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## **Transitional interim multi-country strategic plans, limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (1 January–30 June 2020)**

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. Since the second regular session of 2002 this information has been provided twice a year.
2. In line with the new Integrated Road Map framework, this report covers transitional interim multi-country strategic plans, limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved between 1 January and 30 June 2020, as shown in the table below. During the period under review, one new transitional interim multi-country strategic plan was approved by the Executive Director and one new limited emergency operation was approved under the authority delegated to the Regional Director for West Africa. No immediate response activities were approved during the period.
3. The total approved value for the reporting period is USD 47.7 million and the total number of beneficiaries assisted is 469,166.

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## **Transitional interim multi-country strategic plan approved by the Executive Director**

4. **Transitional interim multi-country strategic plan for Latin American countries impacted by the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (1 March 2020–28 February 2021)** aims to support countries affected by the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, where complex political and socioeconomic challenges have led to hyperinflation, food and medicine shortages and a rise in poverty and food insecurity. These factors have triggered large population outflows, with more than 3.8 million Venezuelans seeking refuge in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. The March 2019 humanitarian needs overview indicates that at least 7 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The response capacities of Latin American and Caribbean countries hosting Venezuelan refugees and migrants are stretched, and health and education services in certain areas are on the verge of collapse. In response to increasing requirements, WFP plans to provide emergency food distributions, and where possible cash-based transfers, to affected populations. Strategic outcome 2 involves on-demand service provision to governments and the humanitarian community in the areas of supply chain, logistics, emergency telecommunications and food security coordination with the aim of enhancing the quality of the emergency response. The transitional interim multi-country strategic plan aims to support 216,666 beneficiaries with 5,189 mt of food at a total cost of USD 40.9 million.

## **Limited emergency operations approved by the Regional Director for West Africa**

5. **Togo limited emergency operation (1 July 2020–31 December 2020)** addresses the escalating needs of vulnerable populations affected by COVID-19 containment measures in Togo, which have led to an increase in poverty and food insecurity. The Government has taken several steps to prevent the spread of the virus, including closing schools, airports and land and maritime borders; imposing a nationwide curfew; and introducing social distancing measures. These restrictions will have an impact on the agricultural sector, which provides more than 20 percent of export earnings and employs over 80 percent of the rural population. In line with the national response plan, the operations under strategic outcome 1 aim to broaden access to food for affected populations through food distribution, nutrition support and cash-based transfers. Government and partner response efforts will be strengthened through activities under strategic outcome 2, which entails the distribution of non-food items and the provision of supply chain, logistics, emergency telecommunication and food storage services. The limited emergency operation delivers assistance to 252,500 beneficiaries with 3,752 mt of food at a total cost of USD 6.8 million.

<b>TRANSITIONAL INTERIM MULTI-COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLANS AND LIMITED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2020</b>									
<b>Approving authority</b>	<b>Regional bureau</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Tonnage (mt)</b>	<b>Food cost* (USD)</b>	<b>Total cost (USD)</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Approval date</b>	<b>Original duration (days)</b>
Executive Director	Latin America and the Caribbean	Latin American countries	Transitional interim multi-country strategic plan for Latin American countries impacted by the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	5 189	24 251 083	40 933 296	216 666	6 March 2020	357
Regional Director for West Africa	West Africa	Togo	Togo limited emergency operation	3 752	4 101 452	6 799 502	252 500	30 June 2020	180
<b>Total</b>				<b>8 941</b>	<b>28 352 535</b>	<b>47 732 798</b>	<b>469 166</b>		

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