affected by Hurricane Dennis	Cuba	ODPC	350 77	492 264	642	110 900	12/07/2005	45
CD	10472.0	Assistance to Flood-Affected People in Peshawar, Nowshera, and Charsadda Districts (North West Frontier Province) and Ghanche, Ghizer, and Gilgit District (Northern Areas)	Pakistan	ODC	157 46	223 652	511	44 400	14/07/2005	30



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CD	10485.0	Assistance to population of North Benin affected by the food crisis	Benin	ODD	156 260	249 500	454	32 800	22/09/2005	90
CD	10490.0	Pakistan - Earthquake Immediate Response	Pakistan	ODC	174 050	499 740	200	400 000	10/10/2005	30
CD	10492.0	Assistance to Victims of Floods and Landslides in the Southern Coastal and Western Highlands of Guatemala	Guatemala	ODPC	156 600	482 760	108	60 000	14/10/2005	30
Subtotal					995 150	1 947 917	1 915	648 100		
TOTAL					49 049 937	99 064 078	172 163	2 486 300		

