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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2014)

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1. At its third Regular Session of 2001, the Board asked to be regularly informed about emergency operations (EMOPs) approved 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 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 2014, as shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food value of more than USD 3 million approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists EMOPs with a food value of less than USD 3 million approved by the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer (DED/COO) under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Table C lists EMOPs approved by Regional Directors, Country Directors and/or the Director of Emergencies under authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
3. During the period under review, a total of thirteen EMOPs were approved: four by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; two by the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer; and seven by Regional Directors, Country Directors or the Director of Emergencies. These operations provide food assistance to about 4.2 million people at a food cost of USD 142.8 million. The total cost to WFP is USD 282 million.

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

4. **Regional West Africa EMOP 200761 (25 August 2014 – 31 May 2015)** will assist vulnerable populations in areas affected by the Ebola outbreak in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The response is designed to improve the availability and quality of food for households in quarantine and communities in isolation. Assistance modalities include: i) general food distributions and take-home dry rations to meet the caloric and micronutrient requirements of communities in hot zones and quarantine areas; ii) wet meals for patients in hospitals; and iii) SuperCereal Plus for women of reproductive age and children. EMOP 200761 will assist 2.9 million beneficiaries with 131,577 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 189 million.
5. **Regional West Africa EMOP 200777 (31 December 2014 – 31 December 2015)** responds to insecurity in northern Nigeria, which has led to an increased number of returnees, refugees and displaced populations. EMOP 200777 seeks to: i) stabilize the nutrition situation of children affected by the crisis through robust prevention programmes based on nutrition indicators and adapted to population groups; and ii) meet food needs through in-kind transfers, vouchers and conditional food-for-assets activities. EMOP 200777 will assist 238,068 beneficiaries with 38,742 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 50.2 million.
6. **Libya EMOP 200776 (28 November 2014 – 31 March 2015)** addresses the food needs of people who are unable to meet their food and nutritional needs as a result of displacement and/or loss of livelihoods and productive assets. WFP aims to provide food assistance for 50,000 people in the first month of the operation, and to reach a monthly average of 115,000 beneficiaries. EMOP 200776 aims to assist 175,000 beneficiaries with 7,970 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 14.9 million.

7. **Ukraine EMOP 200765 (3 November 2014 – 30 April 2015)** provides life-saving food assistance for the most vulnerable internally displaced people (IDPs) affected by conflict. EMOP 200765 addresses the immediate food needs of 40,000 people who have limited or no access to food through a one-off food distribution, and assists a further 80,000 people with three rounds of cash and/or vouchers in IDP hosting areas. The operation will support 120,000 beneficiaries with 878 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 17 million.

EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

8. **Nepal EMOP 200768 (25 September 2014 – 25 March 2015)** is intended to improve the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable populations affected by floods in western Nepal. Under EMOP 200768, WFP will assist 98 villages through village development committees with a 30-day food package, to be followed by a 30-day cash distribution. Beneficiaries will also be able to participate in a conditional 50-day food-for-assets programme. The operation will support 132,000 beneficiaries with 2,168 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 4.1 million.
9. **Panama Regional Bureau IR-EMOP 200762 (15 August – 14 October 2014)** will assess the food and nutritional status of populations affected by drought in the Dry Corridor in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. The preparedness activities of EMOP 200762 include: i) standardization of data collection and analysis methods; ii) rapid assessments in the four countries; and iii) a workshop to validate the results and define a response strategy in collaboration with governments and partners. The total cost to WFP will be USD 149,867.

EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COUNTRY DIRECTORS AND/OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES

10. **Sierra Leone IR-EMOP 200749 (8 July – 5 October 2014)** will deliver food assistance for people affected by the Ebola outbreak and will support health services in containing the virus. WFP will: i) provide general food distributions to address the needs of households directly affected by Ebola; ii) distribute 6.4 mt of food to health facilities; and iii) supply take-home rations for vulnerable populations. IR-EMOP 200749 will reach 26,800 beneficiaries with 1,205 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 1.4 million.
11. **Ukraine IR-EMOP 200759 (15 August – 14 November 2014)** addresses the immediate food needs of IDPs affected by conflict in eastern Ukraine. Assistance modalities include: i) locally procured immediate-response rations for IDPs with limited food supplies; ii) vouchers to increase food consumption in secure IDP hosting areas with functioning markets; and iii) technical assistance to augment emergency preparedness and response capacities. EMOP 200759 will support 28,000 IDPs with 75 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 1.4 million.

12. **Liberia IR-EMOP 200758 (15 August – 15 November 2014)** addresses the food needs of populations affected by Ebola, including families under quarantine. IR-EMOP 200758 will also help to bridge the lean season, when food is normally scarce and prices are high. Interventions will consist of general food distributions to cover minimum daily food requirements, and assistance for the Government in limiting the movement of suspected Ebola patients. The operation will support 24,000 beneficiaries with 1,060 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 1.4 million.
13. **Paraguay IR-EMOP 200748 (20 July – 19 October 2014)** will support vulnerable populations who have lost agricultural assets as a result of heavy rainfall. The operation will provide vouchers for 25,000 people in Asunción, and cash transfers for 5,000 people in three municipalities in Ñeembucú. IR-EMOP will assist 30,000 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of USD 999,477.
14. **Philippines IR-EMOP 200801 (11 December 2014 to 10 March 2015)** will provide life-saving and early-recovery food assistance in areas affected by typhoon Hagupit. Beneficiaries will receive high-energy biscuits if they have no cooking facilities and cash to support the immediate response. IR-EMOP 200801 will assist 330,000 beneficiaries with 200 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 999,955.
15. **Bangladesh IR-EMOP 200769 (24 August – 23 October 2014)** will provide life-saving food and nutrition assistance for vulnerable populations affected by the monsoon. The operation will provide fortified biscuits for 21,000 households stranded on high ground, and unconditional cash transfers for 7,400 ultra-poor households seeking to return home when the floods recede. IR-EMOP 200769 will assist 113,000 beneficiaries with 80 mt of food at a total cost to WFP of USD 500,000.
16. **Nepal IR-EMOP 200763 (25 August – 08 November 2014)** addresses the needs of vulnerable communities in western regions who have lost their livelihoods following heavy rain. EMOP 200763 will stabilize nutritional status and improve food consumption among the targeted groups by providing 454 mt of food for 40,000 beneficiaries at a total cost to WFP of USD 468,131.

TREND ANALYSIS

17. The value of the EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or under her delegated authority during the period covered by this report represents a decrease of USD 390 million compared with the USD 672 million approved during the same period in 2013.



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY – 31 DECEMBER 2014

Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (USD)	Total cost (USD)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED/DG	200761	RBD	Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone	Support to Populations in Areas Affected by the Ebola Outbreak in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone	131 577	95 977 745	189 133 000	2 958 150	25/08/2014	276
ED/DG	200777	RBD	Cameroon, Chad, Niger	Providing Life-Saving Support to Households in Cameroon, Chad, and Niger Directly Affected by Insecurity in Northern Nigeria	38 742	20 040 675	50 159 000	238 068	31/12/2014	365
ED/DG	200776	RBC	Libya	Assistance to People Affected by the Crisis in Libya	7 970	7 472 670	14 866 403	175 000	10/12/2014	123
ED/DG	200765	RBC	Ukraine	Emergency Assistance to Civilians Affected by the Conflict in Eastern Ukraine	878	12 556 800	17 021 318	120 000	10/11/2014	177
Subtotal Table A					179 167	136 047 890	271 179 721	3 491 218		
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR										
DED/COO	200768	RBB	Nepal	Emergency Food Assistance for Flood-Affected People in Mid-Western Nepal	2 168	2 635 974	4 137 666	132 000	14/10/2014	180
DED/COO	200762	RBP	El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua	Rapid Assessment of the Impact of the Drought Crisis on Food and Nutritional Security in Central America	-	-	149 867	-	08/08/2014	59
Subtotal Table B					2 168	2 635 974	4 287 533	132 000		

EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY – 31 DECEMBER 2014

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TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS (RDs), COUNTRY DIRECTORS (CDs) OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES										
DIR. EMER	200749	RBD	Sierra Leone	Assistance to Food-Insecure Ebola Victims, Households, Communities, Hospitals and Affected Areas in Sierra Leone	1 205	691 604	1 442 624	26 800	07/07/2014	87
DIR. EMER	200759	RBC	Ukraine	Response to Ukraine Conflict 2014	75	750 000	1 394 397	28 000	14/08/2014	89
DIR. EMER	200758	RBD	Liberia	Emergency Assistance to Food-Insecure Ebola Victims in Households, Communities, Treatment Centres in Liberia	1 060	645 845	1 386 910	24 000	06/08/2014	90
RD	200748	RBP	Paraguay	Immediate Emergency Response to Flood Victims in Paraguay	-	819 600	999 477	30 000	07/07/2014	89
RD	200801	RBB	Philippines	Immediate Response to People Affected by Typhoon Hagupit	200	591 708	999 995	330 000	11/12/2014	89
CD	200769	RBB	Bangladesh	Food Assistance to Flood-Affected People in Northern Bangladesh	80	381 565	500 000	113 000	09/09/2014	59
CD	200763	RBB	Nepal	Food Assistance for Flood-Affected Populations in the Mid-Western Region	454	241 080	468 131	40 000	19/08/2014	73
Subtotal Table C					3 074	4 121 402	7 191 534	591 800		
TOTAL					184 409	142 805 266	282 658 789	4 215 018		



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

DG	Director-General
DED/COO	Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer
ED	Executive Director
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IDP	internally displaced person
RBB	Bangkok Regional Bureau (Asia)
RBC	Cairo Regional Bureau (Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia)
RBD	Dakar Regional Bureau (West Africa)
RBP	Panama Regional Bureau (Latin America and the Caribbean)