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## Limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2022)

- At its 2001 third regular session, the Board asked to be regularly informed about emergency operations approved by the Executive Director or approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Since the second regular session of 2002 this information has been provided twice a year.
- 2. This report covers limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved between 1 January and 30 June 2022, as shown in the table below. During the period under review, two new limited emergency operations were approved. One was approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director and the other under authority delegated by the Executive Director to the Regional Director for Western Africa. The total approved value for the reporting period is USD 51.6 million and the total number of beneficiaries to be assisted is 289,715.

## Limited emergency operations approved by the Executive Director

3. The Limited Emergency Operation for Ukraine (25 February-25 May 2022) responded to the emergency needs of populations affected by the escalating conflict in Ukraine, which caused a rapidly deteriorating food security and nutrition situation. Faced with a potentially dire humanitarian situation, and in line with discussions with national coordination mechanisms and the United Nations country team, WFP renewed its engagement in Ukraine to temporarily augment and support the capacity of the in-country humanitarian system over an initial three-month period. The hostilities are occurring against a backdrop of socioeconomic challenges linked to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. According to the latest available data, 23 percent and 8 percent of Ukrainian children under 5 are affected by stunting and wasting, respectively. This crisis is likely to affect food and nutrient intake among infants and young children while disrupting access to critical

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maternal and child health services and hampering infant and child caring practices. This limited emergency operation was intended to stem growing vulnerability by providing emergency food distributions and cash-based transfers; and to ensure that the collective humanitarian response benefited from the capabilities of the global logistics and emergency telecommunications clusters, as well as other on-demand services. The operation delivered assistance to 200,000 beneficiaries, including 5,681 mt of food at a total cost of USD 49.9 million.

## Limited emergency operations approved by the Regional Director

4. The Limited Emergency Operation for Cabo Verde (1 June-1 December 2022) addresses the emergency needs of populations affected by an acute crisis following five consecutive years of drought, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and soaring food prices linked to the conflict in Ukraine. These multiple crises have strained the economy and severely affected agricultural production, livelihoods and household food and nutrition security. Approximately 10 percent of the population is expected to be food insecure during the forthcoming lean season, a fourfold increase from the historical average. The latest data (from 2019) indicates that 21 percent of children under 5 are acutely malnourished in Porto Novo and Santa Antão Island, one of the municipalities most vulnerable to food and nutrition insecurity. Persistent droughts have reduced water availability, the rearing of livestock and agricultural production. With a 34 percent rainfall deficit in 2021, the country recorded the highest drop in cereal production in the region, with a 93 percent decline compared to the five-year average. This limited emergency operation seeks to respond swiftly to the Government's request for assistance in procuring food for the national school feeding programme to ease pressure on limited national food stocks and ensure programme continuity for targeted schools. WFP will also advocate stronger partnerships between national and international development actors to support the Government of Cabo Verde's investments in food security and nutrition. This limited emergency operation will last six months and deliver assistance, including 1,165 mt of food, to 89,715 beneficiaries at a total cost of USD 1.6 million.

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Approving authority	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage ( <i>mt</i> )	Food cost* ( <i>USD</i> )	Total cost ( <i>USD</i> )	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration ( <i>days</i> )
Limited emergenc	y operations approv	ed under the aut	hority delegated to	the Executiv	e Director				
Executive Director	Regional Bureau for the Middle East, Northern Africa and Eastern Europe	Ukraine	Limited emergency operation for Ukraine	5 681	34 689 000	49 998 846	200 000	25 February 2022	90
Limited emergenc	y operations approv	ed under the aut	hority delegated to	o regional dire	ectors				
Regional Director	Regional Bureau for Western Africa	Cabo Verde	Limited emergency operation for Cabo Verde	1 165	1 178 531	1 579 357	89 715	1 June 2022	180
Total				6 846	35 867 531	51 578 203	289 715		

\* Includes food costs and cash-based transfer value.