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Limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2020)

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 2020, as shown in the attached table. During the period under review, one new limited emergency operation was approved under the delegated authority of the Regional Director for the Middle East and Northern Africa. The total approved value for the reporting period is USD 6.1 million, and the total number of beneficiaries to be assisted is 30,000.

Limited emergency operations approved by the Regional Director for the Middle East and Northern Africa

3. Limited Emergency Operation (LEO) for the conflict-affected population in Azerbaijan (1 December 2020–31 May 2021) responds to high intensity fighting across the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan since 27 September 2020, which resulted in unconfirmed reports of more than a thousand civilian and military fatalities, with indications that most of the area's inhabitants fled the region. Fighting has caused extensive damage to infrastructure, roads and housing and affected supply corridors into the area. This LEO will ensure that inhabitants of the Nagorno-Karabakh region who are affected by the recent crisis will have access to essential food requirements. WFP has no country office in Azerbaijan but closely coordinates with international organizations accredited to Azerbaijan with a mandate to work in the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

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4. The crisis has unfolded during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has already had a number of socio-economic consequences.
5. The LEO operation covers an initial period of six months, during which the focus is on ensuring coordinated delivery of a needs-based food security response in areas where WFP did not have an operational presence. Through this response, WFP aims to address the needs of affected people with in-kind food distributions delivered by an accredited partner. The food basket is designed to cover the full caloric requirements of the target population, in line with local dietary habits and taking into account increased dietary requirements during the winter season. In implementing the response, WFP will collaborate with partners to ensure that support reaches the people in greatest need, including those located in areas currently inaccessible to WFP. Programme design and targeting criteria take into account disparities among women, men, boys and girls, and programme implementation will be conflict-sensitive and aimed at doing no harm. The limited emergency operation delivers assistance to 30,000 beneficiaries with 3,056 mt of food at a total cost of USD 6.1 million.

| LIMITED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES APPROVED DURING THE PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Approving authority | Regional bureau | Recipient | Project title | Tonnage (mt) | Food cost* (USD) | Total cost (USD) | Beneficiaries | Approval date | Original duration (days) |
| Table A: Limited emergency operations approved under the authority delegated to the Executive Director | | | | | | | | | |
| Regional Director | Middle East and Northern Africa | Azerbaijan | Limited emergency operation for the conflict-affected population in Azerbaijan | 3 056 | 4 758 253 | 6 132 046 | 30 000 | 7 December 2020 | 180 |
| Total | | | | 3 056 | 4 758 253 | 6 132 046 | 30 000 | | |

* Includes food costs and cash-based transfer value.