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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 2013)

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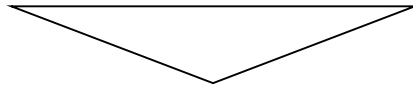
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of “Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2013)” (WFP/EB.2/2013/8-C).

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document issued at the end of the session.

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 2013, as shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food value of more than US\$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 US\$3 million approved by the Deputy Executive Director (DED) under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Table C lists EMOPs with an individual value of US\$500,000 or less approved by Regional Directors, Country Directors or the Director of Emergencies under authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
3. During the period under review, eleven EMOPs were approved: four by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO; two by the Deputy Executive Director; and five by Regional Directors, Country Directors or the Director of Emergencies. These operations provide food assistance to nearly ten million people at a food cost of US\$358.5 million. The total costs to WFP are US\$750 million.

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

4. **Sudan EMOP 200457 (1 January–31 December 2013)** responds to the continuing humanitarian situation of conflict, protracted displacement and a deteriorating economy. The objectives of EMOP 200457 are to save lives, reduce seasonal food insecurity, reduce acute malnutrition, restore livelihoods and maintain school enrolment. The operation assists 3.6 million beneficiaries with 269,932 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$359 million.
5. **Yemen EMOP 200451 (1 January–31 December 2013)** responds to the humanitarian situation caused by internal conflict, political instability, a breakdown of social services, high food and fuel prices, and rising poverty. EMOP 200451 consolidates the two previous operations – protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) 200038 and EMOP 200306 – into a single operation with the objective of saving lives and protecting livelihoods. EMOP 200451 assists 5 million beneficiaries with 226,014 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$242 million.
6. **Mali EMOP 200525 (1 January–31 December 2013)** responds to widespread displacement compounded by severe drought in the Sahel. EMOP 200525 consolidates WFP's emergency food assistance in Mali into a single operation. The regional operation will also continue, with a focus on refugees and host communities in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and the Niger. EMOP 200525 assists 564,000 beneficiaries with 110,772 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$137 million.

7. **Cuba EMOP 200531 (1 February–31 August 2013)** responds to the effects of hurricane Sandy in eastern Cuba. The objective of EMOP 200531 is to protect livelihoods and prevent food insecurity in the provinces of Santiago de Cuba, Guantánamo, and Holguín. WFP will also support the rehabilitation of the port at Santiago de Cuba and the restoration of food-storage capacities in the three provinces. EMOP 200531 assists 562,711 beneficiaries with 5,000 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$6 million.

EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

8. **Kenya immediate response (IR) EMOP 200545 (15 February–15 May 2013)** responds to the need for emergency readiness before the presidential elections and rising tensions in some parts of the country. IR-EMOP 200545 aims to increase WFP's capacity for continued response if further violence disrupts staff movements and to enhance readiness for post-election unrest and preparedness for emergencies. The country office requires further capacity-building for national staff, communications and security equipment and emergency-response packages to operate from a designated safe location and respond to emergencies. The cost to WFP is US\$321,000.
9. **Central African Republic IR-EMOP 200565 (1 June–31 August 2013)** responds to the deteriorating humanitarian situation in which, following a political crisis, households are resorting to negative coping strategies such as reducing their food intake and removing children from school. Refugees have also arrived since April 2013 following fighting in Darfur. IR-EMOP 200565 extends life-saving assistance to the crisis-affected population not covered by PRRO 200315. It assists 20,050 beneficiaries with 965 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$1.5 million.

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

10. **Madagascar IR-EMOP 200548 (7 March–31 May 2003)** responds to the damage to crops caused by cyclones, particularly corn and rice. All coastal agriculture was destroyed, leaving communities with little or no harvest. IR-EMOP 200548 aims to reinforce the resilience of the communities and prevent the use of negative coping mechanisms. It assists 50,000 beneficiaries with 1,542 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$977,600.
11. **The Plurinational State of Bolivia IR-EMOP 200555 (1 April–30 June 2013)** responds to flooding in the San Juan del Oro river and its tributaries in January and February 2013, which destroyed crops, irrigation and drinking-water systems, roads, houses and railways. IR-EMOP 200555 provides emergency food assistance for 21,000 beneficiaries with 311 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$498,034.
12. **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) IR-EMOP 200547 (18 March-17 June 2013)** responds to the influx of refugees from the Central African Republic, which has brought about a deterioration in host communities' food and nutrition security. The refugees lack essential items, livelihood opportunities and access to healthcare. IR-EMOP 200547 assists 40,500 beneficiaries with 727 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$1.4 million.

13. **Togo IR-EMOP 200538 (1 February–1 May 2013)** responds to an influx of refugees from Ghana who are entirely dependent on external support; many have adopted negative coping strategies, and host communities share their harvests with the refugees until they return. Without food assistance the refugees will remain food-insecure until the next harvest. IR-EMOP 200538 aims to save lives and protect the livelihoods of 5,000 beneficiaries with 262 mt of food, at a cost to WFP of US\$323,701.
14. **Central African Republic IR-EMOP 200544 (15 February–29 June 2013)** responds to the potential increase of people displaced by conflict since December 2012. IR-EMOP 200544 will include a rapid needs assessment in the affected areas and in communities expected to host displaced people that will cover crop production and availability, market functioning and the nutrition of women and children under 5. The cost to WFP of IR-EMOP 200544 is US\$176,194.

TREND ANALYSIS

15. The value of the EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or under her delegated authority during the period covered by this report represents a 25 percent decrease compared with the US\$1 billion approved during the same period in 2012.

EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2013

Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (US\$)	Total cost* (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO										
ED/DG	200457	OMC	Sudan	Food Assistance to Vulnerable Populations Affected by Conflict and Natural Disasters	269 932	149 262 202	359 598 599	3 637 000	14/01/2013	365
ED/DG	200451	OMC	Yemen	Emergency Food and Nutrition Support to Food-Insecure and Conflict-Affected People	226 014	143 228 696	242 110 673	4 915 500	02/01/2013	365
ED/DG	200525	OMD	Mali	Assistance for Crisis-Affected Populations in Mali: Internally Displaced People, Host Families and Fragile Communities	110 772	60 178 846	137 223 189	564 000	29/01/2013	365
ED	200531	OMP	Cuba	Emergency Assistance to People Affected by Hurricane Sandy in the Provinces of Santiago de Cuba, Holguín and Guantánamo	4 980	3 908 636	6 194 377	563 000	13/02/2013	210
Subtotal Table A**					611 698	356 578 380	745 126 838	9 679 500		



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Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Food cost (US\$)	Total cost* (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR										
DED/OPS	200565	OMD	Central African Republic	Armed Conflict involving rebel groups in the Central African Republic	965	615 442	1 498 159	20 050	04/06/2013	90
DED/OPS	200545	OMN	Kenya	Readiness For Elections	-	-	320 940	n/a	22/02/2013	90
Subtotal Table B**					965	615 442	1 819 099	20 050		
TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS (RDs), COUNTRY DIRECTORS (CDs) OR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCIES										
RD	200548	OMJ	Madagascar	Immediate Response Emergency Operation	1 542	477 831	977 600	50 000	11/03/2013	83
RD	200547	OMJ	DRC	Emergency Food Assistance for Central African Republic Refugees in the Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo	727	423 530	1 408 390	40 500	19/03/2013	90



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CD	200555	OMP	Bolivia, (Plurinational State of)	Emergency Response to Flood-Affected Families in Southern Bolivia	311	267 168	498 034	21 000	26/03/2013	90
CD	200538	OMD	Togo	Assistance to Ghanaian Refugees	262	135 440	323 701	4 982	16/01/2013	90
CD	200544	OMD	Central African Republic	Funds for Special Preparatory Activities	-	-	176 194	n/a	15/02/2013	135
Subtotal Table C**					2 842	1 303 969	3 383 919	116 482		
TOTAL					615 496	358 497 791	750 329 856	9 816 032		

* Including indirect support costs (7 percent).

** Totals have been rounded.



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

CD	Country Director
DED	Deputy Executive Director
DG	Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
ED	Executive Director
EMOP	emergency operation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IR	immediate response
OMC	Regional Bureau Cairo (Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia)
OMD	Regional Bureau Dakar (West Africa)
OMJ	Regional Bureau Johannesburg (Southern Africa)
OMN	Regional Bureau (East and Central Africa)
OMP	Regional Bureau Panama City (Latin America and the Caribbean)
PRRO	protracted relief and recovery operation
RD	Regional Director