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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 2003)

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1. At the Third Regular Session of 2001 the Executive 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 for 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 2003. The next report, for the first half of 2004, will be submitted to the Third Regular Session of 2004.
4. All the EMOPs approved in the second semester of 2003 are shown in the attached tables. Table A lists EMOPs with a food commitment value of over 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, and Table C lists immediate-response EMOPs with a total individual value of less than US\$200,000, approved by Country Directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director. Table D provides an overall summary.
5. Fourteen EMOPs were approved during the period under review. Of these, five EMOPs were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, and nine were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, including six immediate-response EMOPs approved by Country Directors. These 14 operations represent a commitment of 675,000 mt of food to assist 9.9 million people at a total food cost of US\$160 million and an overall operational and support cost to WFP of US\$264 million.
6. The EMOPs jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO were for: Chad, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the Palestinian Territories, the Russian Federation and Tanzania. These operations aimed to assist a combined total of 9.3 million people. The overall cost to WFP, including transport and support costs, was US\$256 million.
7. Three EMOPs were approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority—for Cameroon, Chad and East Timor—to assist a combined total of 167,000 people, at an overall cost to WFP of US\$6.5 million.
8. WFP Country Directors used their delegated authority to approve six immediate response EMOPs in Chad, Haiti, Iran, Myanmar, Namibia and Pakistan, to assist 472,000 people. The overall cost to WFP for these operations was US\$1.1 million.
9. Of the six EMOPs approved for Africa during the reporting period, three were for Chad. The other three were for Cameroon, Namibia and Tanzania. In the Middle East and Central Asia Region, three EMOPs were approved for Pakistan, the Palestinian Territories and most recently for Iran. In Asia, three operations were approved for DPRK, East Timor and Myanmar. In the Eastern Europe Region, one EMOP was approved for the Russian Federation, and one for Haiti in the Latin America and Caribbean Region.



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

10. EMOP 10141.2 for DPRK was approved on 8 December 2003. This operation is in the third phase of a continuing crisis. DPRK has suffered widespread food shortages since 1995 as a result of serious economic difficulties and of consecutive natural disasters. WFP's food assistance, targeting the most vulnerable population groups, including the youngest children and pregnant and lactating women, has contributed to saving lives and improving the nutritional status of many Koreans. This phase of the EMOP, covering the period January to December 2004, aims to provide 484,445 mt of assistance to 6.5 million vulnerable people at a cost of US\$171 million.
11. The conflict in Chechnya in the Russian Federation continues to affect vulnerable people in the Republic and 79,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the neighbouring Republic of Ingushetia. EMOP 10128.1 is supplying 47,882 mt of food commodities to 259,000 conflict-affected people over 18 months, from 1 January 2004 to 30 June 2005. The assistance includes school meals for 86,000 schoolchildren. The value of the operation is US\$25.8 million.
12. In Tanzania, below average and poorly dispersed rains during the 2002–2003 agricultural season have severely affected food production in many districts. An overall national food deficit of 10 percent of consumption requirements masked a proportionately greater production shortfall in many of the worst drought-affected districts. Low food-crop production has already triggered significant price rises in food staples at a time of year when prices should be falling. Emergency operation 10313.0 is providing 44,949 mt of assistance to 1.9 million food-insecure people over six months, from October 2003 to March 2004, at a cost of US\$16.8 million.
13. In the Palestinian Territories, the humanitarian crisis is a multi-faceted situation that is not comparable to other emergencies. Agricultural production, the main source of income for a large proportion of the rural population, has been severely disrupted. The closures policy has hampered farmers' access to their fields. EMOP 10190.1 is assisting 530,000 vulnerable people for 12 months, from July 2003 to July 2004, with the provision of 70,842 mt of food at a cost of US\$31 million.
14. In Chad, a 12 month EMOP was approved in December 2003 to run from January to December 2004 covering the needs of 72,500 people, including 60,000 Sudanese refugees. This EMOP followed an immediate-response EMOP approved under the delegated authority of the Country Director. EMOP 10327.0 is based on the findings of two joint Government/UNHCR/WFP assessment missions and provides 13,878 mt of food at a cost of US\$ 11.2 million.

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

15. East Timor, the youngest nation in Asia and one of the poorest is suffering from two consecutive years of drought. The EMOP assists 110,000 victims of the drought with 5,500 mt of food assistance from 1 October 2003 to 30 April 2004. This EMOP was approved by the Executive Director at a cost of US\$2.7 million.



16. In Cameroon, a six-month EMOP was approved to assist 17,000 Nigerian refugees, following a joint Government/UNHCR/WFP assessment mission. EMOP 10298.0 provides 1,148 mt of food assistance at a cost of US\$798,021.
17. The first of three EMOPs approved for Chad during this reporting period was a six-month operation to assist 40,000 refugees from the Central African Republic. This EMOP (10295.0) was also based on the findings of a joint Government/UNHCR/WFP assessment mission fielded in April 2003. The EMOP has supplied 4,345 mt of food assistance at a cost of US\$ 2.9 million.
18. Finally, it is worth reminding the Executive Board that WFP provides weekly updates on all ongoing emergency situations through the WFP Emergency Report, which is published each week on the WFP website and can also be received by e-mail.



TABLE A: EMOPS WITH A FOOD COMMITMENT VALUE OF OVER US\$3 MILLION, APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO

Bureau	Country	Project no.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original length of EMOP (days)
EASTERN EUROPE									
ODR	Russian Federation	10128.1	Emergency food assistance to vulnerable households in the North Caucasus	47 882	25 867 775	15 203 862	259 000	20.11.03	548
Subtotal				47 882	25 867 775	15 203 862	259 000		548
ASIA									
ODB	Korea, DPR	10141.2	Emergency food assistance to vulnerable groups in DPR Korea	484 445	171 327 647	112 191 350	6 513 400	8.12.03	365
Subtotal				484 445	171 327 647	112 191 350	6 513 400		
AFRICA									
ODJ	Tanzania	10313.0	Assistance to drought-affected persons in Tanzania	44 949	16 820 644	6 562 554	1 939 000	20.10.03	183
ODD	Chad	10327.0	Emergency assistance to Sudanese refugees in northeast Chad.	13 878	11 268 324	4 490 845	72 500	19.12.03	365
Subtotal				58 827	28 088 968	11 053 399	2 011 500		
MEDITERRANEAN, MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA									
ODC	Palestinian Territory	10190.1	Food assistance to victims of conflict in the Palestinian Territory	70 842	31 060 990	17 685 435	530 000	11.07.03	365
Subtotal				70 842	31 060 990	17 685 435	530 000		
TOTAL (a)				661 996	256 345 380	156 134 046	9 313 900		



TABLE B: EMOPS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH A FOOD VALUE BELOW US\$3 MILLION

Bureau	Country	Project no.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Approval Authority	Original length of EMOP (days)
AFRICA										
ODD	Cameroon	10298.0	Food assistance to Nigerian refugees in North West and Adamaoua provinces	1 148	798 021	509 788	17 000	21.07.03	DED	183
ODD	Chad	10295.0	Food assistance to Central African Republic refugees in Southern Chad	4 345	2 950 007	1 218 170	40 000	21.07.03	DED	184
Subtotal				5 493	3 748 028	1 727 958	57 000			
ASIA										
ODB	East Timor	10317.0	Assistance to drought- and flood-affected population in Timor Leste	5 500	2 719 531	1 244 643	110 000	11.09.03	ED	182
Subtotal				5 500	2 719 531	1 244 643	110 000			
TOTAL (b)				10 993	6 467 559	2 972 601	167 000			



**TABLE C: IMMEDIATE-RESPONSE EMOPS WITH A TOTAL INDIVIDUAL VALUE OF LESS THAN US\$200,000,
APPROVED BY COUNTRY DIRECTORS UNDER THE AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO THEM BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Bureau	Country	Project no.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
AFRICA									
ODD	Chad	10325.0	Emergency food assistance to Sudanese refugees in Chad	483	199 359	154 142	50 000	03.10.03	30
ODJ	Namibia	10299.0	Food assistance to flood affected people in Caprivi region, Namibia	127	134 253	76 170	12 000	08.07.03	90
Subtotal				610	333 612	230 312	62 000		
MEDITERRANEAN, MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA									
ODC	Iran	10330.0	Assistance to the Bam earthquake victims in Iran	144	200 000	108 000	120 000	29.12.03	30
ODC	Pakistan	10301.0	Assistance to victims of floods in Sindh	488	198 538	163 640	240 000	06.08.03	15
Subtotal				632	398 538	271 640	360 000		
ASIA									
ODB	Myanmar	10307.0	Emergency assistance to farmers of Kokang region	805	199 833	126 385	25 000	21.08.03	90
Subtotal				805	199 833	126 385	25 000		
LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGION									
ODPC	Haiti	10331.0	Floods	322	199 999	110 295	25 000	26.12.03	30
Subtotal				322	199 999	110 295	25 000		
TOTAL (c)				2 369	1 131 982	738 632	472 000		
Figures extracted from WINGS which should reflect the values of the basic documents, as approved.									



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TABLE D: OVERALL SUMMARY					
	Projects	Beneficiaries	Total WFP food commitment (tons)	Total WFP cost (US\$)	WFP food cost (US\$)
Total A (WFP ED+FAO DG)	5	9 313 900	661 996	256 345 380	156 134 046
Total B (Delegated Authority of ED)	3	167 000	10 993	6 467 559	2 972 601
Total C (Delegated Authority of CD)	6	472 000	2 369	1 131 982	738 632
GRAND TOTAL	14	9 952 900	675 358	263 944 921	159 845 279

