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**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR BY THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO
(1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 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 January and 30 June 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 14 EMOPs were approved: four by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; three by the Deputy Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer; and seven by Regional Directors, Country Directors or the Director of Emergencies. These operations provide food assistance to 2.1 million people at a food cost of USD 106.4 million. The total cost to WFP is USD 388.6 million.

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

4. **South Sudan 200659 (1 January–30 September 2014)** assisted vulnerable, displaced groups through targeted food assistance. Modalities included cooked food for people living at displacement sites, general food distributions (GFDs) at the same sites and for other displaced people in rural areas, and nutrition support for children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women. The EMOP assisted 1.3 million beneficiaries with 116,028 mt of food at a total cost of USD 324 million.
5. **Iraq EMOP 200677 (1 April–30 September 2014)** provided time-critical, life-saving food assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs), vulnerable households in conflict zones and vulnerable groups in areas with high concentrations of IDPs. WFP implemented GFDs in areas of conflict and insecurity, providing pre-packaged rations that met more than 80 percent of daily calorie requirements. The EMOP assisted 240,000 beneficiaries with 18,749 mt of food at a total cost of USD 23.2 million.
6. **Cameroon EMOP 200689 (26 May 2014–26 January 2015)** responds to the nutritional needs of refugees from the Central African Republic, including 77,000 new refugees who fled into the East and Adamaoua regions of Cameroon, placing additional strain on the limited resources of host populations. WFP provides food assistance through GFDs, and nutrition interventions to prevent and treat acute malnutrition among children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women. The EMOP is expected to reach 100,000 beneficiaries with 14,108 mt of food at a total cost of USD 15.5 million.
7. **Chad EMOP 200672 (1 May–31 October 2014)** responds to an influx of refugees from the Central African Republic, providing vulnerable refugee populations with food and vouchers. Vouchers are feasible and cost-effective in Chad, especially in the south, where production of staple foods generally exceeds local consumption and markets are functional

and accessible. The EMOP is expected to assist 150,000 people with 5,300 mt of food at a total cost of USD 14.8 million.

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

8. **Iraq IR-EMOP 200663 (16 January–15 April 2014)** provided emergency food assistance to IDPs in Iraq displaced by fighting in Ramadi and Falluja governorates. It distributed 651 mt of food as 10,000 food parcels, each of which covered 80 percent of the food needs of a family of five for one month. The project targeted approximately 9,000 beneficiaries with 1,172 mt of food at a total cost of USD 1.4 million.
9. **IR-EMOP 200695¹ – Special Preparedness Activities in Ukraine (20 March–20 June 2014)** assisted vulnerable populations in preparation for a potential deterioration of the situation in Ukraine following the referendum in Crimea. Preparedness activities included scoping missions, inter-agency technical assessments, the deployment of staff, and training in cash and vouchers for potential cooperating partners and national actors, at a total cost of USD 285,731.
10. **IR-EMOP 200739¹ – Support to Assessing the Impact of Floods on the Food Security of Affected Families in Paraguay (10 June–9 August 2014)** rapidly augmented WFP's capacities to respond to the needs of 40,000 people affected by severe floods in eight provinces. WFP deployed teams to conduct food security assessments and regional experts to participate in rapid needs assessment missions at a total cost of USD 333,331.

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

11. **Iraq IR-EMOP 200729 (15 June–15 August 2014)** complemented the emergency response of the Iraqi Government at the central and governorate levels, providing food for IDPs fleeing fighting in Mosul City. It was expected to assist 43,000 beneficiaries with 1,132 mt of food at a total cost of USD 1.5 million.
12. **Guinea IR-EMOP 200698 (9 April–8 July 2014)** provided emergency food and nutrition assistance to vulnerable populations affected by the Ebola virus epidemic in many parts of Guinea. It assisted 34,000 beneficiaries with 1,349 mt of food at a total cost of USD 1.4 million.
13. **Serbia and Montenegro IR-EMOP 200704 (18 May–17 August 2014)** aimed to augment the Governments' emergency response capacity in flood-affected areas and ensure timely delivery of life-saving assistance to flood-affected populations. It provided rescue equipment and 2 mt of high-energy biscuits to 7,000 beneficiaries at a total cost of USD 1.4 million.

¹ The immediate-response EMOPs (IR-EMOPs) described in paragraphs 9 and 10 are special preparedness activities approved through the Immediate Response Account (IRA) mechanism.

14. **Cameroon IR-EMOP 200679 (1 March–30 May 2014)** responded to the needs of 27,000 new refugees in the East and Adamaoua regions, who had fled the conflict in the Central African Republic. WFP implemented GFDs for targeted beneficiaries, helping to reduce the burden on existing refugee and host populations, providing 1,349 mt of food at a total cost of USD 1.4 million.
15. **Burundi IR-EMOP 200678 (1 March–31 May 2014)** provided flood-affected populations with food and nutrition support. The flooding resulted from torrential rains in Bujumbura and surrounding areas and was reported as the worst ever in Burundi, leaving thousands of people homeless and causing massive destruction of assets. The operation reached 20,000 people with 703 mt of food assistance at a total cost of USD 1.3 million.
16. **Sudan IR-EMOP 200658 (5 January–4 March 2014)** provided emergency food assistance to 50,000 beneficiaries. Conflict in South Sudan had caused a rapid influx of people into the Sudan, particularly into areas where conflict restricted humanitarian access, including South Kordofan and Blue Nile states. It provided 853 mt of food through GFDs at a total cost of USD 953,266.
17. **Bosnia and Herzegovina IR-EMOP 200705 (20 May–19 August 2014)** responded to the needs of people affected by the floods that covered a third of the country. The Government declared a state of emergency on 15 May after what officials reported as the heaviest rainfall in the Balkans for more than a century. The operation provided one-time rations of 500 g of high-energy biscuits to 150,000 of the most vulnerable people – 75 mt of food at a total cost of USD 985,693.

TREND ANALYSIS

18. 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 361 million compared with the USD 750.3 million approved during the same period in 2013.

EMOPs APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 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	200659	OMN	South Sudan	Emergency Operation in Response to Conflict in South Sudan	116 028	72 573 657	324 096 489	1 300 000	6/5/2014	269
ED/DG	200677	OMC	Iraq	Emergency Assistance to Populations Affected by the Al-Anbar Crisis	18 749	14 005 503	23 182 332	240 000	1/4/2014	183
ED/DG	200689	OMD	Cameroon	Emergency Food and Nutritional Assistance to Newly Arrived Refugees in Cameroon from Central African Republic	14 108	7 184 154	15 553 919	100 000	21/5/2014	240
ED/DG	200672	OMD	Chad	Emergency Assistance to People Fleeing Conflict in Central African Republic	5 300	8 509 993	14 810 391	150 000	6/5/2014	184
Subtotal Table A					154 185	102 273 307	377 643 131	1 790 000		



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TABLE B: EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER										
DED/COO	200663	OMC	Iraq	Emergency Food Assistance for IDPs in Iraq as a Result of the Fighting in Falluja and Ramadi	1 094	870 824	1 497 731	9 000	18/1/2014	90
DED/COO	200695	OMC	OMC	Special Preparedness Activities in Ukraine	-	-	285 731	-	19/3/2014	90
DED/COO	200739	OMP	Paraguay	Support to Assess the Impact of Floods on the Food and Nutritional Security of Affected Families	-	-	47 580	-	19/6/2014	60
Subtotal Table B					1 094	870 824	1 831 042	9 000		
TABLE C: EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS (RDs), COUNTRY DIRECTORS (CDs) OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES										
DIR. EMER	200729	OMC	Iraq	Emergency Food Assistance to IDPs as a result of the fighting in Mosul City	1 132	901 072	1 490 252	43 500	13/6/2014	60
DIR. EMER	200698	OMD	Guinea	Assistance to Food-Insecure Ebola Victims, Households and Communities in Forest Guinea	1 346	618 288	1 490 123	34 000	7/4/2014	90



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DIR. EMER	200704	OMC	Serbia and Montenegro	Response to Serbia Floods 2014	2	3 000	1 464 497	7 000	19/5/2014	90
DIR. EMER	200679	OMD	Cameroon	Food Assistance to Newly Arrived Refugees from Central African Republic	1 349	561 202	1 437 930	27 000	19/2/2014	90
DIR. EMER	200678	OMN	Burundi	Emergency Assistance to Victims of Flooding	703	679 609	1 361 213	20 000	27/2/2014	92
RD	200658	OMC	Sudan	Emergency Food Assistance for IDPs and Refugees in Sudan as a result of the fighting in South Sudan	863	462 930	953 266	50 000	2/1/2014	90
RD	200705	OMC	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Response to Bosnia Floods 2014	75	112 500	985 693	150 000	21/5/2014	90
Subtotal Table C					5 470	3 338 601	9 182 974	331 000		
TOTAL					160 749	106 482 733	388 657 148	2 130 500		

* including indirect support costs (7 percent)



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

DED/COO	Deputy Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer
DG	Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ED	Executive Director
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GFD	general food distribution
IDP	internally displaced person
IR	immediate-response
OMB	Bangkok Regional Bureau (Asia)
OMC	Cairo Regional Bureau (Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia)
OMD	Dakar Regional Bureau (West Africa)
OMJ	Johannesburg Regional Bureau (Southern Africa)
OMN	Nairobi Regional Bureau (East and Central Africa)
OMP	Panama Regional Bureau (Latin America and the Caribbean)
RD	Regional Director