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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 2003)

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1. At the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board in 2001, the Board requested 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 was provided to the Board at the Second Regular Session of 2002, for emergency operations approved in the previous year, and subsequently this information has been provided twice a year.
3. This report covers emergency operations approved between 1 January and 30 June 2003. The next report, for the second half of 2003, will be submitted to the First Regular Session of the Board in 2004.
4. All emergency operations approved in the first semester of 2003 are listed in the attached tables. The first table 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; the second table lists those approved by the Executive Director with a food value below US\$3 million; the third table lists immediate-response EMOPs with a total value of less than US\$200,000, approved by Country Directors under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director. The fourth table provides an overall summary.
5. A total of 14 EMOPs were approved in the period under review, of which, 7 were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, and 7 were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, including 5 immediate-response EMOPs approved by Country Directors. These 14 operations represent a commitment of almost 3 million metric tons (mt) of food, with a food cost of US\$982 million and an overall operational and support cost to WFP of nearly US\$2 billion, to assist a total of 44.1 million people.
6. The EMOPs jointly approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO were for: Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, the Southern Africa region (Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe), and Sudan. Of the combined total of 43.7 million people to be assisted by these operations, 27.1 million are in Iraq and the remaining 16.6 million are all in Africa. The overall cost of these operations to WFP, including transport and support costs, is expected to be US\$1.24 billion for Iraq and US\$745 million for the EMOPs in Africa.
7. Two EMOPs were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, for Namibia and Sri Lanka, to assist a total of 224,000 people, with an overall cost to WFP for the two operations of US\$4.7 million.
8. WFP Country Directors used the authority delegated to them to approve five immediate response EMOPs, in Algeria, Cameroon, Chad, Ecuador and Sri Lanka, to assist a total of 150,400 people. The overall cost to WFP for these operations was US\$931,627.
9. Nine of the emergency operations approved in the first semester are for sub-Saharan Africa (three for West Africa, two for Southern Africa, and four for East and Central Africa), one is for Latin America, two are for Asia (both in Sri Lanka) and two, Algeria and Iraq, fall under the Mediterranean, Middle East and Central Asia Regional Bureau (ODC).



10. The first EMOP for Iraq, EMOP 10259.0, “Emergency Pre-positioning of Food Commodities for the Iraq Crisis”, was approved in December 2002 under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, and was included in the last report to the Executive Board.¹ The Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO jointly approved, on 20 March 2003, the new-phase EMOP, “Expanded Emergency Assistance to the Public Food Distribution System in Iraq and to Iraqi Refugees, IDPs and Vulnerable Groups”, which has the same project number and thus incorporates the much smaller budget approved in December. It represents the largest EMOP ever approved and implemented by WFP, with a total requirement of 1.6 million mt. While the EMOP is partially funded through food aid donations directly to WFP, the greater part of the food is resourced through the Oil-for-Food programme, under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1483 (2003).
11. Three associated special operations (SOs) for the Iraq crisis were also approved by the Executive Director on 20 March 2003: “Provision of a United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) for Iraq and Surrounding Countries”, “Logistics Preparedness and Augmentation in Support of Regional EMOP 10259.0”, and “Establishment of a United Nations Joint Logistics Centre Providing Logistics Coordination to Humanitarian Agencies Working in Iraq”.
12. The Southern Africa Regional EMOP, “Targeted Relief to Vulnerable Households in Southern Africa”, was approved on 27 June 2003, with a gross requirement of 752,162 mt and an estimated net requirement of 538,257 mt, taking into account anticipated carry-over stocks from the previous regional EMOP, “Southern Africa Crisis Response”, which was approved one year earlier, on 28 June 2002. While continuing to meet the acute food aid needs of more than 4 million people in the region, the majority of whom are in Zimbabwe and Mozambique, through targeted food distribution and vulnerable group feeding programmes, the EMOP also meets the transitional needs of populations at high risk of remaining chronically vulnerable in all six countries covered by the EMOP. It does this by providing food aid for nutritional rehabilitation, and to enable the recovery of coping capacities and livelihood activities through food for work and training, and also by providing assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS.
13. The EMOPs approved during the first half of 2003 for three countries in the Horn of Africa—Eritrea, Ethiopia and Sudan—have an estimated total requirement of 760,325 mt for 8.75 million people. All three EMOPs respond to the continuing effects of serious crop failure and droughts in the region. In addition, the Sudan EMOP continues to respond to displacement and food insecurity caused by the ongoing conflict.
14. The emergency operation for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, “Assistance to Displaced Persons, Returnees and Vulnerable Groups in northern and eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo”, calling for 46,346 mt, responds to the critical situation of nearly half a million people affected by the upsurge of violence in the northern and eastern parts of the country. This large additional emergency requirement is over and above the resources requested under the ongoing protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and follows an inter-agency assessment in the area in January 2003 by WFP, FAO, OCHA, UNICEF and WHO.

¹ “Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July-31 December 2002)” (WFP/EB.1/2003/7).



15. The Côte d'Ivoire EMOP, following two earlier EMOPs approved last year and already included in the report to the February 2003 Executive Board, calls for 28,809 mt of food, targeted to an estimated 588,600 people in the country, and to an additional 275,000 people in transit or returning to neighbouring countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana and Mali).
16. The Namibia EMOP is an expansion of the ongoing operation for Angolan refugees, with an estimated requirement of 3,182 mt for one year.
17. The Sri Lanka EMOP for flood victims, approved by the Executive Director, follows an immediate-response EMOP approved by the Country Director, which provided immediate assistance to the victims of the severe floods in May 2003.
18. Three immediate-response EMOPs were approved by Country Directors in response to the needs of new refugees (17,000 Nigerian refugees in Cameroon, 40,000 Central African Republic refugees in Chad, and 1,360 Colombian refugees in Ecuador).
19. WFP assisted 12,000 victims of the earthquake in Algeria through an immediate-response EMOP approved by the Country Director.
20. 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 1: EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF FAO DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2003**

Bureau	Country	Project no.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original length of EMOP (days)
AFRICA									
ODJ	Southern Africa Regional	10290.0	Targeted relief to vulnerable households in Southern Africa	538 257	308 570 231	147 156 511	6 545 900	27.06.03	365
ODD	Côte d'Ivoire	10244.1	Targeted food assistance to people affected by the Côte d'Ivoire crisis	28 809	15 651 715	7 335 950	863 600	14.05.03	245
ODK	Congo, D.R.	10280.0	Assistance to displaced persons, returnees and vulnerable groups in northern and eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo	46 346	38 161 120	15 481 569	483 000	16.06.03	182
ODK	Eritrea	10261.0	Emergency food assistance to victims of crop failure and drought in Eritrea	129 956	46 488 835	23 664 200	899 000	26.03.03	305
ODK	Ethiopia	10030.2	Relief food assistance to small-scale farmers and drought-affected pastoralists	481 950	205 467 024	94 987 456	4 600 000	25.03.03	365
ODK	Sudan	10048.2	Food assistance to populations affected by war and drought	148 419	130 970 170	35 402 198	3 249 000	01.04.03	365
Subtotal				1 373 737	745 309 095	324 027 884	16 640 500		
MEDITERRANEAN, MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA									
ODC	Iraq	10259.0	Expanded emergency assistance to the public food distribution system in Iraq and to Iraqi refugees, IDPs and vulnerable groups	1 609 472	1 236 737 954	653 901 047	27 100 000	20.03.03	183
Subtotal				1 609 472	1 236 737 954	653 901 047	27 100 000		
TOTAL (a)				2 983 209	1 982 047 049	977 928 931	43 740 500		



**TABLE 2: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2003**

Bureau	Country	Project no.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Approval authority	Original length of EMOP (days)
AFRICA										
ODJ	Namibia	10145.1	Assistance to Angolan refugees in Namibia	3 182	1 208 824	712 100	16 000	30.05.03	RD	365
Subtotal				3 182	1 208 824	712 100	16 000			
ASIA										
ODB	Sri Lanka	10296.0	Assistance to flood-affected people in southern Sri Lanka	10 603	3 487 096	2 626 930	208 000	18.06.03	DED	122
Subtotal				10 603	3 487 096	2 626 930	208 000			
TOTAL (b)				13 785	4 695 920	3 339 030	224 000			



**TABLE 3: EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR
DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2003**

Bureau	Country	Project no.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original length of EMOP (days)
AFRICA									
ODD	Cameroon	10282.0	Assistance to Nigerian refugees in Cameroon	319	199 998	132 901	17 000	25.04.03	30
ODDY	Chad	10286.0	Assistance to Central African refugees in Chad	606	197 463	157 045	40 037	25.04.03	30
Subtotal				925	397 461	289 946	57 037		
MEDITERRANEAN, MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA									
ODC	Algeria	10292.0	Assistance to earthquake victims	221	193 493	163 720	12 000	24.05.03	30
Subtotal				221	193 493	163 720	12 000		
LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN									
ODM	Ecuador	10279.0	Assistance to refugees from internal conflict in Colombia	189	176 642	149 586	1 360	02.04.03	90
Subtotal				189	176 642	149 586	1 360		
ASIA									
ODB	Sri Lanka	10297.0	Assistance to flood disaster-affected people in southern Sri Lanka	168	164 031	134 400	80 000	12.06.03	21
Subtotal				168	164 031	134 400	80 000		
TOTAL (c)				1 503	931 627	737 652	150 397		



TABLE 4: TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY–JUNE 2003

	Beneficiaries	Total WFP food commitment (tons)	Total WFP cost (US\$)	WFP food cost (US\$)
Total (a)	43 740 500	2 983 209	1 982 047 049	977 928 931
Total (b)	224 000	13 785	4 695 920	3 339 030
Total (c)	150 397	1 503	931 627	737 652
GRAND TOTAL	44 114 897	2 998 497	1 987 674 596	982 005 613

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