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**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY  
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO—  
(1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2004)**

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1. At the Third Regular Session of 2001, the Executive 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 for EMOPs approved in the previous year 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 January and 30 June 2004. The next report, for the second half of 2004, will be submitted to the First Regular Session of 2005.
4. All the EMOPs approved in the first semester of 2004 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 and Table C lists immediate-response EMOPs with a total individual value of less than US\$200,000 approved by the country or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director. Table D provides an overall summary.
5. Ten EMOPs were approved during the period under review. Of these, two were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO and eight were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, including three immediate-response EMOPs approved by country or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director. These ten operations represent a commitment of 430,813 mt of food to assist 5.4 million people at a total food cost of US\$105.2 million and an overall combined operational and support cost to WFP of US\$258.9 million.
6. The EMOPs jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO were for Ethiopia and Sudan. These operations aimed to assist 4.62 million people. The overall cost to WFP, including transport and support costs, was US\$234.9 million.
7. Five EMOPs were approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority. These were for Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran, Myanmar and Namibia, to assist 581,000 people. The overall cost to WFP was US\$23.4 million.
8. WFP country or regional directors used their delegated authority to approve three immediate response EMOPs in Cuba, Guinea-Bissau and Morocco to assist 180,000 people. The overall cost to WFP for these operations was US\$560,000.
9. Five of the EMOPs approved in the first semester are for sub-Saharan Africa; three fall under the Eastern and Central Africa Regional Bureau, one under Southern Africa, and one under West Africa; two fall under the Middle East, Mediterranean, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Bureau (Iran and Morocco); one is for Asia (Myanmar); and two are for the Latin America and Caribbean Region (Cuba and Haiti).

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

10. Overall humanitarian needs in **Ethiopia** have fallen significantly from 2003 as a consequence of better rains and harvests, but 7 million people still require relief. WFP is covering up to 50 percent of overall relief requirements in 2004. EMOP Ethiopia 10030.3



“Relief food assistance to small-scale farmers and drought-affected pastoralists” was jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO on 5 May 2004, as part of the “2004 Humanitarian Appeal for Ethiopia, a Joint Government and Humanitarian Partners’ Appeal”. The EMOP covers the period 1 June to 31 December 2004, providing assistance to 3.44 million people to meet their minimum food requirements, including 1.5 million who are receiving micronutrient-fortified blended food for supplementary rations; the assistance is targeted to particularly vulnerable groups and 400,000 children receiving emergency school feeding. Where possible, relief food is provided to able-bodied beneficiaries through employment-generation schemes.

11. Since the outbreak of hostilities in **Darfur** in February 2003, and the breakdown of peace negotiations in December 2003, the conflict has engulfed the entire region and exacerbated the already fragile food-security situation. This resulted in massive population movements to safer areas. Assistance to people in the Darfur region was originally planned through Sudan EMOP 10048.2 supporting people affected by war and drought. Because of the intensity of the conflict and the special needs of this population, a separate operation — EMOP Sudan 10339.0 “Food assistance to populations affected by war in Greater Darfur” — was jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO on 1 April, covering the nine months from April to December 2004.
12. Taking into account carry-over stocks earmarked for Greater Darfur from the ongoing EMOP 10048.02, EMOP 10339.0 initially appealed for 107,959 mt of food aid. It is important to note that as of mid-August 2004, assessed needs for the Greater Darfur region have more than doubled. The original EMOP planned for a reduced ration from October to December, based on the assumption that the peace agreement reached in April would be implemented. A poor harvest is now expected as a consequence of continued conflict and insecurity that is preventing people from returning to their farms during the planting season. Budget increases for this EMOP approved to date bring total food requirements to 224,693 mt to meet the needs of 2 million people until 31 December 2004.

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

13. An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale struck Kerman province in south-eastern **Iran** on 26 December 2003. The epicentre was near the city of Bam, about 1,000 km southeast of Tehran. As stated in the report to the Executive Board on EMOPs approved in the previous period,<sup>1</sup> the country director approved an immediate-response EMOP on 29 December to cover immediate food needs. EMOP 10332.0 was approved by the Executive Director on 7 January 2004 to provide 6,512 mt of relief food to 100,000 victims of the disaster for an initial 90 days. A US\$1 million advance from the Immediate Response Account (IRA) was provided in order to start borrowing from in-country stocks and to make local purchases.
14. EMOP **Myanmar** 10345.0 “Emergency food assistance to ex-poppy farmers in northern Shan state” was approved on 5 March 2004 to provide relief to farmers facing extreme poverty as a result of declining opium cultivation, which has left many farmers without a livelihood. The EMOP aims to prevent a decline in the food-security status of ex-poppy-farming households, to support their livelihoods during transition and to prevent

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<sup>1</sup> WFP/EB.1/2004/9, 29 January 2004.



drop-outs among school children and increase enrolment numbers. The EMOP provides 9,855 mt of food to assist 180,000 people for 12 months.

15. EMOP **Ethiopia** 10197.1 “Relief food assistance for Ethiopians internally displaced by the Ethiopia-Eritrea border conflict”, an expansion of the previous EMOP for these internally displaced people (IDPs), was approved on 5 March 2004, to continue to provide essential food assistance for a residual caseload of 62,000 IDPs for 9 months. This food aid is linked to community development activities.
16. In November 2003, the Government of **Namibia** launched an appeal for drought relief to complement its own efforts to feed 642,500 people. EMOP Namibia 10334.0 “Targeted food assistance for orphans and vulnerable children affected by food insecurity and HIV/AIDS” was approved on 5 March 2004 to provide food aid to 110,000 highly vulnerable children.
17. EMOP **Haiti** 10347.0 “Support to victims of civil unrest” was approved by the Executive Director on 23 March 2004, to prevent a further deterioration in the food security of the most vulnerable groups in the north, north-east and metropolitan areas of Port-au-Prince. The EMOP provides 9,814 mt of food aid for an initial 8 months to 140,000 people affected by unrest, with a focus on children under 3 and pregnant and lactating women.

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## IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMOPS APPROVED BY COUNTRY OR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

18. Three immediate-response EMOPs were approved between January and June 2004 (i) to assist the victims of the earthquake that devastated the Al-Hoceima region in north-eastern **Morocco** on 24 February, (ii) to assist flood victims in **Guinea-Bissau** in February and (iii) to assist victims of drought in eastern provinces of **Cuba**, which are facing the worst drought for ten years.



**TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO  
DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2004**

Bureau	Country	Project No.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Approval Authority	Original length of the EMOP (days)
<b>AFRICA</b>										
ODK	Ethiopia	10030.3	Relief Food Assistance to Small Scale Farmers and Drought Affected Pastoralists	278 188	135 593 701	68 987 439	3 440 000	05.05.04	ED-DG	210
ODK	Sudan	10339.0	Food Assistance to Population Affected by War in Greater Darfur	107 959	99 349 485	24 461 067	1 180 000	01.04.04	ED-DG	270
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>386 147</b>	<b>234 943 186</b>	<b>93 448 506</b>	<b>4 620 000</b>			
<b>TOTAL (a)</b>				<b>386 147</b>	<b>234 943 186</b>	<b>93 448 506</b>	<b>4 620 000</b>			

Figures extracted from the official signed document.



**TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2004**

Bureau	Country	Project No.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Approval Authority	Original length of the EMOP (days)
<b>AFRICA</b>										
ODJ	Namibia	10334.0	Targeted Food Assistance for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Affected by Food Insecurity and HIV/AIDS	7 963	5 168 889	2 290 625	99 000	05.03.04	DED	180
ODK	Ethiopia	10197.1	Relief Food Assistance for Ethiopians Internally Displaced by the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Conflict	9 696	3 610 842	2 529 150	62 000	28.04.04	RD	270
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>17 659</b>	<b>8 779 731</b>	<b>4 819 775</b>	<b>161 000</b>			
<b>ASIA</b>										
ODB	Myanmar	10345.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Ex-Poppy Farmers in Northern Shan State	9 855	3 670 774	1 675 350	180 000	05.03.04	DED	365
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>9 855</b>	<b>3 670 774</b>	<b>1 675 350</b>	<b>180 000</b>			
<b>LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGION</b>										
ODPC	Haiti	10347.0	Support to Victims of Civil Unrest	9 814	7 971 962	2 950 122	140 000	23.03.04	ED	240
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>9 814</b>	<b>7 971 962</b>	<b>2 950 122</b>	<b>140 000</b>			



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DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2004**

Bureau	Country	Project No.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Approval Authority	Original length of the EMOP (days)
<b>MIDDLE EAST, MEDITERRANEAN, EASTERN EUROPE &amp; CENTRAL ASIA</b>										
ODC	Iran	10332.0	Relief Assistance to Earthquake Victims in Bam	6 512	2 958 454	1 897 197	100 000	07.01.04	ED	90
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>6 512</b>	<b>2 958 454</b>	<b>1 897 197</b>	<b>100 000</b>			
<b>TOTAL (b)</b>				<b>43 840</b>	<b>23 380 921</b>	<b>11 342 444</b>	<b>581 000</b>			



**TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR  
DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2004**

Bureau	Country	Project No.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Approval Authority	Original length of the EMOP (days)
<b>AFRICA</b>										
ODD	Guinea-Bissau	10343.0	Mitigating Flood Impact in Guinea Bissau	400	197 697	140 000	18 620	23.02.04	CD	90
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>400</b>	<b>197 697</b>	<b>140 000</b>	<b>18 620</b>			
<b>LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGION</b>										
ODPC	Cuba	10369.0	Drought in Eastern Provinces	257	161 181	142 757	138 640	30.06.04	RD	90
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>257</b>	<b>161 181</b>	<b>142 757</b>	<b>138 640</b>			<b>30</b>
<b>MIDDLE EAST, MEDITERRANEAN, EASTERN EUROPE &amp; CENTRAL ASIA</b>										
ODC	Morocco	10348.0	Assistance to Earthquake Affected Populations	169	199 990	152 017	22 872	02.03.04	RD	90
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>169</b>	<b>199 990</b>	<b>152 017</b>	<b>22 872</b>			
<b>TOTAL (c)</b>				<b>826</b>	<b>558 868</b>	<b>434 774</b>	<b>180 132</b>			

Figures extracted from WINGS which should reflect the values of the basic documents, as approved.



**TABLE D: GRAND TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2004**

	<b>Projects</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Total WFP food commitment (tons)</b>	<b>Total WFP cost (US\$)</b>	<b>WFP food cost (US\$)</b>
<b>Total</b> (WFP ED + FAO DG)	2	4 620 000	386 147	234 943 186	93 448 506
<b>Total</b> (Delegated Authority of ED)	5	581 000	43 840	23 380 921	11 342 444
<b>Total</b> (Delegated Authority of CD)	3	180 132	826	558 868	434 774
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5 381 132</b>	<b>430 813</b>	<b>258 882 975</b>	<b>105 225 724</b>

