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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO (1 JANUARY–30 JUNE 2005)

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BACKGROUND

1. At EB.3/2001, the Board asked to be regularly informed about emergency operations (EMOPs) approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) or under the delegated authority of the Executive Director.
2. The first report on EMOPs approved in the previous semester was provided to the Board at EB.2/2002; this information is now provided twice a year.
3. This report covers EMOPs approved between 1 January and 30 June 2005. The next report, covering the second half of 2005, will be submitted to the EB.1/2006.
4. All the EMOPs approved in the first semester of 2005 are shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food commitment value of over US\$3 million that were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists EMOPs with a food value below US\$3 million that were approved by the Executive Director. Table C lists immediate-response EMOPs with an individual value of less than US\$500,000 that were approved by country or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
5. During the period under review, 17 EMOPs were approved: three were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO and 14 were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, including eight immediate-response EMOPs approved by country or regional directors. These 17 operations represent a commitment of 318,880 mt of food to assist 4.9 million people, at a cost of US\$109 million and a combined operational and support cost to WFP of US\$305 million.
6. The EMOPs jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO were for Chad, Myanmar and one regional operation in response to the tsunami in Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Somalia and Sri Lanka. These operations aimed to assist 2.7 million people at a cost to WFP of US\$280.3 million, including transport and support costs.
7. Six EMOPs were approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority. These were for Chad, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Mali and Niger to assist 1.7 million people; the cost to WFP was US\$21.9 million.
8. WFP country and regional directors used their delegated authority to approve eight immediate-response EMOPs in Benin, Cameroon, Guyana, India, Pakistan, Togo and two in Ghana to assist 533,000 people. The cost of these operations to WFP was US\$3.46 million.

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

9. The first EMOP approved in 2005 provides assistance to victims of the tsunami that hit southern Asia on 26 December 2004. Regional EMOP 10405.0 followed four immediate-response EMOPs approved within one day of the disaster. This regional EMOP provided emergency assistance to 2 million beneficiaries in Indonesia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Somalia and Sri Lanka.



10. During 2004, refugees from the Darfur region of Sudan continued to arrive in Chad. These refugees were highly food insecure and created a burden on the already impoverished local community. EMOP 10327.1 provides food assistance to 200,000 refugees in camps and 150,000 beneficiaries from the local community.
11. In Shan State, Myanmar, the eradication of poppy cultivation has removed many farmers' main source of income. While alternative income sources are found, many vulnerable households struggle to meet their basic food needs. EMOP 10345.1 provides assistance to 347,600 beneficiaries.

EMOPs APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH FOOD COMMODITIES VALUED AT LESS THAN US\$3 MILLION

12. After the 2002 conflict between the Government and opposition forces, 32,000 refugees from Central African Republic remain encamped in southern Chad. A mission by WFP and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in August 2004 determined that these refugees continued to require food assistance. EMOP 10295.1 has provided assistance to these refugees throughout 2005.
13. In 2004, Cuba suffered a prolonged drought in six of its eastern provinces. Following an immediate-response EMOP implemented in 2004, EMOP 10423.0 fills the gaps in Government programmes and provides assistance to 773,000 beneficiaries.
14. Over the last three years, Djibouti has received less than 50 percent of its normal rainfall, resulting in poor pastures for grazing. Along with increasing staple food prices, this has severely affected the livelihoods of pastoralists. EMOP 10448.0 provides assistance to 47,500 beneficiaries for six months.
15. As a result of protracted armed conflict in Colombia, the number of refugees seeking shelter in Ecuador has increased over the past four years. A WFP/UNHCR joint assessment mission in March 2004 determined that 6,300 people urgently required food assistance. EMOP 10381.0 provides assistance to those seeking refugee status and the most vulnerable refugee families.
16. Drought and a locust infestation in Mali resulted in a significant shortfall in crop production. EMOP 10400.0 provides food aid to 444,500 beneficiaries. Following additional assessments, this operation has been revised to assist an additional 175,000 children.
17. During 2004, Niger was also affected by drought and locust infestation. Following a joint WFP/FAO mission in late 2004, EMOP 10398.0 was approved in February 2005 to support the Government's programme to assist 400,000 food insecure people. After further assessments, this EMOP has been revised to support 2.5 million beneficiaries until the end of 2005.



IMMEDIATE RESPONSE EMOPS APPROVED BY COUNTRY OR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

18. The political transition after the death of the Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema degenerated into internal conflict, leading to population movements in Togo and neighbouring Benin and Ghana. Three immediate-response EMOPs were approved to assist 16,000 internally displaced people and 50,000 refugees in neighbouring countries.
19. EMOP 10434.0 was approved in response to severe drought in northern Cameroon, resulting in decreased crop production. WFP, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) provides assistance to 72,500 beneficiaries.
20. A drought in Ghana during the 2004 planting session resulted in a reduced crop yields and an increase in cereal prices. EMOP 10471.0 provides assistance to 74,500 beneficiaries.
21. Excessive rainfall caused the terrain below sea level in 12 regions in Guyana to suffer heavy flooding. EMOP 10415.0 supplemented the Government's efforts by providing assistance to 10,000 people.
22. To support the Government of India in its efforts to assist tsunami victims, EMOP 10413.0 provided fortified biscuits to 130,000 beneficiaries.
23. Following floods in Pakistan, EMOP 10420.0 supported the Government and NGOs in providing assistance to 177,000 beneficiaries in the most severely affected areas.
24. All current EMOP documents are available on the WFP website.



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2005

| Approving authority | Project number | Project title | Recipient country | Bureau | Food cost (US\$) | Total cost (US\$) | Tonnage (mt) | Beneficiaries | Approval date | Original length of EMOP (days) |
|--|----------------|--|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Table A: EMOPS Approved Jointly by Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO | | | | | | | | | | |
| ED-DG | 10405.0 | Assistance to Tsunami Victims in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Maldives and other Countries in the Indian Ocean Region | regional | ODB | 69 750 491 | 185 460 657 | 169 315 | 2 000 000 | 04-01-05 | 180 |
| ED-DG | 10327.1 | Assistance to Sudanese Refugees and Host Communities in Eastern Chad | Chad | ODD | 22 015 431 | 86 878 236 | 89 492 | 348 500 | 18-03-05 | 545 |
| ED-DG | 10345.1 | Emergency Food Assistance to Vulnerable Families in Shan State | Myanmar | ODB | 4 035 400 | 7 924 475 | 19 961 | 347 600 | 14-06-05 | 365 |
| Subtotal | | | | | 95 801 322 | 280 263 368 | 278 768 | 2 696 100 | | |
| Table B: EMOPS Approved under the Delegated Authority of the Executive Director | | | | | | | | | | |
| DED | 10295.1 | Food Assistance to Refugees from the Central African Republic in Southern Chad | Chad | ODD | 1 405 077 | 3 427 029 | 3 914 | 32 000 | 25-04-05 | 270 |
| DED | 10423.0 | Prolonged Drought in the Eastern Region (Santiago, Las Tunas, Holguin, Granma, Guantanamo, and Camaguey) | Cuba | ODM | 2 887 960 | 3 725 522 | 5 372 | 773 000 | 28-04-05 | 90 |
| DED | 10448.0 | Emergency Food Assistance to Victims of Drought | Djibouti | ODK | 1 547 468 | 3 070 192 | 5 196 | 47 500 | 21-06-05 | 180 |



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2005

| Approving authority | Project number | Project title | Recipient country | Bureau | Food cost (US\$) | Total cost (US\$) | Tonnage (mt) | Beneficiaries | Approval date | Original length of EMOP (days) |
|---|----------------|---|-------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| DED | 10400.0 | Assistance to the Populations Affected by Drought and Locust Invasion in 2004 | Mali | ODD | 2 902 870 | 7 471 715 | 12 839 | 444 500 | 28-02-05 | 270 |
| ED | 10381.0 | Food Assistance for the Refugee Population Affected by the Armed Conflict in Colombia | Ecuador | ODM | 921 355 | 1 206 507 | 963 | 6 300 | 11-03-05 | 365 |
| ED | 10398.0 | Assistance to the Populations Affected by Drought and Locust Invasion in 2004 | Niger | ODD | 1 938 080 | 2 974 421 | 6 562 | 400 000 | 17-02-05 | 180 |
| Subtotal | | | | | 11 602 810 | 21 875 385 | 34 846 | 1 703 300 | | |
| Table C: EMOPS Approved under the Delegated Authority of the Country Director or Regional Director | | | | | | | | | | |
| CD | 10455.0 | Assistance to Togolese Refugees in Benin | Benin | ODD | 298 924 | 463 137 | 677 | 20 000 | 05-05-05 | 60 |
| CD | 10434.0 | Emergency Food Aid for Affected populations in the North of Cameroon | Cameroon | ODD | 158 340 | 465 964 | 870 | 72 500 | 28-04-05 | 30 |
| CD | 10456.0 | Assistance to Togolese Refugees in Ghana | Ghana | ODD | 295 254 | 450 045 | 528 | 30 000 | 05-05-05 | 30 |
| CD | 10471.0 | Assistance to Drought Affected Population | Ghana | ODD | 232 440 | 496 931 | 894 | 74 500 | 16-06-05 | 60 |



EMOPS APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2005

| Approving authority | Project number | Project title | Recipient country | Bureau | Food cost (US\$) | Total cost (US\$) | Tonnage (mt) | Beneficiaries | Approval date | Original length of EMOP (days) |
|---------------------|----------------|---|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| RD | 10415.0 | Floods in the Southern Georgetown and in the Demerara and West Demerara Areas of the East Coast | Guyana | ODM | 103 844 | 387 392 | 112 | 10 000 | 25-01-05 | 30 |
| CD | 10413.0 | Assistance to Victims of Tsunami | India | ODB | 210 000 | 255 463 | 300 | 133 000 | 26-01-05 | 30 |
| CD | 10420.0 | Emergency Assistance to Flood and Snow Affected Households in Balochistan | Pakistan | ODC | 374 165 | 500 000 | 1 307 | 177 000 | 28-02-05 | 30 |
| CD | 10467.0 | Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons | Togo | | 264 660 | 439 532 | 578 | 16 000 | 01-06-05 | 60 |
| Subtotal | | | | | 1 937 627 | 3 458 46 | 5 266 | 533 000 | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | 109 341 760 | 305 597 215 | 318 880 | 4 932 400 | | |

