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Operational matters

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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 2017)**

1. At its third regular session of 2001, the Board asked to be regularly informed about emergency operations (EMOPs) approved 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 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 2017, as shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food value of more than USD 3 million approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists EMOPs with a food value of less than USD 3 million approved by the Chief of Staff under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Table C lists EMOPs approved by regional directors (RDs) and country directors (CDs) or the Director of Emergencies under authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
3. During the period under review, a total of nine EMOPs were approved: one by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; three by the Chief of Staff; and five by regional directors, country directors or the Director of Emergencies. These operations provide food assistance to about 9.4 million people at a food cost of USD 610 million. The total cost to WFP is USD 1.2 billion.

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EMOPs approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO

4. **Yemen EMOP 201068 (1 April 2017–31 March 2018)** responds to the deteriorating food security and nutrition situation that has left the country on the brink of famine. The two-year conflict has resulted in the destruction of basic infrastructure, loss of livelihoods, mass displacement of people and economic and institutional collapse. According to the March 2017 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis, 17 million people are estimated to be in IPC phases 3 and 4. In line with the 2017 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan, the operation aims to support 9.1 million beneficiaries with general food distributions, cash-based transfers, asset rehabilitation and livelihood restoration assistance. Under the EMOP 1.2 million mt of food will be distributed at a total cost of USD 1.17 billion.

EMOPs approved under the delegated authority of the Chief of Staff

5. **The Congo EMOP 201066 (1 April 2017–1 October 2017)** sought to address the emergency needs of people who were displaced by instability in Pool district. Following the March 2016 presidential election, armed conflict escalated and the Government and United Nations agencies reported an increase in internally displaced persons (IDPs) requiring food assistance. This EMOP provided support to IDPs in affected areas through a combination of cash-based transfers and supplementary rations for children aged 6–59 months and pregnant and lactating women. Supplementary nutrition support was also delivered to target groups among the host population. Overall, the operation assisted 22,350 beneficiaries with 34.6 mt of food at a total cost of USD 3.3 million.
6. **Sri Lanka EMOP 201072 (15 April 2017–15 October 2017)** was launched to provide life-saving assistance to populations affected by severe drought. The latest assessment results revealed the destruction of crops, the loss of livelihoods and an increase in food insecurity from 18 to 38 percent in the four affected districts. Using the local Samurdhi social safety net platform, this operation delivered monthly cash-based transfers to 25,000 beneficiaries at a total cost of USD 3.1 million.
7. **Uganda IR-PREP 201048¹ (6 February 2017–5 May 2017)** aimed to reinforce WFP's preparedness and response capacities for assisting South Sudanese refugees arriving in northeastern Uganda. Uganda is already hosting 900,000 South Sudanese refugees, with an additional 300,000 arrivals expected by the end of 2017. The IR-PREP ensured that refugees received much-needed food assistance immediately after crossing the border, while also mitigating the negative effects of the large-scale arrival of refugees on highly food-insecure host communities in northeastern Uganda. The IR-PREP provided resources for the establishment of a temporary residential facility for the staff of WFP and partners and the procurement of food storage equipment and anthropometric tools for nutrition screening. The total cost of the operation was USD 300,000.

EMOPs approved under the authority delegated to regional directors, country directors or the Director of Emergencies

8. **Central African Republic IR-EMOP 201078² (15 May 2017–15 August 2017)** responded to escalations in violence that led to a massive displacement of people in several southeastern localities in the Central African Republic. WFP scaled up its intervention to address the immediate nutrition needs of 39,000 people by extending activities to Basse-Kotto and Mbomou and airlifting high-energy biscuits to start emergency distributions. The operation saw the distribution of 935 mt of food at a total cost of USD 1.5 million.

¹ IR-PREP refers to IRA-funded emergency operations for disaster preparedness activities aimed at addressing immediate preparedness needs to respond to emergencies.

² IR-EMOP refers to IRA-funded immediate response emergency operations aimed at addressing immediate life-saving assistance at the start of unforeseen emergencies.

9. **Kenya IR-EMOP 201069 (1 March 2017–30 April 2017)** was launched in response to severe drought that generated heightened levels of food insecurity and acute malnutrition in vulnerable rural populations. During the short rainy season, northwestern and coastal areas received only 25–50 percent of normal rainfall, exacerbating high levels of chronic poverty and vulnerability in arid and semi-arid regions. The IR-EMOP sought to meet the most urgent nutrition needs by supporting the treatment of 134,000 children aged 6–59 months with moderate acute malnutrition. Under the operation 502 mt of food at a total cost of USD 1.5 million were distributed.
10. **Angola IR-EMOP 201076 (10 May 2017–10 August 2017)** supported refugees forced to flee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) because of armed conflict between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and militia factions in Kasai region, which has displaced more than 1 million civilians since mid-2016. The Government of Angola had allocated a new site for a refugee camp in Camulo municipality. WFP assessments have indicated that 23,000 refugees and members of host communities were in need of food assistance. The operation provided 23,000 beneficiaries with general food distributions utilizing 1,167 mt of food at a total cost of USD 1.5 million.
11. **Mozambique IR-EMOP 201067 (8 March 2017–8 June 2017)** targeted flood-affected populations in Inhambane and Gaza provinces. According to a Government-led assessment, 550,691 people were affected, with more than 510,000 requiring immediate food assistance. The IR-EMOP supported the efforts of the Government and partners by providing emergency food assistance and asset creation support, including 1,091 mt of food at a total cost of USD 990,051, to 25,000 people.
12. **Philippines IR-EMOP 201084 (15 June 2017–15 September 2017)** addressed the needs of populations fleeing from hostilities in Marawi City following clashes between the Philippines armed forces and armed factions. Increased fighting coupled with lack of access to affected areas caused significant food shortages leading to heightened vulnerability. WFP supported the Government's efforts by reaching a total of 50,000 beneficiaries with monthly rice rations for 32,000 people and emergency school feeding for 18,000 schoolchildren in Lanao del Sur and other affected areas. Food distributed amounted to 355 mt at a cost of USD 500,000.

Trend analysis

13. The value of the EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or under his delegated authority during the period covered by this report represents an increase of USD 1 billion compared with the USD 131 million approved during the same period in 2016. This significant increase is largely the result of a rapidly deteriorating situation in Yemen, which is on the brink of famine.

EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2017										
Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (USD)	Total cost (USD)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
Executive Director/ Director-General of FAO	201068	Cairo	Yemen	Immediate, integrated and sustained response to avert famine in Yemen	1 243 051	602 453 250	1 167 415 743	9 100 000	06/04/2017	360
Subtotal Table A					1 243 051	602 453 250	1 167 415 743	9 100 000		
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF										
Chief of Staff	201066	Johannesburg	The Congo	Assistance to displaced and affected population: district of Pool	35	2 219 980	3 329 706	22 350	05/04/2017	180
Chief of Staff	201072	Bangkok	Sri Lanka	Emergency assistance to the most vulnerable drought affected households	-	2 437 500	3 099 451	25 000	28/04/2017	180
Chief of Staff	201048	Nairobi	Uganda	Preparedness for refugee influx from South Sudan into northeast Uganda	-	-	300 000	-	06/02/2017	89
Subtotal table B					35	4 657 480	6 729 157	47 350		
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COUNTRY DIRECTORS OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES										
Director emergency	201078	Dakar	Central African Republic	Providing critical support to populations affected by the ongoing crisis in the Central African Republic and its regional impact in Cameroon, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Congo	935	469 736	1 500 000	14 000	19/05/2017	90

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Director emergency	201069	Nairobi	Kenya	Treatment of malnutrition resulting from drought	502	1 220 362	1 492 962	134 000	07/03/2017	59
Director emergency	201076	Johannesburg	Angola	Emergency food assistance for DRC refugees and IDPs from the greater Kasai region	1 167	568 701	1 492 425	23 000	10/05/2017	89
Regional director	201067	Johannesburg	Mozambique	Food assistance to flood-affected people in Inhambane and Gaza provinces	1 091	558 563	990 051	25 000	09/03/2017	90
Country director	201084	Bangkok	Philippines	Immediate response to people affected by armed conflict in Marawi City	355	269 582	500 000	50 000	09/06/2017	90
Subtotal table C					4 051	3 086 944	5 975 437	246 000		
Total					1 247 136	610 197 647	1 180 120 338	9 393 350		

Acronyms used in the document

DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IDP	internally displaced person
IPC	Integrated Food Security Phase Classification