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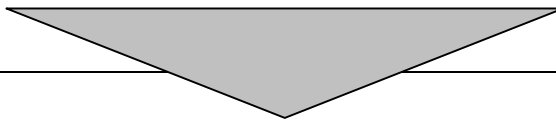
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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO— (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2002)

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1. At the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, in October 2001, the Board requested to be regularly informed about emergency operations (EMOPs) approved either under the delegated authority of the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
2. The first such report was presented to the Board at its Second Regular Session of 2002, and concerned the previous year. The information will now be provided twice a year. At this, the Third Regular Session of the Board, a report is provided for the period January to June 2002, and at the First Regular Session of the Board in 2003, in February, a report will be provided for the second half of 2002.
3. To ensure that Executive Board members are adequately informed without duplicating information already provided through other sources, the reports will include the list of approved emergency operations with the main project statistics and a brief overview of figures and key trends. More-detailed country-specific information is not provided, because it is already shared with Board members through the Yellow Pages document issued at each Board session.
4. A total of 25 EMOPs were approved from 1 January to 30 June 2002, to assist more than 28.2 million vulnerable people in urgent need of food aid, in 20 countries. Ten of these EMOPs were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO and 15 were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, including five immediate-response EMOPs approved locally, by Country Directors, under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director. These 25 operations represent a commitment of over 2.1 million tons of food, with a food cost of US\$428 million and an expected overall operational and support cost to WFP of over US\$1.1 billion.
5. Appropriate information for all emergency operations approved during the first half of 2002 has been listed in the attached tables, according to their approval level.
6. The Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO jointly approved ten emergency operations with an individual value of committed food in excess of US\$3 million, in: Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Pakistan, Palestinian Territory, southern Africa¹ and Sudan. More than 27.6 million² vulnerable people are expected to receive relief assistance from WFP through these EMOPs, which have a cumulative food commitment of over 2 million tons, valued at US\$412 million. The overall cost of these operations to WFP, including transport and support costs, is expected to be over US\$1 billion, representing over 97 percent of the value of all EMOPs approved.
7. Ten emergency operations with an individual food value below US\$3 million were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, in: Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Lesotho, Malawi (two), Mauritania, Namibia and Swaziland. These ten EMOPs will help more than 1 million vulnerable people in

¹ The Southern Africa Regional EMOP addresses emergency food needs in Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

² Beneficiaries in Malawi and Mozambique, who were assisted under EMOPs in those countries and, subsequently, the regional EMOP for southern Africa, have been counted only once in the total.



immediate need of food aid. The food value of these operations is US\$15.4 million, representing a commitment of approximately 63,700 tons of food. The overall cost to WFP of these EMOPs is expected to reach US\$29 million. The beneficiaries in Lesotho and Swaziland, and some in Malawi, have also received subsequent WFP assistance under the regional EMOP for southern Africa.³

8. WFP Country Directors used the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director to approve five immediate-response EMOPs, each with an overall cost of up to US\$200,000, in: Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Mauritania, Senegal and Syria. Almost 78,000 vulnerable people were assisted through the WFP immediate-response EMOPs. The food value of these projects was just over US\$535,000, representing a commitment of approximately 2,100 tons of food. The overall cost to WFP of these operations was over US\$875,000. The beneficiaries in Cape Verde and Mauritania were also assisted through subsequent EMOPs approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director.
9. Of the 25 emergency operations approved (in 20 countries), 20 operations were in Africa (in 15 countries), four in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Central Asia Region and one in Latin America and the Caribbean Region. Africa remains the continent with the highest number of emergency operations, many of which are in the eastern and southern Africa region.
10. Requirements for emergency operations in the ten countries listed below represented over 90 percent of the overall emergency needs of WFP during the first half of 2002. WFP's focus was on southern Africa, where seven emergency operations covering six countries (Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe) were approved,⁴ representing almost half of all the emergency resources approved. The other main EMOPs approved during the first six months of 2002 included those for Afghanistan, representing 25 percent of the overall emergency requirements, Sudan (11.8 percent), Ethiopia (4.5 percent) and Kenya (3.2 percent).
11. Around 87 percent of the emergency food needs have resulted from drought and crop failures, including those in Afghanistan, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kenya, Mauritania and southern Africa. WFP emergency resources required in response to conflict situations represented almost 12 percent of the emergency needs, mainly in Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Namibia, Palestinian Territory and Sudan. In some countries, the food crisis was the result of a combination of factors. In Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Sudan, WFP has been assisting populations affected by both conflict and crop failures. In southern Africa, the food crisis caused by environmental factors such as drought and flooding was exacerbated by a complex interplay of economic and political factors.

³ These beneficiaries have been counted only once in the overall beneficiary number (para. 4).

⁴ Upon approval of the regional emergency operation, all country-specific EMOPs undertaken in response to this crisis were suspended and new contributions solicited for the regional operation only.



**EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF FAO DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2002**

Region/Country	No.	Operation description	Beneficiaries	Total WFP food commitment (tons)	Total WFP cost (US\$)	WFP food cost (US\$)	Approval date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
Mediterranean, Middle East and Central Asia								
Afghanistan	10155.0	Food assistance to drought-affected people	9 885 000	543 837	284 985 542	115 482 568	30.01.2002	270
Pakistan	10171.0	Food assistance to drought-affected people	343 000	20 500	7 755 003	3 897 340	22.03.2002	180
Palestinian Territory	10190.0	Food assistance to conflict-affected people	500 000	41 217	18 289 195	9 927 965	20.05.2002	240
Subtotal			10 728 000	605 554	311 029 740	129 307 873		
Africa								
DR Congo	10166.0	Food assistance to volcano victims	350 000	17 392	11 956 224	4 899 680	08.02.2002	90
Ethiopia	10030.1	Food assistance to drought-affected people	2 072 680	117 430	51 051 763	20 481 844	16.05.2002	365
Kenya	10085.1	Food assistance to drought-affected people	1 264 624	77 696	36259 141	16 133 359	24.04.2002	195
Malawi *	10201.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	2 085 000	54 426	31 735 808	14 417 658	22.05.2002	120
Mozambique*	10186.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	400 000	19 573	10 173 278	4 477 891	13.05.2002	90
Southern Africa	10200.0	Food assistance to people affected by drought and economic crisis	10 255 850	992 459	507 273 091	193 154 209	28.06.2002	270
Sudan	10048.1	Food assistance to conflict- and drought-affected people	2 942 726	160 806	132 815 266	29 203 126	09.04.2002	365
Subtotal			16 885 880	1 439 782	781 264 571	282 767 767		
Total (a)			27 613 880	2 045 336	1 092 294 311	412 075 640		

* Note: In order to avoid double-counting, the total number of beneficiaries—Total (a)—does not include those assisted under the EMOPs Malawi 10201.0 and Mozambique 10186.0, as they have also been included in the number of beneficiaries for the regional EMOP, Southern Africa 10200.0, which was implemented subsequently.

EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2002

Region/Country	No.	Operation description	Beneficiaries	Total WFP food commitment (tons)	Total WFP cost (US\$)	WFP food cost (US\$)	Approval date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
Latin America and Caribbean								
Guatemala	10174.0	Food assistance to drought-affected people	154 985	8 553	4 880 036	2 829 071	13.03.2002	180
Subtotal			154 985	8 553	4 880 036	2 829 071		
Africa								
Central African Rep.	10150.0	Food assistance to conflict-affected people	55 000	2 797	1 385 301	784 649	15.01.2002	90
Ethiopia	10197.0	Food assistance to internally displaced people	76 500	6 615	2 658 800	1 244 990	31.05.2002	240
Cape Verde	10207.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	30 000	2 727	1 221 176	665 550	18.06.2002	180
Lesotho*	10203.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	97 600	4 569	2 159 132	1 287 450	06.06.2002	90
Malawi	10152.0	Food assistance to refugees	8 000	1 635	723 871	475 330	23.01.2002	365
Malawi*	10153.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	255 000	11 375	4 183 724	2 980 040	01.03.2002	90
Mauritania	10147.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	246 500	16 231	7 485 727	2 872 294	25.03.2002	270
Namibia	10145.0	Food assistance to Angolan refugees	23 000	5 006	2 202 638	1 353 695	17.01.2002	365
Swaziland*	10206.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	144 000	4 190	2 075 255	947 864	06.06.2002	60
Subtotal			935 600	55 145	24 095 624	12 611 862		
Total (b)			1 090 585	63 698	28 975 660	15 440 933		



EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2002

Region/Country	No.	Operation description	Beneficiaries	Total WFP food commitment (tons)	Total WFP cost (US\$)	WFP food cost (US\$)	Approval date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
Mediterranean, Middle East and Central Asia								
Syria	10216.0	Assistance to Zaixoon Dam's victims	10 000	272	104 558	90 053	10.06.2002	60
Subtotal			10 000	272	104 558	90 053		
Africa								
Cape Verde*	10198.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	30 000	556	199 812	112 312	10.05.2002	45
Central African Rep.	10194.0	Food assistance to internally displaced people	5 333	287	198 137	76 900	n.a.	90
Mauritania*	10164.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	7 652	459	199 900	113 373	26.01.2002	30
Senegal	10167.0	Food assistance to people affected by crop failure	25 000	500	173 181	142 500	22.01.2002	21
Subtotal			67 985	1 802	771 030	445 085		
Total (c)			77 985	2 074	875 588	535 138		



GRAND TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2002

		Beneficiaries	Total WFP food commitment (tons)	Total WFP cost (US\$)	WFP food cost (US\$)
Total (a)	EMOPs approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO	27 613 880	2 045 336	1 092 294 311	412 075 640
Total (b)	EMOPs approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director	593 985	63 968	28 975 660	15 440 933
Total (c)	EMOPs approved under the authority delegated to Country Directors	40 333	2 074	875 588	535 138
Grand total *		28 248 198	2 111 378	1 122 145 559	428 051 711

* In order to avoid double-counting, the following beneficiary numbers from individual EMOPs have not been included in the Grand Total, because the same beneficiaries have been assisted by the regional EMOP for Southern Africa 10200.0 and included in that beneficiary figure: Malawi 10201.0, Malawi 10153.0, Mozambique 10186.0, Swaziland 10206.0 and Lesotho 10203.0. Similarly, beneficiary numbers for EMOPs Mauritania 10164.0 and Cape Verde 10198.0 have not been included in the Grand Total, as these beneficiaries were also assisted by and accounted for in the EMOPs Mauritania 10147.0 and Cape Verde 10207.0 respectively.

