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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 2011)

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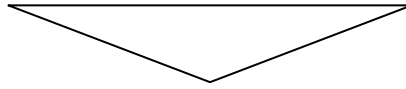
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of “Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2011)” (WFP/EB.2/2011/10-C).

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document issued at the end of the session.

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 (ED) and the Director-General (DG) 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 2011, as shown in the attached tables. Table A lists projects with a food value of more than US\$3 million approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists projects with a food value of less than US\$3 million approved by the Deputy Executive Director (DED) and Chief Operating Officer (COO) under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Table C lists EMOPs with an individual value of US\$500,000 or less approved by regional directors or country directors (CDs) under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
3. During the period under review, 19 EMOPs were approved: four by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; seven under the delegated authority of the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, and eight by regional directors or country directors. These operations provided 377,159 mt of food assistance to 6 million people at a food cost of US\$174.5 million. The total costs to WFP were US\$286.6 million.

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

4. **Sri Lanka EMOP 200239** began in February 2011 and ended in July 2011. It covered the food needs of 500,000 beneficiaries by distributing 11,950 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$8.9 million. The EMOP provided food assistance to flood-affected populations in five of the most affected districts, through general food distributions, supplementary feeding and food-for-assets activities.
5. **Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) EMOP 200266** began in April 2011 and is scheduled to end in March 2012. With a total cost to WFP of US\$209.5 million, the EMOP covers the needs of more than 3.5 million beneficiaries, with a planned distribution of 310,532 mt. It aims to provide nutritional support to chronically undernourished children, women and other vulnerable groups, thereby stabilizing and reducing acute malnutrition; and to support the Government's strategy to reduce hunger and undernutrition by supporting the production of locally fortified food.
6. **North Africa Regional EMOP 200257** began in March 2011 for an initial three months. The regional operation provided food assistance to more than 1 million conflict-affected people in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia and Egypt. It was launched in response to the urgent need for immediate support to the most vulnerable populations in these countries to address their food consumption gaps. The EMOP sought to save lives in emergencies, reduce food insecurity, and stabilize the nutrition status of residents, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, refugees and other vulnerable groups. The initial cost to WFP was US\$39.2 million and the planned distribution was 35,166 mt. Subsequent budget revisions increased these figures to US\$100 million and 87,150 mt.

7. **Côte d'Ivoire EMOP 200255** began in March 2011 and was expected to end in September 2011. The proposed cost to WFP was US\$16 million, with 125,000 beneficiaries assisted and 9,879 mt of food distributed. Subsequent budget revisions mean that WFP will now distribute 26,862 mt to 628,000 people at a total cost of US\$39 million. The EMOP addresses the food needs of IDPs and people in host families in the western, central, northern and Abidjan regions, through general food distributions, and supports children with moderate acute malnutrition, pregnant and lactating women and malnourished anti-retroviral therapy patients, through supplementary feeding in areas affected by the crisis.

EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

8. **Japan EMOP 200268** was an immediate-response operation launched in April 2011 in response to the needs of people affected by the earthquake and tsunami. At a total cost of US\$77,214, WFP distributed 50 mt of high-energy biscuits to 71,000 people over a period of two months.
9. **DPRK EMOP 200248** provided funding for a joint inter-agency assessment mission held in February–March 2011 at the Government's request, as harsh climatic conditions, including heavy rainfall and a severe winter, had led to crop losses and other damage. The mission carried out a thorough assessment of changes in the country's overall food security situation since the earlier crop and food security assessment mission of October–November 2010. The primary purpose was to assess the situation, indicate the changes and shocks, and provide recommendations for assistance to the most vulnerable groups, including women, children and the elderly in mountainous regions with high incidence of malnutrition. The total cost was US\$65,741.
10. **North Africa Regional EMOP 200254** was an immediate-response operation from February to May 2011 in preparation for a potential WFP response following conflict and unrest in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia and Egypt. It entailed various emergency preparedness and contingency planning activities, such as inter-agency assessments and technical missions, to ensure a timely and effective emergency response in these countries. The total cost was US\$199,812.
11. **Togo EMOP 200195** began in February 2011 and was expected to end in September 2011. It targeted 6,000 beneficiaries, providing food assistance through general food distributions to refugees and the most vulnerable people among host families, and through food for work for host households during the lean season. Moderately malnourished children under 5 from both refugee and host communities received supplementary feeding rations until they recovered. The goals were to contribute to saving the lives of Ghanaian refugees in northern Togo and to ease the burden of the refugees on the host population. WFP distributed 660 mt of food valued at US\$602,903.
12. **Liberia EMOP 200225** began in February 2011 and ended in July 2011. It was designed to address the food needs of 60,000 refugees and food-insecure and vulnerable people within the host population, through general food distributions and supplementary feeding. The proposed cost to WFP was US\$7.9 million with food distributions of 6,082 mt. Following several budget revisions, these figures were revised to US\$31.9 million and 24,429 mt.

13. **West Africa Regional EMOP 200258** was an immediate-response EMOP to enhance and strengthen WFP's preparedness to the high food price crisis in West Africa. The main components were risk analysis and identification of vulnerable groups, increasing capacity for the roll-out of cash- or voucher-based responses, and updating the Mauritania logistics capacity assessment. Activities focused on the most import-dependent countries of the West African coast, including the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, and Senegal. The operation ran from March to May 2011, with a total cost to WFP of US\$193,142.
14. **Liberia EMOP 200270** was a preparedness activity from March to May 2011 in response to high food price shocks and the resulting vulnerability and food insecurity in Liberia. It focused on augmenting the capacity of the WFP country office to prepare for and respond to the impact of the high prices in a timely manner. It included a rapid urban food security review, review and preparation of response options, and exploration of possible expansion of ongoing school meal and livelihoods activities. The total cost to WFP was US\$199,450.

EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS

15. **Sri Lanka EMOP 200233** was an immediate-response EMOP from January to March 2011 to mitigate short-term food insecurity and help avoid deterioration in the nutrition status of flood-affected populations. It assisted 420,000 beneficiaries with 735 mt of food, at a total cost to WFP of US\$496,965.
16. **Philippines EMOP 200241** was an immediate-response EMOP launched in February 2011 for three months. WFP assisted more than 150,000 beneficiaries with 524 mt of food through one-off distributions, to meet and complement food and nutrition needs and to support the Government's quick turnaround of emergency response. The total cost was US\$500,000.
17. **Syrian Arab Republic EMOP 200279** was an immediate-response EMOP to provide immediate relief to populations affected by civil unrest in the country. Targeting 30,000 of the most affected people in Dara'a and other besieged areas, it provided 358 mt in one-month food rations, at a total cost to WFP of US\$499,857.
18. **Tunisia EMOP 200256** was an immediate-response EMOP for one month to assist people affected by the conflict and violence in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya who were crossing the border into Tunisia. The operation involved mainly short-term distributions of 76 mt of high-energy biscuits to Tunisian and third country-national migrant workers, as well as Libyan refugees. WFP provided cash assistance to the Tunisian Red Cross to support wet feeding activities, and undertook emergency preparedness activities for additional assistance in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. The total number of beneficiaries was 50,000 and the total cost to WFP was US\$499,938.
19. **Libyan Arab Jamahiriya EMOP 200259** ran from March to June 2011. This immediate-response EMOP was launched to meet the immediate needs of 20,000 conflict-affected people in the eastern Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. WFP distributed 303 mt of food at a total cost of US\$499,328.
20. **Ghana EMOP 200278** was launched in April 2011 for three months in response to the influx of Ivorian refugees into Ghana following the electoral dispute and subsequent violence in Côte d'Ivoire. WFP distributed 500 mt of food to address the immediate food

needs of 10,000 Ivorian refugees and asylum seekers in two of the main camps. The total cost to WFP was US\$498,542.

21. **Namibia EMOP 200282** began in May 2011 and was scheduled to end in August 2011. The overall objective of the operation was to support Namibia's Directorate for Disaster Risk Management and regional disaster risk management committees in delivering life-saving food assistance to an estimated 100,000 flood-affected people in the seven most affected regions of northern and northeastern Namibia. WFP also provided technical assistance to national and regional disaster management authorities in food supply chain, warehouse and commodity management, to ensure the timely delivery of government assistance. The total cost to WFP was US\$149,234.
22. **Bolivia EMOP 200260** began in February 2011 for three months. This immediate-response EMOP aimed to support vulnerable populations affected by heavy floods. It assisted 35,000 people in 12 municipalities of the most affected departments of Cochabamba, La Paz and Beni, with 341 mt of food. Beneficiaries were indigenous families and subsistence farmers mostly living along the flooded rivers, and evacuated families living in camps or shelters. The cost was US\$483,987.

TREND ANALYSIS

23. The value of EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or under her delegated authority during the period covered by this report represents a 31 percent decrease in relation to the US\$417 million approved during the same period in 2010.

EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2011

Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Original Requirements			Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
					Food cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)			
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED/DG	200239	ODB	Sri Lanka	Food Assistance and Early Recovery for the Population Affected by the Flood in Eastern Sri Lanka	6 843 690	11 950	8 869 131	500 000	11/02/2011	180
ED/DG	200266	ODB	DPRK	Emergency Food Assistance to Vulnerable Groups in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	131 584 458	310 532	209 471 671	3 546 000	29/04/2011	360
ED/DG	200257	ODC	North Africa Region	Food assistance to Vulnerable Populations Affected by Conflict	25 221 750	35 166	39 242 964	1 060 000	07/03/2011	90
ED/DG	200255	ODD	Côte d'Ivoire	Emergency Assistance to Displaced Populations in Response to the Political Crisis in Côte d'Ivoire	5 428 616	9 879	16 088 168	125 000	11/03/2011	194
Subtotal Table A					169 078 513	367 527	273 671 933	5 231 000		
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER										
ED	200268	ODB	Japan	Emergency Food Assistance to People Affected by the Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan	61 000	50	77 214	71 000	04/04/2011	59
DED/COO	200248	ODB	DPRK	Request for Fund Allocation from the Immediate Response Account (IRA) for Special Preparedness Activities	-	-	65 741	n/a	10/02/2011	51
DED/COO	200254	ODC	North Africa Region	North Africa Emergency Preparedness	-	-	199 812	n/a	25/02/2011	30



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					Food cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)			
DED/COO	200195	ODD	Togo	Assistance to Ghanaian Refugees in the Savannah Region of Togo	314 010	660	602 903	6 000	22/02/2011	255
DED/COO	200225	ODD	Liberia	Emergency Assistance to Ivorian Refugees and Host Population in North-Central and Southeastern Liberia	2 846 038	6 082	7 913 218	60 000	01/02/2011	179
DED/COO	200258	ODD	West Africa Regiona	To Enhance Preparedness to the High Food Price Crisis in West Africa	-	-	193 142	n/a	09/03/2011	90
DED/COO	200270	ODD	Liberia	WFP's Support to Emergency Preparedness Activities in Liberia	-	-	199 450	n/a	24/03/2011	90
Subtotal Table B					3 221 048	6 792	9 251 479	137 000		
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS										
CD	200233	ODB	Sri Lanka	Food Assistance for Flood-Affected Population in Sri Lanka	412 545	735	496 965	420 000	05/01/2011	88
CD	200241	ODB	Philippines	Immediate Assistance to Populations Affected by Flooding in Southern Luzon and Mindanao	328 024	524	500 000	150 000	21/01/2011	89
CD	200279	ODC	Syrian Arab Republic	Emergency Food Assistance for People Affected by Unrest in the Syrian Arab Republic	406 110	358	499 857	30 000	09/05/2011	29
RD	200256	ODC	Tunisia	Assistance to People Fleeing Violence in Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	93 600	80	499 938	50 000	25/02/2011	30
RD	200259	ODC	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Assistance to People Displaced by the Violence in Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	288 210	302	499 328	20 000	01/03/2011	90
CD	200278	ODD	Ghana	Assistance to Ivorian Refugees in Western Region and Brong Ahafo Region	353 197	500	498 542	10 000	29/04/2011	90



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					Food cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)			
RD	200282	ODJ	Namibia	Flood Response	-	-	149 234	n/a	09/05/2011	90
CD	200260	ODP	Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Assistance to Flood-Affected Families	295 860	341	483 987	35 000	01/03/2011	88
Subtotal Table C					2 177 546	2 840	3 627 852	715 000		
TOTAL					174 477 107	377 159	286 551 264	6 083 000		



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

CD	country director
COO	Chief Operating Officer
DED	Deputy Executive Director
DG	Director-General
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
ED	Executive Director
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IDP	internally displaced person
ODB	Regional Bureau Bangkok (Asia)
ODC	Regional Bureau Cairo (Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe)
ODD	Regional Bureau Dakar (West Africa)
ODJ	Regional Bureau Johannesburg (Southern, Eastern and Central Africa)
ODPC	Regional Bureau Panama City (Latin America and the Caribbean)