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## USE OF THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ACCOUNT (1 JANUARY—31 DECEMBER 2004)

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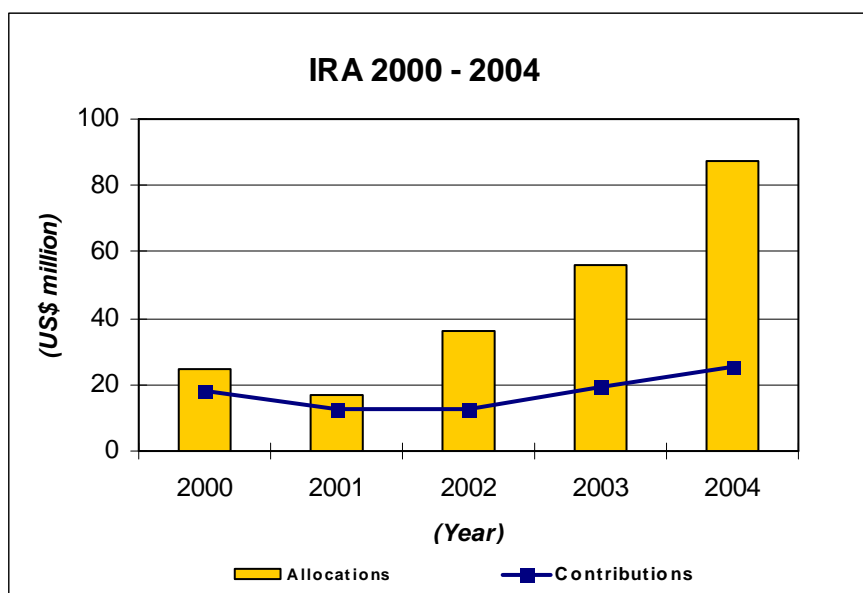


## SECTION A: INTRODUCTION

1. In considering document WFP/EB.3/2004/12-A “Review of the Immediate Response Account (IRA)”, the Board requested the Secretariat to submit a formal annual information paper on the use of the IRA.
2. The purpose of this document is to provide the information on the use of the IRA during 2004.
3. The Secretariat will continue to update Board members periodically on the use of the IRA through the publication *Estimated Food Needs and Shortfalls for WFP Operational Activities*, commonly referred to as the *Yellow Pages*, which is issued three times a year concurrently with each Executive Board session.

## SECTION B: USE OF THE IRA, 1 JANUARY–31 DECEMBER 2004

4. In 2004, the IRA again proved instrumental in enabling WFP to respond swiftly to urgent humanitarian needs: an unprecedented US\$87.2 million was allocated to start and support 28 WFP relief operations, a 55 percent increase over 2003. The corresponding allocations were made to 17 emergency operations (EMOPs), protracted relief and recovery operations (PRROs) and special operations (SOs), and 11 immediate-response EMOPs approved under the delegated authority of country or regional directors.
5. Through the IRA, WFP was able among other things to provide much needed up-front funding for the pre-positioning of food in greater Darfur, start fighting the locust plague in the Sahel, avoid a major pipeline break in addressing the persistent food insecurity in southern Africa and ensure an immediate response in the countries affected by the December 2004 tsunami. Annex II contains the details of all the allocations.
6. The donor contributions of US\$25.1 million to the IRA in 2004 were almost 30 percent greater than those for 2003. However, the level of fresh contributions remained inadequate. It was mainly thanks to (i) the proactive revolvment of the IRA with US\$47.5 million of contributions confirmed by donors to operations that had received an IRA allocation and (ii) an extraordinary reprogramming to the IRA of US\$20 million from the Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) Equalization Account that WFP could continue advancing substantial amounts to operations in critical need of funding.



7. Contributions exclude US\$7.5 million reprogramming approved by the Board in 2000, and US\$20 million approved in 2003.
8. The high level of IRA revolvement was also partly achieved thanks to donors that facilitated the process by easing some of the previous restrictions on repayment, for example by relaxing bag marking conditions or allowing revolvement with contributions confirmed within a certain time following the corresponding IRA allocation.
9. The IRA balance stood at US\$31.1 million at the end of 2004, well below the target level of US\$70 million endorsed by the Executive Board in October 2004.



ANNEX I: CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IRA, 1995-2004 (US\$)										
Donor	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000*	2001	2002	2003*	2004
Argentina	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 793	-	-	-
Australia	445 500	-	4 431	666 290	-	721 418	162 574	-	-	-
Austria	-	117 400	-	-	13 430	-	73 580	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	997 873	322 827	-	132 358	-	-
Canada	2 277 745	2 189 781	2 186 014	-	8 400 000	2 187 874	1 998 105	1 863 354	4 141 083	4 529 355
Cuba	-	-	-	-	-	-	23 272	-	-	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 630	4 629
Denmark	52 287	1 730 253	739 262	1 078 582	713 267	910 273	969 602	-	-	-
Finland	-	-	402 542	548 948	541 419	423 351	40 927	490 364	8 607	-
France	-	-	-	-	-	100 984	714 029	-	-	1 694 960
Germany	-	37 132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greece	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 555
Holy See	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 000	-	-
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 469
Ireland	-	-	98 124	-	-	296 700	386 257	462 021	1 681 797	977 252
Italy	-	78 472	41 937	19 200	-	-	12 502	-	583 009	-
Japan	1 000 000	1 214 781	927 025	937 009	700 000	1 217 943	700 000	400 000	1 857 197	9 274 925
Korea, Rep. of	-	-	1 280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	3 346 958	3 014 773	4 026 377	4 800 000	3 900 000	4 532 079	3 661 694	2 992 958	3 549 061	4 146 341
New Zealand	1 777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86 207	-
Norway	822 000	3 143 344	1 768 707	1 978 892	1 901 141	1 686 608	2 297 864	1 989 390	2 141 964	2 404 855
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 409
Spain	-	3 194	-	-	-	532 831	8 468	-	-	-
Sweden	6 605 929	3 728 358	2 471 553	2 000 000	3 000 000	2 287 398	107 370	2 419 315	2 421 320	1 473
Switzerland	1 031 165	834 290	796 474	1 118 135	1 713 479	1 180 368	908 528	1 236 216	2 875 592	2 021 263
Thailand	-	-	-	-	-	10 582	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	1 033 796	1 069 539	132 257	-	-	1 589	283 436	493 790	-	-
United States of America	3 000 000	2 000 000	4 000 000	2 000 000	2 000 000	1 500 000	-	50 000	-	-
Others	-	40 362	-	-	-	50 454	37 581	-	1 500	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19 617 157</b>	<b>19 201 679</b>	<b>17 595 983</b>	<b>15 147 056</b>	<b>23 880 609</b>	<b>17 963 280</b>	<b>12 392 582</b>	<b>12 539 766</b>	<b>19 351 967</b>	<b>25 090 486</b>

\* Excluding US\$7.5 million and US\$20 million reprogramming approved by the EB in 2000 and 2003, respectively.



**ANNEX II: 2004 IRA ALLOCATIONS (US\$)**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Operation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>	<b>Approved allocation</b>
<b>Immediate Response EMOPs Approved Under Country/Regional Directors' Delegated Authority</b>				
Bangladesh	EMOP 10378.0	Assistance to Flood Displaced Populations	29 Jul 04	199 287
Bolivia	EMOP 10395.0	Prolonged Drought in El Chaco Region	23 Sep 04	198 849
Cuba	EMOP 10369.0	Drought in the Eastern Provinces	30 Jun 04	196 580
Guinea-Bissau	EMOP 10343.0	Mitigating flood impact in Guinea Bissau	20 Feb 04	197 697
Indonesia	EMOP 10402.0	Assistance to People Affected by the Earthquake and Subsequent Tidal Waves	27 Dec 04	498 877
Maldives	EMOP 10404.0	Assistance to Victims of the Tsunami	29 Dec 04	376 640
Morocco	EMOP 10348.0	Assistance to Earthquake Affected People	16 Mar 04	223 569
Nicaragua	EMOP 10376.0	Mudslides and Flooding in the Northern Region of Nicaragua	16 Jul 04	162 101
Peru	EMOP 10373.0	Frost in Puno Department	14 Jul 04	199 561
Sri Lanka	EMOP 10401.0	Assistance to Victims of the Tsunami	27 Dec 04	498 085
Thailand	EMOP 10403.0	Assistance to Victims of the Tsunami	27 Dec 04	491 558
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>3 242 804</b>
<b>Other allocations</b>				
Bolivia	EMOP 10392.0	Prolonged Drought in El Chaco Region	12 Nov 04	420 250
Chad	EMOP 10327.0	Emergency Assistance to Sudanese Refugees in North-Eastern Chad	09 Jan 04	2 000 000
Chad	SO 10338.0	WFP Humanitarian Air Services in Chad in Support to EMOP 10327.0	04 Feb 04	550 000
Chad	EMOP 10327.0	Emergency Assistance to Sudanese Refugees in North-Eastern Chad	14 Jul 04	2 000 000
Chad	SO 10390.0	Logistics Augmentation in Support to EMOP 10327.0	16 Sep 04	2 000 000
Haiti	EMOP 10347.0	Support to Victims of Civil Unrest and Natural Disasters	23 Apr 04	1 400 000
Iran	EMOP 10332.0	Relief Assistance to Earthquake Victims in Bam	09 Jan 04	1 000 000
Iraq	EMOP 10360.0	Assistance to Primary School Children and Vulnerable Groups	04 Aug 04	10 000 000
Kenya	EMOP 10374.0	Food Assistance to Drought-Affected People	20 Aug 04	3 500 000
Korea, DPR	EMOP 10141.2	Emergency Assistance for Vulnerable Groups	06 Feb 04	3 500 000
Mauritania	PRRO 10359.0	Strengthening of the Means of Subsistence of Drought-Affected Populations	19 Dec 04	2 700 000
Myanmar	EMOP 10345.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Ex-Poppy Farmers in Northern Shan State	16 Mar 04	700 000
Namibia	EMOP 10334.0	Targeted Food Assistance for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Namibia Affected by food Insecurity and the Impact of HIV/AIDS	22 Mar 04	643 000
Southern Africa Region	PRRO 10310.0	Assistance to Populations in Southern Africa Vulnerable to Food Insecurity and the Impact of AIDS	15 Nov 04	7 000 000
Sudan	EMOP 10048.2	Food Assistance to Population Affected by War and Drought	09 Jan 04	1 500 000
Sudan	EMOP 10339.0	Food Assistance to Population Affected by War in Greater Darfur	07 May 04	20 000 000
Sudan	SO 10371.0	Logistics Augmentation in Support to EMOP 10339.0 (Food Assistance to Population Affected by War in Greater Darfur	16 Jul 04	5 000 000
Sudan	EMOP 10339.1	Food Assistance to Population Affected by War in Greater Darfur	14 Dec 04	20 000 000
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>83 913 250</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>87 156 054</b>





ANNEX III: 2004 IRA REVOLVEMENT (US\$)				
Recipient	Operation	Title	Date of Revolvement	Amount Revolved
Bolivia	EMOP 10392.0	Prolonged Drought in El Chaco Region	7 Dec 04	420 250
Chad	EMOP 10327.0	Emergency Assistance to Sudanese Refugees in North-Eastern Chad	12 May 04	386 428
Chad	EMOP 10327.0	Emergency Assistance to Sudanese Refugees in North-Eastern Chad	15 Jul 04	523 170
Chad	SO 10338.0	WFP Humanitarian Air Services in Chad in Support to EMOP 10327.0	5 Aug 04	259 500
Chad	EMOP 10327.0	Emergency Assistance to Sudanese Refugees in North-Eastern Chad	4 Aug 04	1 178 793
Chad	SO 10390.0	Logistics Augmentation in Support to EMOP 10327.0	25 Oct 04	271 739
Côte d'Ivoire	EMOP 10244.1	Côte d'Ivoire Crisis and Regional Implications	1 Oct 04	1 213 150
Korea, DPR	EMOP 10141.2	Emergency Assistance for Vulnerable Groups	17 Feb 04	2 115 672
Korea, DPR	EMOP 10141.2	Emergency Assistance for Vulnerable Groups	22 Mar 04	751 879
Korea, DPR	EMOP 10141.2	Emergency Assistance for Vulnerable Groups	27 Aug 04	585 485
Haiti	EMOP 10347.0	Support to Victims of Civil Unrest and Natural Disasters	1 Oct 04	254 554
Iran	EMOP 10332.0	Relief Assistance to Earthquake Victims in Bam	15 Nov 04	1 000 000
Iraq	EMOP 10360.0	Assistance to Primary School Children and Vulnerable Groups	18 Nov 04	4 551 624
Kenya	EMOP 10374.0	Food Assistance to Drought-Affected People	20 Oct 04	2 286 322
Myanmar	EMOP 10345.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Ex-Poppy Farmers in Northern Shan State	7 Apr 04	700 000
Namibia	EMOP 10334.0	Targeted Food Assistance for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Namibia Affected by Food Insecurity and the Impact of HIV/AIDS	15 Nov 04	242 115
Nicaragua	EMOP 10376.0	Mudslides and Flooding in the Northern Region of Nicaragua	13 Sep 04	116 047
Sudan	EMOP 10048.2	Food Assistance to Population Affected by War in Greater Darfur	1 Dec 04	103 885
Sudan	EMOP 10339.0	Food Assistance to Population Affected by War in Greater Darfur	17 Jun 04	14 258 536
Sudan	SO 10371.0	Logistics Support to Population Affected by War in Greater Darfur	28 Sep 04	5 000 000
Sudan	EMOP 10339.1	Food Assistance to Population Affected by War in Greater Darfur	31 Dec 04	6 785 749
West Africa Coastal	PRRO 10064.2	Targeted Food Assistance for Relief and Recovery of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia	3 Mar 04	771 632
Zimbabwe	EMOP 10290.0	Targeted Relief	7 Apr 04	3 742 738
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>47 519 268</b>