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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 July–31 December 2019)**

1. 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. In line with the Integrated Road Map framework, this report covers limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved between 1 July and 31 December 2019, as shown in the attached table. During the period under review, one new limited emergency operation was approved under the delegated authority of the Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. The total approved value for the reporting period is USD 5.4 million and the total number of beneficiaries assisted is 39,000.

## **Limited emergency operations approved by the Regional Director**

3. The **Bahamas limited emergency operation (3 September 2019–3 December 2019)** provided emergency assistance to populations affected by Hurricane Dorian, which made landfall in the Bahamas on 1 September 2019, causing loss of life and severe destruction to homes, productive assets and infrastructure. Initial assessments indicated that 76,278 people had been displaced in the islands of Grand Bahama and Abaco, exceeding the capacity of the national safety net system and increasing the vulnerability of impoverished households. The national poverty rate is 12.5 percent, rising to 17.2 percent in the Out Islands. Poverty indicators are particularly concerning among the migrant Haitian population; approximately 4,000 Haitians live in fragile housing on the islands most affected by the hurricane. Following a government request for humanitarian assistance, the

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operation initially delivered ready to eat meals to the most affected populations, under strategic outcome 1. Additional assistance was subsequently provided through other food distributions and cash-based transfers for people unable to access food through their normal livelihoods. Strategic outcome 2 allowed WFP to deliver technical assistance to strengthen national and regional humanitarian coordination mechanisms and systems in the areas of logistics, supply chain, emergency telecommunications and food security coordination to enhance the quality and timeliness of assistance provided by WFP and other humanitarian actors to the affected populations. The operation supported 39,000 beneficiaries with 594 mt of food, at a total cost of USD 5.4 million.

| LIMITED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2019 |                 |           |                                     |              |                  |                  |               |                  |                          |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Approving authority  | Regional bureau | Recipient | Project title                       | Tonnage (mt) | Food cost* (USD) | Total cost (USD) | Beneficiaries | Approval date    | Original duration (days) |
| <b>Table A: Limited emergency operations approved under the authority delegated to the Executive Director</b>        |                 |           |                                     |              |                  |                  |               |                  |                          |
| Regional Director  | Panama          | Bahamas   | Bahamas limited emergency operation | 594          | 2 699 466        | 5 423 196        | 39 000        | 3 September 2019 | 90                       |
| <b>Total</b>   |                 |           |                                     | <b>594</b>   | <b>2 699 466</b> | <b>5 423 196</b> | <b>39 000</b> |                  |                          |

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