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## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2004)

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1. At the Third Regular Session of 2001, the Board asked to be regularly informed about emergency operations (EMOPs) approved either 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 such report on EMOPs approved in the previous year was provided to the Board at the Second Regular Session of 2002; subsequently, this information has been provided twice a year.
3. This report covers EMOPs approved between 1 July and 31 December 2004. The next report, covering the first half of 2005, will be submitted to the Second Regular Session in November 2005.
4. All the EMOPs approved in the second semester of 2004 are shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food commitment value of more than US\$3 million, approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO. Table B lists those approved by the Executive Director with a food value below US\$3 million. Table C lists immediate-response EMOPs with an individual value of less than US\$500,000, approved by country or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director.
5. During the period under review, 18 EMOPs were approved, of which eight were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, and ten were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, including eight immediate-response EMOPs approved by country or regional directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director. These 18 operations represent a commitment of 1.8 million mt of food to assist 23.3 million people at a total food cost of US\$479 million and an overall combined operational and support cost to WFP of US\$1.2 billion.
6. The EMOPs jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO were for Bangladesh, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Eritrea, Iraq, Kenya, the Palestinian Territories and two operations for Sudan. These operations aimed to assist a combined total of 22.2 million people. The overall cost to WFP, including transport and support costs, was US\$475.3 million.
7. Two EMOPs were approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority. These were for Bolivia and Peru to assist a combined total of 103,500 people. The overall cost to WFP was US\$2.8 million.
8. WFP country or regional directors used their delegated authority to approve eight immediate-response EMOPs in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Indonesia, the Maldives, Nicaragua, Peru, Sri Lanka and Thailand to assist 1.04 million people. The overall cost to WFP for these operations was US\$2.62 million.



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

9. Eritrea is facing another year of severe drought and crop failure at a time when it could be moving away from humanitarian relief towards rehabilitation and recovery. In 2003, EMOP 10261.0 was extended by an additional nine months to support the emergency food needs of 600,000 beneficiaries.
10. Four years of conflict and violence in the Palestinian Territories have had a dire impact on the lives and livelihoods of the Palestinians. WFP's vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM) unit carried out an analysis in April 2004 updating the 2003 FAO food-security assessment. WFP determined that 480,000 non-refugee Palestinians are in need of food assistance.
11. Iraq is still far from recovering from more than a decade of sanctions and the effects of the recent war. The conditions for economic recovery are barely met because the country suffers from a high degree of insecurity. The situation in the education and health sectors is particularly worrying. The Iraq EMOP is intended to support vulnerable groups in primary schools and health facilities in the most vulnerable districts.
12. In Kenya, the 2003 short rains were poor in most arid and semi-arid lands. In early 2004, the long rains were erratic and did not provide much relief to the worsening drought situation. The EMOP provides assistance to 1.8 million beneficiaries in arid and semi-arid lands. The school feeding programme was extended to support 544,000 schoolchildren in drought-affected districts.
13. During July, massive flooding in Bangladesh affected an estimated 30 million people: 1.5 million people were displaced and over 800,000 ha of cropland were affected. The EMOP is assisting 5 million of the most vulnerable people from August 2004 to August 2005.
14. Sudan has been ravaged by civil conflict for two decades. The conflict in the Greater Darfur region began in 2003 and has displaced 1.6 million people. An estimated 2.5 million people are food-insecure. EMOP 10399.1 is an expansion of the previous operation, providing assistance to 2.3 million people from January to December 2005.
15. The population affected by drought and war, primarily in the south of the Sudan continues to require assistance. EMOP 10048 was expanded for a fourth phase to provide assistance to 3.2 million beneficiaries during 2005.
16. In DPRK, the result of the FAO/WFP crop and food-supply assessment mission indicated continued food insecurity among WFP target groups. The objectives of EMOP 10141.3 for 2005 will therefore remain the same as in 2004, with a similar caseload of 6.5 million beneficiaries.

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

17. El Chaco is a disaster-prone region in southeastern Bolivia suffering from a severe drought that threatens the food security of 179,000 people. The main food source for the most vulnerable households in the area has been largely depleted or lost.



EMOP 10392.0 provides assistance to 41,200 of the most vulnerable people and follows the immediate-response EMOP 10395.0

18. During June and July 2004, an intense cold spell struck the high-altitude departments of Puno and Apurimac in southern Peru for the second time that year. Frost destroyed up to 80 percent of the crops. Immediate-response EMOP 10373.0 was implemented for three months until early November. EMOP 10393.0 is providing assistance to 62,300 beneficiaries from November 2004 to April 2005.

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## **IMMEDIATE-RESPONSE EMOPs APPROVED BY COUNTRY OR REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

19. Eight immediate response EMOPs were approved during the period, four of which were activated in the last few days of 2004 as WFP's initial response to the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand and the Maldives to provide assistance to 650,000 vulnerable people.
20. Three other immediate-response EMOPs were transformed into larger-scale EMOPs for Bangladesh, Bolivia and Peru.
21. One other immediate-response EMOP provides assistance to vulnerable families affected by mudslides and flooding in Nicaragua.
22. All current EMOP documents are available on the WFP website.



Approving authority	Project no.	Project title	Recipient country	Bureau	Food cost (US\$)	Total cost (US\$)	Tonnage (mt)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
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**TABLE A: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO**

ED-DG	10261.1	Emergency food assistance to victims of crop failure and drought	Eritrea	ODK	22 697 109	49 206 764	106 827	600 000	08-07-2004	303
ED-DG	10190.2	Support to the Palestinian population affected by the conflict	Palestinian Territories	ODC	27 213 245	41 638 018	78 426	480 000	16-07-2004	364
ED-DG	10360.0	Assistance to primary school children and vulnerable groups	Iraq	ODC	41 025 411	59 999 138	67 078	2 290 000	20-07-2004	364
ED-DG	10374.0	Food assistance to drought-affected people in Kenya	Kenya	ODK	44 694 236	81 287 429	165 820	1 779 000	03-08-2004	183
ED-DG	10380.0	Assistance to flood-affected people in Bangladesh	Bangladesh	ODB	44 241 746	73 688 243	191 075	5 000 000	11-08-2004	364
ED-DG	10339.1	Foods assistance to the population affected by war in the Greater Darfur, West Sudan	Sudan	ODK	101 492 546	394 966 021	400 730	2 310 000	19-11-2004	364
ED-DG	10048.3	Food assistance to the population affected by war and drought	Sudan	ODK	65 166 997	301 591 414	267 899	3 200 000	23-12-2004	364
ED-DG	10141.3	Emergency food assistance to vulnerable groups in DPRK	DPRK	ODB	128 799 708	202 407 173	504 000	6 521 000	30-12-2004	364
<b>Sub Totals</b>					<b>475 330 998</b>	<b>1 204 784 201</b>	<b>1 781 855</b>	<b>22 180 000</b>		





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**TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

DED	10392.0	Emergency food assistance to victims of prolonged drought, El Chaco	Bolivia	ODM	705 924	1 025 721	2 604	41 200	27-10-2004	211
ED	10393.0	Assistance to vulnerable families due to extreme cold weather damage in the highland areas of Southern Peru	Peru	ODM	1 204 820	1 771 780	3 655	62 300	11-10-2004	180
<b>Sub Totals</b>					<b>1 910 744</b>	<b>2 797 500</b>	<b>6 259</b>	<b>103 500</b>		

**TABLE C: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR OR REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

CD	10373.0	Emergency food assistance to Puno Department due to frost damage	Peru	ODPC	175 949	199 562	368	17 600	14-07-2004	92
CD	10376.0	Mudslides and flooding in the Northern Region of Nicaragua	Nicaragua	ODPC	92 189	162 101	298	7 500	26-07-2004	92
CD	10378.0	Assistance to flood-affected and displaced persons	Bangladesh	ODB	178 750	199 288	325	325 000	29-07-2004	29
CD	10395.0	Emergency food assistance to victims of prolonged drought, El Chaco	Bolivia	ODM	176 540	198 849	640	41 200	22-09-2004	90
CD	10401.0	Assistance to victims of the tsunami, Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	ODB	403 500	498 085	1 470	200 000	28-12-2004	16
CD	10402.0	Assistance to victims of the tsunami, Indonesia	Indonesia	ODB	316 400	498 877	962	200 000	28-12-2004	11
RD	10403.0	Assistance to victims of the tsunami, Thailand	Thailand	ODB	377 400	491 558	1 380	150 000	28-12-2004	21
RD	10404.0	Assistance to victims of the tsunami, the Maldives	The Maldives	ODB	70 000	376 640	700	100 000	31-12-2004	14
<b>Sub Totals</b>					<b>1 790 728</b>	<b>2 624 959</b>	<b>6 143</b>	<b>1 041 300</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>479 032 470</b>	<b>1 210 206 660</b>	<b>1 794 257</b>	<b>23 324 800</b>		