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Limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2018)

1. At its 2001 third regular session, the Board asked to be regularly informed about emergency operations approved by the Executive Director or approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Since the second regular session of 2002 this information has been provided twice a year.
2. In line with the new Integrated Road Map framework, this report covers limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved between 1 July and 31 December 2018, as shown in the attached tables. Table A lists immediate response activities approved by the Deputy Executive Director, while table B lists projects approved under the authority delegated to the Director of Emergencies, regional directors and country directors.
3. During the period under review, no new limited emergency response operations were approved, while seven immediate response projects for emergency response and preparedness were approved under the authority delegated to the Deputy Executive Director and the Director of Emergencies. The total approved value for the reporting period is USD 3.1 million and the total number of beneficiaries assisted is 180,500.

Immediate response activities approved under authority delegated to the Deputy Executive Director

4. **Regional immediate response preparedness and response enhancement programme 201143, "Preparedness activities in the Caribbean" (21 October 2018–20 January 2019)** reinforced the engagement of the regional bureau in Panama – through the recently opened

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WFP Barbados office – in delivering to the Caribbean Disaster Management Agency and its member states specific preparedness measures for strengthening responses to natural hazards. The storm season typically lasts until the end of November, and following the costliest hurricane season ever in 2017, several islands remain more vulnerable than normal. The capacities of the Governments of affected Caribbean islands are restricted by financial constraints that result from the considerable recovery and reconstruction work needed in order to address the damage caused in 2017. Specific preparedness efforts focused on strengthening WFP's surge capacity to deploy assets and staff in the event of an emergency and ensuring that adequate logistics capacities are in place for responding to shocks that do not require an immediate large-scale humanitarian response. The cost of the project is USD 300,000.

5. **Rwanda immediate response preparedness and response enhancement programme 201133 “Preparedness activities in Rwanda” (15 September 2018–15 December 2018)** increased preparedness actions in response to the Ebola outbreak declared on 1 August 2018 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. By 6 September, 129 cases of Ebola had been reported, and the most recently affected area, Butembo, is only 300 km from the city of Goma, which is close to the Rwandan border. The preparedness activities undertaken through the project included the deployment of logistics staff, the provision of one passenger vehicle and two ambulances for transporting health screening staff and suspected Ebola cases, and the purchase of 17 multi-purpose storage tents for erection at border crossing points. The total cost of the project was USD 298,136.
6. **Regional immediate response preparedness and response enhancement programme 201131 “Regional Ebola outbreak preparedness activities” (1 September 2018–30 November 2018)** was launched following the declaration of an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on 1 August 2018. This led the World Health Organization (WHO) to raise the classification of the emergency to Level 3, indicating a medium risk of a regional outbreak in nine countries: Angola, Burundi, the Congo, the Central African Republic, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia. Ebola preparedness activities in the region included putting in place surge capacity that enabled WFP to deploy staff for enhancing logistics, procurement and information management for emergency preparedness, establishing a coordination cell, creating an inventory of response mechanisms used in hard-to-reach areas such as those in South Sudan, and mapping cross-border movements and population densities. The total cost of the operation was USD 294,800.
7. **Nigeria immediate response preparedness and response enhancement programme 201142 “Preparedness activities in Nigeria” (1 October 2018–31 December 2018)** had the aim of strengthening the emergency preparedness capacities of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in addressing the needs of flood-affected people in priority locations throughout Nigeria. Since late August 2018, torrential rains have caused widespread flooding in the country, affecting 826,000 people. Building on technical assistance it had provided in the past, WFP worked with NEMA on strengthening capacities for supply chain preparedness including logistics processes and warehousing services, transport and retail assessments, mapping for early warning, information management, and coordination of activities in the food security and nutrition sector. The total cost of the operation was USD 260,498.
8. **Nigeria immediate response preparedness and response enhancement programme 201138 “Preparedness activities in Nigeria” (15 September 2018–15 December 2018)** was a response to heightened instability in the northwest and southwest of Cameroon resulting in the arrival of refugees in Nigeria. Between 14 and 18 February 2018 a rapid needs assessment was carried out in congested border areas and general observations suggested a lack of access to appropriate health services and limited access to food, with

most refugee households surviving on one meal per day. In August 2018, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that more than 25,000 refugees had been registered arriving in Cross River, Benue, Akwa Ibom and Taraba States of Nigeria. In order for the wider humanitarian community to gain a better understanding of the situation and to better inform the response, WFP undertook an emergency food security and nutrition assessment in areas where Cameroonian refugees were arriving. The project also facilitated a joint UNHCR/WFP high-level mission aimed at ensuring that both organizations implement a coherent protection strategy that enhances the self-reliance of affected refugee populations. The total cost of the project was USD 121,675.

Immediate response activities approved under authority delegated to the Director of Emergencies

9. **Chad immediate response emergency operation 201128 “Emergency nutrition response in N’Djamena” (1 August 2018–31 October 2018)** had the aim of addressing a worsening nutrition situation, which resulted from an economic downturn, excessive migration to the capital, precarious hygiene and health services and increased seasonal food insecurity. The operation provided specialized nutrition support for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition among children under 5 years of age and pregnant and lactating women and girls, along with nutrition surveillance for the early detection of malnutrition cases. In addition, food was distributed to caregivers with a view to ensuring that beneficiaries adhered to treatment for severe acute malnutrition, while improved infant and young child feeding practices were promoted and integrated into all components of the response. The project assisted 180,500 beneficiaries with 325 mt of food at a total cost of USD 1.5 million.
10. **Chad immediate response preparedness and response enhancement programme 201130, “Special preparedness activity in Chad” (15 August 2018–12 November 2018)** was launched in response to a deteriorating food security and nutrition situation throughout Chad, with many health centres reporting a significant increase in admissions to the acute malnutrition treatment programme. This was especially the case in N’Djamena, where findings from a July 2017 survey coordinated by the Ministry of Health showed that acute malnutrition rates among children exceeded the World Health Organization “emergency” threshold. In the first quarter of 2018, the number of severely malnourished children hospitalized at the Chad-China Friendship Hospital had increased by 45 percent compared with the same period in 2017. Through this project, WFP implemented a rapid food security and nutrition assessment, developed a scale-up plan for nutrition interventions in N’Djamena and delivered capacity-strengthening activities to partners for the design, implementation and monitoring of the emergency nutrition response. The total cost of the operation was USD 298,962.

LIMITED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2018										
Approving authority	Project number	Regional bureau	Recipient	Project title	Tonnage (mt)	Transfer cost (USD)	Total cost (USD)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original duration (days)
Table A: Immediate response activities approved under the authority delegated to the Deputy Executive Director										
Deputy Executive Director	201143	Panama	Panama RB	Preparedness activities in the Caribbean	-	-	300 000	-	24/10/2018	90
Deputy Executive Director	201133	Nairobi	Rwanda	Preparedness activities in Rwanda	-	-	298 136	-	03/10/2018	90
Deputy Executive Director	201131	Nairobi	Nairobi RB	Regional Ebola outbreak preparedness activities	-	-	294 800	-	30/08/2018	89
Deputy Executive Director	201142	Dakar	Nigeria	Preparedness activities in Nigeria	-	-	260 498	-	03/10/2018	90
Deputy Executive Director	201138	Dakar	Nigeria	Preparedness activities in Nigeria	-	-	121 675	-	25/09/2018	90
Table B: Immediate response activities approved under the authority delegated to the Director of Emergencies, regional directors and country directors										
Director of Emergencies	201128	Dakar	Chad	Emergency nutrition response in N'Djamena	325	927 532	1 499 749	180 500	26/07/2018	90
Director of Emergencies	201130	Dakar	Chad	Special preparedness activity	-	-	298 962	-	09/08/2018	87
Total						927 532	3 073 820	180 500		