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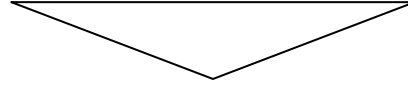
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of “Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July—31 December 2008)” (WFP/EB.1/2009/11).

* 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 either 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 Board's Second Regular Session of 2002 this information has been provided twice a year.
2. This report covers EMOPs approved between 1 July and 31 December 2008.
3. All EMOPs approved in the second semester of 2008 are shown in the attached tables. Table A lists those projects with a food commitment value of more than US\$3 million approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists those with a food value of less than US\$3 million approved by the Executive Director under her delegated authority. Table C lists EMOPs with an individual value of less than US\$500,000 approved by Regional Directors (RDs) or country directors (CDs) under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
4. During the period under review, 24 EMOPs were approved: 9 by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; 3 under the delegated authority of the Executive Director; 1 by a Regional Director and 11 by country directors. These operations represent a commitment of 2 million mt of food to assist 26.4 million people at a food cost of US\$985.3 million; total costs to WFP were US\$2.1 billion.

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

5. Chad EMOP 10559.1 started in January 2009 and is scheduled to end in June 2010, covering the needs of 787,000 beneficiaries at a cost to WFP of US\$258.4 million. WFP will distribute 163,430 mt of food. The EMOP provides assistance to Sudanese refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), IDP host communities and local populations hosting refugees in eastern Chad. The refugee and IDP crisis in eastern Chad results from the ongoing fighting and instability in the Darfur region of neighbouring Sudan, as well as internal rebel insurgency in Chad.
6. Kenya EMOP 10745.0 is providing food assistance to populations affected by drought and post-election violence. At a total cost to WFP of US\$132.2 million, 1.18 million beneficiaries will be assisted with 140,696 mt of food. The operation, which started in July 2008 and will last until March 2009, is a part of the larger Inter-Agency Standing Committee recovery plan for Kenya, in support of government recovery plans.
7. Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) EMOP 10757.0 is providing emergency assistance to people affected by floods and rising food and fuel prices. The EMOP will meet the urgent food needs of 6.2 million beneficiaries while simultaneously improving nutrition over the medium term. It started in September 2008 and will last until November 2009, with a total cost to WFP of US\$503.6 million, with 629,938 mt of food distributed.



8. The Sudan EMOP 10760.0 provides food assistance to populations affected by conflict, with the overarching goal to save lives and reduce food insecurity, and to restore the livelihoods of conflict-affected and vulnerable populations. Lasting from January to December 2009 and reaching 5.9 million beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$921.4 million, the emergency operation will distribute 677,990 mt of food and maintain an emergency focus, providing support to large groups in need of general food distribution (GFD), supplemented by other food safety net interventions. The Sudan continues to be WFP's largest emergency operation due to a combination of conflict, large-scale population displacement and poverty.
9. Pakistan EMOP 10768.0 addresses the need for food assistance for vulnerable populations affected by high food prices. The main objective of WFP assistance is to mitigate the negative impacts on households in the areas most affected, reducing the gap between the need and what the Government and others can provide. The intervention is based on the findings and recommendations of a WFP-led inter-agency assessment in June 2008. Starting in October 2008 and lasting 12 months, WFP's assistance will reach 3.1 million beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$71.1 million.
10. Syria EMOP 10778.0 is in response to the combined impact of the current drought and high food and fuel prices. From November 2008 to May 2009, WFP emergency food assistance will support the Government's efforts to preserve livelihoods and improve the nutritional status of people affected. EMOP 10778.0 will reach 200,000 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$5.2 million. WFP food assistance will be complemented with FAO assistance to the agricultural sector.
11. Haiti EMOP 10781.0 was launched to provide food assistance to flood-affected populations hit by a sequence of hurricanes and tropical storms. Reaching 800,000 beneficiaries from November 2008 to April 2009 at a total cost to WFP of US\$31.4 million, the EMOP ensures prompt distribution of food to the most affected people in urban and rural areas.
12. Cuba EMOP 10786.0 started in October and is scheduled to end in March 2009, covering the needs of 1.1 million beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$5.7 million. The EMOP enables the provision of emergency assistance to victims of hurricanes Gustav and Ike and aims to prevent deterioration in the food security of people affected.
13. Bangladesh EMOP 10788.0 aims to complement the Government of Bangladesh safety net programmes to alleviate the impact of high food prices and natural disasters for vulnerable groups affected. Beginning in November 2008 with a duration of nine months, 5 million beneficiaries will receive relief assistance at a total cost to WFP of US\$178.8 million, distributing 259,593 mt of food.

EMOPs APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

14. Ecuador EMOP 10742.0 assisted 30,100 victims of heavy rain and floods, preventing a worsening of food insecurity while assisting recovery efforts and the restoration of livelihoods. The operation started in July 2008 and ended in December 2008, with a total cost to WFP of US\$3.2 million.
15. India EMOP 10783.0 assisted severely affected flood victims displaced to camps; it was a continuation from immediate response (IR) EMOP 10775.0. It ensured access to supplementary fortified food among the camp population. Running from October to December 2008, WFP reached 250,000 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$2.1 million.



16. Nepal EMOP 10790.0 provided food assistance for populations affected by flooding in western Nepal. A continuation of IR-EMOP 10771.0, it started in October 2008 and lasted three months. Reaching 204,000 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$1.8 million, WFP food assistance provided short-term food security and a basic safety net to allow displaced populations to return home to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

IMMEDIATE-RESPONSE EMOPs APPROVED BY REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS

17. Pakistan IR-EMOP 10765.0 provided assistance to 88,920 flood-affected people in North West Frontier Province from August to November 2008. The total cost to WFP was US\$500,000.
18. The Lao People's Democratic Republic IR-EMOP 10770.0 was an immediate response to floods, assisting 38,500 beneficiaries. It started in September 2008 and lasted until November 2008 at a total cost to WFP of US\$489,241.
19. Nepal IR-EMOP 10771.0 was WFP's immediate response for populations affected by flooding in western Nepal. It was launched in September 2008 to provide relief food assistance, reaching 166,800 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$499,947. EMOP 10790.0 (described above) is an expansion of IR-EMOP 10771.0.
20. India IR-EMOP 10775.0 was launched in September 2008 to provide immediate assistance to 106,666 flood victims. The total cost to WFP was US\$299,999. A follow-up EMOP 10783.0 (described above) was started in October 2008, avoiding breaks in the pipeline.
21. Cuba IR-EMOP 10776.0 assured immediate response for the victims of Hurricane Gustav. Launched in September 2008 at a total cost to WFP of US\$497,357, WFP assisted 86,000 people in the most affected area through GFD. EMOP 10786 (described above) was launched in October 2008, building on IR-EMOP 10776.0.
22. Haiti IR-EMOP 10785.0 was a response to floods, landslides and road access problems caused by the heavy and successive rains of Hurricane Gustav and hurricanes Hanna and Ike. EMOP 10785.0 provided emergency food assistance to 360,000 beneficiaries from September to December 2008 at a total cost to WFP of US\$499,996.
23. Honduras IR-EMOP 10793.0 provided food assistance to victims of floods. WFP addressed the food needs of the most-affected population, prioritizing life-saving response. At a total cost to WFP of US\$500,000, IR-EMOP 10793.0 assisted 43,000 beneficiaries and was operational from October 2008 to January 2009.
24. Yemen IR-EMOP 10794.0 provided support to 20,000 beneficiaries affected by floods. Approved in October and lasting three months, it aimed to maintain and improve the nutritional status of the people affected through food assistance. The total cost to WFP was US\$494,687.
25. Pakistan IR-EMOP 10796.0 was WFP's response to the emergency situation from an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.4 that hit the Pakistani province of Balochistan in October 2008. Launched in November 2008 for a duration of two months, it provided immediate food assistance to 20,000 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of US\$495,908.



26. Panama IR-EMOP 10803.0 provided food assistance to people affected by floods in the Chiriqui, Bocas del Toro and Veraguas provinces. Launched in November 2008 and lasting until February 2009, 15,000 beneficiaries were assisted at a total cost to WFP of US\$116,951.
27. Colombia IR-EMOP 10805.0 was launched in December 2008 and scheduled for a period of three months to provide emergency assistance to 30,000 people affected by floods and volcanic eruption, at a total cost to WFP of US\$499,999.
28. Kyrgyzstan IR-EMOP 10802.0 provided winter emergency food assistance to 580,000 beneficiaries from November 2008 to February 2009, at a total cost to WFP of US\$499,985.



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2008

Approving Authority	Project number	Project title	Recipient country	Bureau	Requirements			Beneficiaries	Approval date	Duration (days)
					Food cost (US\$)	Food (mt)	Total cost* (US\$)			
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED-DG	10559.1	Assistance to Sudanese Refugees, Internally Displaced, IDP Host Communities and Refugee-Affected Local Populations in Eastern Chad	Chad	OMD	70 009 223	163 430	258 441 970	787 000	18/12/2008	545
ED-DG	10745.0	Food Assistance to Populations Affected by Drought and Post-Election Violence in Kenya	Kenya	OMJ	65 570 704	140 696	132 151 298	1 183 000	18/07/2008	273
ED-DG	10757.0	Emergency Assistance to Population Groups Affected by Floods and Rising Food and Fuel Prices	DPRK	OMB	297 396 729	629 938	503 646 114	6 237 000	04/09/2008	455
ED-DG	10760.0	Food Assistance to Conflict-Affected Population in the Sudan	The Sudan	OMS	353 802 411	677 990	921 375 877	5 947 011	22/09/2008	364
ED-DG	10768.0	Food Assistance for the Vulnerable Populations Affected by the High Food Prices in Pakistan	Pakistan	OMB	44 923 352	86 295	71 104 153	3 113 000	13/10/2008	364
ED-DG	10778.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Victims of Drought	Syria	OMC	3 293 290	8 721	5 242 504	200 000	19/11/2008	181
ED-DG	10781.0	Food Assistance to Flood-Affected Populations in Haiti	Haiti	OMP	15 813 994	24 437	31 397 269	800 000	12/11/2008	180
ED-DG	10786.0	Food Assistance in Response to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike	Cuba	OMP	4 147 200	3 566	5 693 373	1 077 708	13/10/2008	181
ED-DG	10788.0	Emergency Safety Net for Vulnerable Groups Affected by High Food Prices and Natural Disasters in Bangladesh	Bangladesh	OMB	122 414 182	259 593	178 812 195	5 000 000	14/11/2008	272
Subtotal					977 371 086	1 994 666	2 107 864 753	24 344 719		
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR										
Deputy COO	10742.0	Food Assistance to Flood Victims in the Coastal Area of Ecuador	Ecuador	OMP	2 015 762	1 619	3 171 513	30 100	22/08/2008	213
Deputy COO	10783.0	Assistance for Bihar Floods	India	OMB	1 477 204	1 654	2 116 735	250 000	07/10/2008	91
Deputy COO	10790.0	Food Assistance for Populations Affected by Flooding in Western Nepal	Nepal	OMB	1 356 605	2 620	1 777 633	204 002	27/10/2008	79
Subtotal					4 849 571	5 893	7 065 881	484 102		



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Approving Authority	Project number	Project title	Recipient country	Bureau	Requirements			Beneficiaries	Approval date	Duration (days)
					Food cost (US\$)	Food (mt)	Total cost* (US\$)			
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS OR COUNTRY DIRECTORS										
CD	10765.0	Assistance to Flood-Affected Persons in North West Frontier Province	Pakistan	OMB	315 123	837	500 000	88 920	11/08/2008	91
CD	10770.0	Immediate Response to Floods	Laos	OMB	297 472	581	489 241	38 500	28/08/2008	90
CD	10771.0	Assistance for Populations Affected by Flooding in Western Nepal	Nepal	OMB	413 915	662	499 947	166 800	26/09/2008	90
CD	10775.0	Assistance for Bihar Floods	India	OMB	205 399	230	299 999	106 666	08/09/2008	90
CD	10776.0	[Emergency Assistance] in the Wake of Hurricane Gustav	Cuba	OMP	215 020	96	497 357	86 000	05/09/2008	98
CD	10785.0	Food Assistance for Flood Affected Population in Haiti	Haiti	OMP	206 550	153	499 996	360 000	15/09/2008	90
CD	10793.0	Food Assistance to Victims of Floods (Tropical Wave 16)	Honduras	OMP	358 920	483	500 000	43 000	24/10/2008	92
CD	10794.0	Support to People Affected by Floods	Yemen	OMC	298 280	562	494 687	20 000	27/10/2008	92
CD	10796.0	Assistance to Earthquake-Affected People in Balochistan	Pakistan	OMB	263 330	701	495 908	20 000	11/11/2008	60
CD	10803.0	Panama Food Assistance to People Affected by the Floods in the Chiriqui, Bocas del Toro and Veraguas Provinces	Panama	OMP	50 000	25	116 951	15 000	26/11/2008	86
CD	10805.0	Emergency Assistance to Persons Affected by Floods and Volcanic Eruptions in Colombia	Colombia	OMP	326 647	360	499 999	30 000	11/12/2008	90
RD	10802.0	Winter Emergency Food Air Response	Kyrgyzstan	OMC	156 000	130	499 985	580 000	24/11/2008	92
Subtotal					3 106 656	4 820	5 394 071	1 554 886		
GRAND TOTAL					985 327 313	2 005 379	2 120 324 705	26 383 707		

*Total project costs are inclusive of indirect support costs (7%).



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

CD	country director
COO	Chief operating officer
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
GFD	general food distribution
IDP	internally displaced person
IR	immediate response
NWFP	North West Frontier Province
OMB	Regional Bureau Bangkok (Asia)
OMC	Regional Bureau Cairo (Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe)
OMD	Regional Bureau Dakar (West Africa)
OMJ	Regional Bureau Johannesburg (Southern, Eastern and Central Africa)
OMP	Regional Bureau Panama City (Latin America and the Caribbean)
OMS	Regional Bureau The Sudan
RD	Regional Director