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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Climate change continued as a major United Nations system-wide cooperation issue in 2008, while the global food crisis emerged as a new United Nations challenge in 2008: WFP's funding requirements rose from US\$3.1 billion in January to US\$5.7 billion in September. WFP recast its original Programme of Work for 2008 to meet the increasing costs of food and fuel and to provide for the larger numbers of people in need of immediate assistance; it raised the target for people assisted from 69 million to 89 million, and responded swiftly to new emergencies.

The Secretary-General's High-Level Task Force on Food Security and the Comprehensive Framework for Action underlined the need for coordination among stakeholders. The Rome-based agencies were prominent in promoting the twin-track approach to global food and nutrition security.

With regard to humanitarian reform, WFP continued its role in evaluating the cluster system and enhancing its operational response. As lead agency for the logistics cluster, WFP assumed the lead in seven new emergencies and shared the lead of the emergency telecommunications cluster, which was activated in two new emergencies.

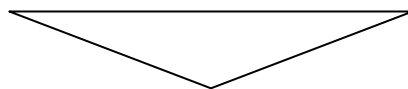
In the field of development, the 2007 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review gave further impetus to ongoing reform: WFP increased its involvement in five of the eight Delivering as One pilot countries, particularly in linking joint programmes aligned with national priorities.

In 2008 WFP participated in 88 joint programmes in 29 countries, of which a third are being implemented in the Delivering as One pilot countries. The main areas of cooperation were education, health and nutrition, and HIV and AIDS.

This report is in accordance with streamlined reporting to the Board and WFP's parent bodies (see WFP/EB.A/2004/5-F) and consistent with the format for annual reports to the United Nations Economic and Social Council on the basis of the 2004 General Assembly resolution on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development. It takes into account Board comments on the 2007 Annual Report. Because it has to be submitted to the Board's 2009 First Regular Session, it does not include statistics for all of 2008: statistics on partnerships in the section on collaboration with partners are from 2007 because 2008 data were not available. Complete statistical information will be available in the 2008 Annual Performance Report submitted to the Board's Annual Session.



DRAFT DECISION*



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SECTION 1 – STRUCTURES AND MECHANISMS

Inter-Agency Standing Committee, Clusters and Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs

1. Following completion of the evaluation of clusters in late 2007, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) prepared the second phase, which involves WFP and focuses on country-level impacts and operational effectiveness, including the role of global clusters. IASC also finalized and disseminated the cluster guidance notes in 2008.
2. WFP continued to be the lead agency for the logistics cluster in seven humanitarian crises in the Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Guinea, Somalia, the Sudan and Zimbabwe. WFP assumed the lead in seven new emergencies in Chad, Georgia, Haiti, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar and Tajikistan. WFP provided logistics training for WFP and partner staff; the global logistics support cell has so far trained 125 staff from 27 partners.
3. WFP has discussed with stakeholders the feasibility of a single lead agency for the global emergency telecommunications cluster (ETC) to replace the current three – the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and WFP. In 2008, the ETC was activated in new emergencies in Kenya and Myanmar; WFP took the lead in Myanmar and led jointly with UNICEF in Kenya. As part of the cluster roll-out project, WFP assessed 23 of 26 countries with a Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) and made recommendations for cluster activation. WFP organized training in emergency preparedness and response management for 38 information and communications technology (ICT) staff from organizations such as the Swedish Rescue Services Agency, the Norwegian Refugee Council, Islamic Relief Worldwide, Medical Emergency Relief International, World Vision International, Irish Aid and the Danish Refugee Council.
4. To date, 19 humanitarian country teams have implemented the cluster system, of which 17 created food aid/food security/nutrition clusters. WFP is leading eight and jointly leading another nine with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and UNICEF.
5. WFP continues to co-chair the IASC Sub-Working Group on Preparedness and Contingency Planning, working with UNICEF and others. It has a leading role in developing a system for enhancing socio-political early warning among agencies and helps support the global platform Humanitarian Early Warning Service (HEWSweb).
6. WFP continues to work through the Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs (ECHA) on coordination, operations, funding, policy and the safety of staff in insecure environments.

Consolidated Appeals Process

7. There were 11 Consolidated Appeals Processes (CAPs), 10 flash appeals and 13 other appeals in 2008.¹ WFP participated in all of them and remains the largest appealing agency

¹ OCHA classification.



under the CAP. Total requirements² amounted to US\$7 billion, of which WFP's needs accounted for US\$2.9 billion or 41 percent, followed by UNICEF – 9 percent –and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – 7 percent. The three largest appeals were for the Sudan, DRC and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, followed by Somalia and Uganda. WFP was the largest appealing organization in four of these appeals; in the Occupied Palestinian Territory appeal WFP was the second largest after the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). WFP resourced 90 percent of its requirements through the 2008 CAP.

United Nations Development Group

8. WFP served its turn as chair of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) Management Group, which focuses on achieving efficiencies through coherence in operations at the country level. WFP participated in working groups that prepared issues for consideration by the Management Group such as ICT, common premises, human resources policies, administration of joint programmes and trust funds, financial policies and procedures, adoption of the harmonized approach to cash transfers and support for Delivering as One countries. A team chaired by WFP prepared the successful proposal to restructure UNDG as a pillar of the Chief Executives Board (CEB): the enhanced coherence in inter-agency management issues at the country and Headquarters levels should increase WFP's involvement in matters related to United Nations reform and coherence, as mandated by the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR), and help to deliver effective programmes.

SECTION 2 – FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Funding and Resources

9. The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance rose dramatically in 2008 as a result of natural disasters, conflict and high food prices. WFP's approved programmes were valued at US\$3.1 billion at the beginning of the year; by the end of September the requirements for the year had increased to US\$5.7 billion.
10. As of 30 September 2008, contributions to WFP amounted to a record US\$4.0 billion. They include funding in response to the March appeal for US\$755 million to cover increased costs of food and fuel. The 81 public donors that have contributed to WFP operations include new donors Burkina Faso, Guinea, Iraq, Mali and Mexico.³ The top ten donors continue to provide 84 percent of WFP's funding.
11. Donor contributions to WFP received through pooled funding mechanisms and United Nations agencies totalled US\$177 million, the fifth largest source of income, of which 90 percent came from humanitarian funding mechanisms such as the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the Sudan/DRC Common Humanitarian Funds.
12. Pooled funding has been useful to WFP in some situations by helping to harmonize responses, increase sectoral coverage of needs and improve field-level coordination, prioritization and joint programming.

² WFP figures as at 31 October 2008; OCHA financial tracking service as at 11 November 2008.

³ Donors contributing to WFP before 2002 and again in 2008 are counted as new donors.



13. WFP's experience supports assessments such as the CERF two-year evaluations. Contributions appear less predictable than direct donor contributions and lead to increased transaction costs for agencies, including lengthy application procedures and non-standard reporting. It is hard to determine the extent to which pooled funding has been additional funding to WFP or a shift from direct donor contributions to contributions through pooled funding mechanisms.

Private-Sector Fundraising

14. Support from private-sector fundraising increased to US\$116 million by 30 September 2008, including US\$67 million from the Gates Foundation to support Purchase for Progress (P4P) and US\$1.4 million in online donations. The Gates Foundation also supported WFP mother-and-child health programmes in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Niger when the high food price crisis was announced.
15. In February, the Board endorsed a strategy for expanding and diversifying private-sector partnerships and fundraising to include corporations, foundations and individuals. The telecommunications company Vodafone and the United Nations Foundation signed a three-year agreement with WFP to enhance WFP's telecommunications capacity; TNT extended its partnership for another five years, with increased focus on emergency response.
16. The private sector increasingly helped WFP to improve its food basket by researching new products and raising awareness of the importance of nutritious food for vulnerable groups. Micronutrient specialists DSM⁴ and WFP were awarded the 2008 Brightness Award by the International Conference on Ion Sources, which recognizes innovation in ion-source physics and technology.
17. Unilever continued to support WFP school feeding programmes with cash and technical expertise for educational campaigns on health, hygiene and nutrition. YUM! Brands held its second World Hunger Relief campaign to raise awareness of hunger and provided cash to support WFP operations.

SECTION 3 – IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS REFORM MEASURES

Harmonization of Programmes

18. The 2007 TCPR gave impetus to WFP's support for United Nations reform, including measures to improve effectiveness and efficiency at the field level. In September, WFP's Executive Policy Council endorsed an internal guidance document on United Nations reform and harmonization of development programming at the country level that established a mechanism to support United Nations work on coherence at the agency and country levels, including the Delivering as One pilot countries.
19. WFP was a co-convenor of the undg Working Group on Programming Issues, which improved the Common Country Assessment (CCA) and United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) guidelines by emphasizing closer links with national

⁴ Originally Dutch State Mines; now the Life Sciences and Materials Sciences Company, which includes DSM Nutritional Products.



planning priorities to ensure that programmes benefit from linkages between development and transition activities such as disaster risk reduction, capacity-building and post-conflict involvement. Common operational documents are being developed to support Delivering as One at the country level.

20. WFP country programmes, development projects and protracted relief and recovery operations have been integrated into CCAs and UNDAFs; emergency operations (EMOPs) are not normally included because they are short-term and unpredictable. UNDAFs identify rationales and strategies for food assistance, providing the basis for WFP's work and reflecting national strategies and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs).
21. WFP's comparative advantages in the process are: i) development and implementation of strategies for alleviating hunger and food insecurity; ii) collection of data on food insecurity and vulnerability, for example through vulnerability analysis and mapping (VAM), as a basis for UNDAFs; iii) expertise in early warning methods, emergency preparedness and needs assessment; iv) experience in designing and implementing food-based social safety nets to protect the poor and other vulnerable groups; and v) experience of in-country conditions.
22. WFP recognizes that handover strategies are a critical component of good programming. They are required in all WFP programme documents and are integral to PRSP, CCA and UNDAF processes. They describe how WFP plans to phase out an intervention or transition to longer-term programmes to facilitate strategic planning by WFP country offices with governments, communities and partners. Handover strategies position WFP activities in a long-term context with links to work on building government capacity and managing risk.

Delivering as One

23. WFP supports Delivering as One in five pilot countries where it has country offices: Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania and Cape Verde.
24. In Mozambique, WFP is in its second year of Delivering as One; it is involved in six of the 11 joint programmes (JPs). In United Republic of Tanzania, WFP participates in six of the seven JPs and two joint initiatives on change management and communication; the Government is taking the lead in many of the JPs, which has strengthened its ownership; WFP helped the Government to develop national guidelines for nutrition in HIV and AIDS programmes. In Pakistan, WFP participates in all five thematic working groups – health, poverty, education, HIV and AIDS and disaster management – each of which has formed a JP. WFP and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) co-chair the disaster risk management theme group. The One Programme in Rwanda is identical to the UNDAF and consists of five thematic areas in which WFP is active, co-chairing education with UNICEF and sustainable growth and social protection with FAO.
25. In Cape Verde, the Government signed a One Programme document with the United Nations on 1 July 2008 to address the implications of Cape Verde's graduation from the group of the least developed countries and its attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. WFP-supported school feeding is integrated into the new budgetary framework and is being handed over to the Government. WFP supported a review of the outcomes of a stocktaking exercise completed at the end of 2007 and the "evaluability" studies of the pilots carried out by the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) during 2008. Findings included: i) increased government leadership and ownership of the One UN programme and greater alignment of United Nations priorities with national development priorities; ii) increased joint programming among



United Nations agencies; and iii) progress in developing One Programme, One Budget, One Leader initiatives and agreement on division of labour among agencies. Implementation challenges included: i) lack of predictability and timeliness of funding; ii) lack of harmonization and simplification of practices among United Nations agencies; and iii) high transaction costs for agencies, especially in reporting.

26. In Malawi, an ambitious United Nations Business Plan for Delivering as One (2008-2011) is aligned with MDG development priorities and establishes a One Programme for all 12 United Nations agencies. UNDG recognizes Malawi as an “Enhanced United Nations Coherence Country”. Malawi also established the One Fund and received a donor contribution. WFP is engaged in a JP “Support for Strengthening the National Monitoring and Evaluation System in Malawi” with UNDP, UNICEF, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Joint United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), FAO, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank.

Joint Programmes

27. WFP continued to participate in 88 JPs in 29 countries in 2008, of which 31 were in the four Delivering as One pilot countries. The main areas were education (17 JPs), health and nutrition (16), HIV and AIDS (12), food security (8), disaster management (7), capacity-building (6) and the environment (6).

⇒ Education

28. WFP, FAO, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF are implementing two education JPs in Burkina Faso focusing on the minimum package, increasing access to schools in rural areas and enhancing the quality of education. In Bhutan, WFP collaborated with UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and United Nations volunteers in JPs on human security and school water and sanitation. In Pakistan, WFP is engaged with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNICEF and UNHCR in pre-school and elementary education, particularly for girls, and with UNDP, UNESCO and UNICEF in enhancing the education system. WFP is partnering with UNESCO to improve the educational impact of its emergency school feeding under the EMOP to respond to high food prices.

⇒ Health and nutrition

29. WFP, UNICEF, WHO and FAO are implementing a JP on nutrition and food security for the well-being of children under 5 in Mauritania. In Rwanda, WFP is working with WHO and UNICEF in a JP on the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the health system and with UNICEF, WHO and UNFPA in healthcare, nutrition and hygiene practices.

⇒ HIV and AIDS

30. In Kenya, WFP, UNAIDS, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNFPA initiated wellness centres in the Northern Corridor. In Nicaragua, WFP is jointly implementing a monitoring and evaluation system for the National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan with UNDP, UNFPA, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and UNICEF.



⇒ *Food Security*

31. In Liberia, WFP, FAO, UNDP, UNICEF, the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), WHO and the World Bank are cooperating on food security and nutrition. In Sri Lanka, WFP and UNICEF are involved in food insecurity and nutrition mapping. In Zambia, WFP, FAO, UNICEF and the World Bank are cooperating in the rising food prices initiative.

⇒ *Disaster Management*

32. In Colombia, WFP implements humanitarian action against landmines with IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR and UNICEF. In Aceh, Indonesia, WFP cooperates with IOM, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO on support for emergency life savings.

⇒ *Capacity-Building*

33. In Bhutan, WFP, UNFPA and UNDP updated the geographic information system (GIS) on planning and service delivery points and produced socio-economic profiles and poverty maps. In Sri Lanka, WFP and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) assist the rehabilitation of small-scale farmers and irrigation systems.

⇒ *Environment*

34. In Mozambique WFP is participating in environmental mainstreaming and adaptation to climate change with FAO, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UN-Habitat, UNDP and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). In Djibouti, WFP, FAO, IFAD and UNDP are implementing an agro-pastoral development project for the production of forage and market garden produce and the surface water and land management programme.
35. In Mauritania, JPs focused on gender, sustainable growth, the MDGs and communications. WFP, FAO, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO are developing Mauritania's United Nations information and documentation centre.

Paris Declaration and Sector-Wide Approaches

36. In Rwanda, WFP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on a sector-wide approach in the health sector with the Government and development partners. In line with the Rwanda aid policy and the Paris Declaration, partners are committed to employing the Government's disbursement and financial reporting systems. Where financing is not provided through the Ministry of Health, partners will provide information on the cost and implementation status of the health projects.

Common Services

37. Experience with Delivering as One in pilot countries has encouraged the United Nations to review common activities that could be streamlined. WFP chairs the One United Nations ICT team, which provides policy and operational support for the Delivering as One countries. The "One Network" launched in Mozambique in August 2008 is an example of efficiency savings: WFP is implementing a United Nations telecommunications network that links the 20 United Nations agencies in the country; its private automatic branch exchange, very small aperture terminals and potential for common databases and mailing



lists are expected to enable savings that can be allocated to programmes. The same process is in progress in United Republic of Tanzania, and Rwanda is considering a similar initiative.

38. WFP currently chairs the procurement network of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM). The harmonization of procurement processes features prominently in its agenda. The network cooperates with the HLCM finance network on common financial rules and regulations that will enable agencies to share contractual agreements and make procurements on behalf of one another. Tools will be developed to assist Delivering as One country offices with planning and implementing joint procurements. A note on sustainable procurement is being finalized; training courses will be offered to procurement staff in January 2009 at Headquarters.
39. United Republic of Tanzania's current review of agencies' procurement aims at a common procurement system for non-food items and services for all agencies. Streamlining some common services requires action at the headquarters level because financial and human resources systems are not always compatible, which can be a challenge at the operational level.
40. The vision of the network for procurement across the United Nations and its practical approach to day-to-day procurement are reflected in its work to professionalize the procurement function, increase coherence among agencies and provide a knowledge-sharing platform through the United Nations Global Marketplace (www.ungm.org) for United Nations procurement practitioners and potential suppliers.

Common Premises

41. WFP completed its two-year chairmanship of the UNDG Task Team on Common Premises (TTCP) with notable progress in the development of technical tools and guidance for country offices undertaking common premises projects. WFP highlighted to the HLCM management group the increasing difficulties in funding common premises initiatives: construction costs have increased as a result of market pressures from emerging economies, and real estate markets in large cities have become increasingly expensive with fewer suitable properties available. Following the bombing of United Nations offices in Algiers, the security of premises became an increasing concern. Collaboration increased between the TTCP and agency security divisions, and the tools developed under WFP's leadership such as cost-benefit analysis, standard terms of reference and project checklists are being utilized to evaluate options to make premises secure.
42. In 2008, WFP committed to joining the United Nations house in the Russian Federation. WFP funded its share of the construction of a United Nations house in Bhutan, which has been delayed by changes in local building codes and administrative issues regarding the United Nations lead in the project.
43. WFP encourages rigorous analysis of the costs and benefits of common premises, with an emphasis on security and suitability, and supports the incorporation of "green building" into common premises projects.

United Nations Joint Logistics Centre

44. The United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC), which is staffed by WFP, UNICEF and UNHCR, developed and maintained the cluster website and information platform on logistics, customs, supply tracking in emergencies and GIS/mapping. Complementary



logistics information management tools were launched in 2008, including the *Customs Information Guide* for 51 countries and the *United Nations Spatial Data Infrastructure for Transport*.

45. In 2008, UNJLC received an award for achievements in humanitarian GIS from the Environmental Systems Research Institute. UNJLC Sudan continued the activities assigned by the United Nations country team (UNCT) regarding non-food items, emergency shelter, pipelines and GIS/mapping. UNJLC staff were seconded to support inter-agency emergency operations in the Central African Republic, Chad, Georgia, Haiti, Mozambique and Myanmar.
46. Given the evolution of new humanitarian systems and increased levels of accountability under the cluster approach, UNJLC functions are being absorbed into the Global Logistics Cluster to ensure that core competencies are maintained. On the recommendation of the 2007 IASC cluster evaluation and at the request of cluster partners in April 2008, the Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell (GLCSC) and the UNJLC made an inventory of their functions with a view to enhancing logistics responses in emergencies. The identified areas of complementarity led to a proposal for a team that would unite the core units of GLCSC and UNJLC, which was endorsed by stakeholders in October 2008 and shared in an information note to IASC in November 2008; it is expected to be operational from 1 January 2009.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service

47. In 2008, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) chartered 120 aircraft, an increase of 20 percent over 2007. It transported 255,000 passengers from United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in 14 countries and delivered 10,100 mt of cargo for EMOPs in four countries.
48. WFP's main aviation activities are in Chad, Somalia and the Sudan. The Chad operation was expanded to Cameroon in February 2008 to support Chadian refugees. Projects in west and central Africa remain at the same level; they overcome the challenges of insecure roads, long distances and lack of safe aircraft operators. The Afghanistan air operation provides internal and Kabul–Dubai passenger flights. Since June 2008, WFP has provided the only air links from Niger to other African capitals.
49. The rapid availability of CERF funding and direct donor contributions for aviation projects was crucial in setting up EMOPs and in supporting humanitarian activities. The Joint Inspection Unit recommends that more sustainable funding should be provided for UNHAS for long-term operations.
50. A recent report by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) led to improvements in WFP's aviation management, particularly with regard to the appointment of qualified aviation specialists as WFP officers in field operations. Aviation training provided in collaboration with TNT for WFP aviation staff in country offices and for civil aviation authorities and NGOs contributed to capacity-building in countries where WFP has aviation operations. The WFP Aviation Safety Unit helped to enhance the capacity of civil aviation authorities in Africa and to mainstream aviation safety initiatives in collaboration with the ICAO.
51. WFP air operations use dedicated radio communication and satellite tracking systems to monitor flights of chartered aircraft and ensure safety. A flight management application is being implemented to facilitate monitoring for management overview.



52. The Aviation Branch (OMLA) has established partnerships in the aviation industry to raise awareness of UNHAS safety and security. WFP is also participating in research on new dirigibles that could provide more economical and environmentally friendly transport.

Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator System

53. WFP supports enhancement of the Resident Coordinator (RC) system and participates in the working groups on management and accountability. A new job description is being prepared for RCs and HCs that will include ways of attracting talent for the RC/HC pool. In 2008, four WFP staff were assigned as RCs to Algeria, Cambodia, Myanmar and Tajikistan; WFP is also preparing new candidates for the RC assessment centres.
54. The IASC discussions of the HC system focus on greater inclusiveness at the country level, taking into account progress made in the RC system. WFP continues to support inter-agency work on merging the HC and RC functions and encourages the establishment of a separate HC function in cases such as Myanmar, where an HC was assigned on an interim basis until the arrival of the RC, who is also acting HC.

SECTION 4 – COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS

55. Partnerships with United Nations and Bretton Woods institutions have enhanced the identification of strategic priorities and aid delivery.

United Nations Children's Fund

56. WFP partnered UNICEF in 149 projects in 72 countries in 2007; in 2008, they collaborated on Essential Package (EP) interventions in 49 countries. Joint WFP/UNICEF regional mapping was initiated in July 2008 in order to analyse the status and progress of the EP, with a senior-level conference scheduled for 2009. Partnership between WFP, UNICEF and WHO to address worm prevalence in school-aged children has been enhanced, particularly in Afghanistan where 5.8 million children have been de-wormed despite insecurity and difficult terrain.
57. REACH is the denomination of a partnership for ending child hunger; it grew out of the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (ECHUI) as it re-oriented from global advocacy and mobilization to the country operational level. The goal remains a global reduction by 2015 in the proportion of underweight children, in line with MDG 1. In October 2008, FAO, WHO, UNICEF and WFP pledged support for coordinated work to address child undernutrition; an inter-agency team was formed, hosted by WFP in Rome, to support coordination among REACH partners; it includes staff from WFP, UNICEF, WHO, FAO and NGOs and works with civil society partners and the World Bank.
58. In 2008 REACH: i) refined interventions in the light of new evidence; ii) developed methods to support countries in readiness analysis, intervention prioritization, costing and planning; iii) launched pilots in the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Mauritania to demonstrate that immediate impact on undernutrition is possible; iv) created knowledge products capturing lessons learned for implementing interventions at scale; v) developed a way for countries to share successes in addressing undernutrition and replicate them; and vi) convened meetings of partners to coordinate work on nutrition.



Cooperation among the Rome-Based Agencies

59. In 2007, WFP and FAO collaborated in 61 countries on 105 projects; WFP and IFAD collaborated in 14 countries on 17 projects.
60. Further to the Board's decision at its 2007 Second Regular Session (2007/EB.2/33), wherein it "...urged the WFP Secretariat, subsequent to the strategic planning process, to consult with the Rome-based agencies on undertaking a joint document on the directions that future purpose-driven operational partnerships could take at the global, regional and country levels...", WFP's Strategic Plan (2008–2011) makes collaboration with the Rome-based agencies (RBAs) a central element of its partnership approach. The RBAs are preparing a joint document identifying responses to current challenges such as food price rises and climate change for submission to the governing bodies in 2009.
61. The RBAs continued to participate in and promote the food security theme groups, which are important elements of responses to food insecurity at the country level. The Secretary-General's High-Level Task Force on Food Security and the Comprehensive Framework for Action (CFA) underlined the need for coordination among stakeholders; the RBAs were prominent in promoting the twin-track approach of food and nutrition security.
62. Joint missions by the RBAs, the World Bank and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) identified country-specific responses to the food crisis in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Haiti, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Zambia. Nineteen countries attended the African Union (AU) and NEPAD workshop entitled "Accelerating Investment in Response to High Food Prices and Food Insecurity" at which WFP provided thematic support in disaster management, safety nets, nutrition and improved food access through economic opportunities.
63. The Secretary-General's MDG Africa Steering Group, in which the RBAs are active, identified WFP as a major agency for implementing its recommendation for significant increases in school feeding and micronutrient-fortification programmes. The group endorsed an Agriculture and Food Security Business Plan and as a result of advocacy by the RBAs it called on governments to support the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme, which provides a framework for national agriculture and food security strategies.
64. The RBAs are planning to improve disaster risk reduction in the food and agricultural sectors through a partnership on disaster risk management that aims to enhance the resilience of vulnerable people in high-risk, low-capacity countries that are prone to natural hazards.
65. WFP and IFAD collaborated in a weather risk management facility to reduce the vulnerability of poor rural people to extreme weather events. Building on WFP's weather risk transfer competency, the Chinese Government requested the assistance of WFP and IFAD in designing and piloting drought and flood risk management instruments for vulnerable small-scale farmers.
66. In 2008, WFP and FAO undertook joint crop and food supply assessment missions in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea (DPRK), Myanmar, Southern Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The main finding was the negative effect of high food and fuel prices on the incidence of poverty and food insecurity. Ethiopia, DPRK and Zimbabwe also faced failed agricultural seasons, which increased already high levels of food insecurity. In Bangladesh, favourable weather and high food



prices resulted in increased production as farmers increased the areas under production and the use of inputs.

67. WFP undertook 20 impact assessments of high food prices and is addressing challenges related to assessing impacts on households. The results of these assessments inform the implementation plans of WFP and partners.
68. WFP launched the groundbreaking P4P initiative at the 63rd United Nations General Assembly with the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and the Government of Belgium. P4P helps poor farmers in developing countries to access reliable markets to sell surplus crops at competitive prices, thereby supporting fragile local economies. The initiative will be piloted in 21 countries over the next five years. The World Bank pledged its support at the country level. Assessments were conducted in most of the target countries; preparations are under way to start buying in the coming harvest season. Mozambique has finalized its first P4P contract for the purchase of 250 mt of cowpeas from IKURU, a cooperative that works with 9,500 small farmers.
69. In June 2008, the RBAs signed an MOU with the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) to improve food production, food security and rural incomes, particularly in the context of P4P by creating opportunities for small farmers. AGRA and the RBAs will focus initially on Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda and United Republic of Tanzania.

United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

70. WFP has been a co-sponsor of UNAIDS for five years; it partnered UNAIDS in 40 projects in 28 countries in 2007. In 2008, WFP's lead role in dietary and nutritional support in the UNAIDS Division of Labour included enhancement of national actions through advocacy, guidance and technical support, which has become more urgent as high food prices jeopardize household food security and the nutritional status of vulnerable people.
71. WFP supports HIV prevention, treatment and care in 20 of the 25 countries with the highest HIV prevalence, reaching 1.8 million beneficiaries. It has programmes related to HIV or tuberculosis in 50 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America; six staff were recruited to improve the implementation and effectiveness of HIV programming by regional bureaux. By the end of 2007, 38 national HIV plans included food and nutrition components, an increase from 32 in 2005. The number of partners that included food and nutrition in their HIV programmes rose from 440 in 2005 to 546 in 2007. In southern Africa, the number of countries receiving WFP technical support rose to nine, from two in 2005.

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

72. In 2007, WFP and UNHCR worked on 63 projects in 41 countries. In 2008, WFP and UNHCR continued to implement their annual joint workplan, focusing on operational activities, resources and fundraising, information sharing and communications, and advocacy. This is complemented by the country-level Joint Plan of Action.
73. In 2008, joint assessment missions were undertaken in Bangladesh, Burundi, Chad, Iran, Namibia and Nepal. A common finding is that refugees' limited mobility, employment opportunities and access to land increase their vulnerability.



74. WFP and UNHCR revised the 2004 *Joint Assessment Guidelines*, updating methods for measuring food security and the sections on staff security, internally displaced persons and urban refugees.

World Health Organization

75. In 2007, WFP and WHO worked together on 68 projects in 41 countries. They collaborated in logistics, drawing on WFP's capacity, during humanitarian response operations. WHO emergency health kits were dispatched from WFP-supported United Nations Humanitarian Response Depots in Bangladesh, Chad, DPRK, Iraq, Madagascar, Mozambique, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Peru, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo and Uganda. WFP and WHO provided joint training in public health and logistics; two WHO logistics experts are being financed by WFP.
76. WHO and WFP are cooperating in VAM and health assessments in 25 countries where WHO is developing tools and indicators to monitor health status and vulnerability.

World Bank

77. WFP worked with the World Bank on 18 projects in 14 countries in 2007, mainly to address the impact of food and fuel prices. The World Bank and the RBAs recommended measures to mitigate the effects on poverty and hunger, including discouraging cross-border aid restrictions. At the country level, WFP partnered the World Bank as it rolled out its US\$1.2 billion Global Food Crisis Response Programme; some of the funds were channelled to WFP, directly in the Central African Republic, Guinea Bissau and Liberia, and through governments in Burundi and Nepal. An essential element of such interventions was the use of school feeding as a safety net. The planned expansion of the World Bank's annual investment in agriculture from US\$4 billion to US\$6 billion was aligned with these interventions, and will enhance partnership in agriculture in the transition from emergency to recovery, complemented by ongoing collaboration in mother-and-child health and nutrition, HIV/AIDS, market analysis, vulnerability analysis and disaster risk reduction. WFP and the World Bank collaborated on the Georgia joint needs assessment in September 2008 and in Ethiopia on upgrading the drought index and establishing a livelihood risk management framework. The World Bank committed US\$25 million in 2008 in contingent financing; new opportunities have arisen with the creation of the World Bank's Climate Investment Fund.
78. High food and fuel prices made it more difficult for WFP to secure flexible resources to meet changing needs. A World Bank/WFP task force was established to explore the potential use of World Bank technical tools such as financial risk management to meet the challenges. An action plan should be ready for discussion with the Board in 2009.

World Meteorological Organization

79. An initiative by the World Bank, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), FAO and WFP aims to improve monitoring infrastructures for food security, disaster risk management and adaptation to climate change. A joint mission to Bangladesh in December to review hydro-meteorological infrastructures and institutional needs was a pilot that could be scaled up to other countries.



Non-Governmental Organizations

80. In 2007, WFP partnered with 2,815 NGOs – 230 international, 2,585 local – in 192 projects in 69 countries. NGO partners distributed 1.9 million mt of food, a record 54 percent of WFP's global food aid.
81. The Executive Director held a consultation in March 2008 with eight NGO partners, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross on joint responses to rising food prices. A technical meeting was held with nine NGOs in June to discuss WFP's response to the global food crisis in terms of cash and vouchers, urban programming, social protection and enhanced collaboration, and WFP's Strategic Plan, P4P, nutrition and school feeding.

SECTION 5 – FOLLOW-UP TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali

82. In a statement to the high-level segment of the December 2007 conference, WFP stressed the humanitarian consequences of climate change and held meetings with ministers from recipient countries and other stakeholders. WFP organized a side event on climate change and hunger and participated in a joint side event with the RBAs.

Rome High-Level Conference on World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Bio-Energy

83. The RBAs and Bioversity International convened this conference in Rome in June. It was attended by 181 nations and 40 heads of state and government. The final declaration called on the international community to increase assistance for safety net programmes to address hunger and malnutrition

Accra High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness

84. The Accra meeting held in September followed up the fora held in Rome in 2003 and Paris in 2005. The Executive Director attended the event, at which attention was drawn to the global food crisis and the need for renewed commitment to address needs. The Accra Agenda for Action, adopted by governments at the meeting, reinvigorated commitment to development. The Agenda for Action stresses that new global challenges such as rising food prices and climate change threaten progress made in reducing poverty.

Doha International Conference on Financing for Development

85. Member states and international institutions reinforced their commitment to addressing emerging challenges and achieving development goals. The RBAs held a joint side event that drew attention to the factors underlying the ongoing food crisis, drawing on the findings of the CFA and outlining steps needed to achieve a more food-secure world.



SECTION 6 – OTHER ISSUES RELEVANT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW

Transition from Relief to Development

86. WFP continued its participation in inter-agency fora on transition, particularly: i) the IASC Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery, ii) the UNDG/ECHA Joint Working Group on Transition Issues, iii) the Cairo Transition Workshop for post-crisis and post-conflict situations, held in March 2008; and iv) the Early Recovery Policy Forum in Copenhagen. WFP also contributed to discussions on the direction, functioning and impact of the inter-agency groups.
87. WFP is committed to working with the Peacebuilding Support Office as part of the inter-agency contribution to operations in Sierra Leone and is awaiting approval for funding from the Peacebuilding Fund. WFP participated in the initiative led by the United Kingdom on the development of an Early Recovery Fund. WFP developed guidance for targeting in emergencies, and will continue to support country offices' planning and programming for transition, recovery and hand-over.
88. WFP will continue its review of recent experience in transition with a view to updating its position on transition situations, particularly with regard to national priorities and United Nations support. Preliminary findings from WFP's own review indicate that WFP's contributions to countries in transition go beyond direct food assistance in that they have resulted in "peace dividends", preservation of assets through safety nets, large-scale rehabilitation of infrastructures, food procurement, improvement of local markets and the protection of civilians.

Capacity-Building

89. In Latin America and the Caribbean, WFP is implementing two regional capacity-development projects with governments. The initiative entitled "Towards the Eradication of Child Undernutrition in Latin America and the Caribbean by 2015", endorsed at 16 regional conferences, raised awareness and influenced decision-makers. At the Government of Chile/WFP ministerial conference in May 2008, the Santiago Declaration was signed by representatives of 33 countries, paving the way for scaled-up, coordinated action to eradicate child undernutrition in the region and establish a mechanism for South-South and three-way cooperation; WFP has a lead role in policy dialogue and technical assistance. A new study of the cost of hunger in Peru estimated that in 2005 the cost of underweight children under 5 was 3 percent of gross domestic product and 34 percent of social spending in Peru for the year.
90. WFP assistance was instrumental in the development and launch of national plans to eradicate chronic undernutrition in Belize, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. WFP led the formulation of United Nations joint plans to eradicate child undernutrition in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru. National plans for prevention and reduction of micronutrient deficiencies are under way in several other countries; the Government of Panama launched its plan in 2008. WFP supports these plans through partnerships with the Institute for Central America and Panama and the Pan American Health Organization and by providing technical assistance for micronutrient programmes, including through fortification of complementary foods. In 2008, an



innovative web-based knowledge management platform called Nutrinet⁵ was launched that facilitates South–South cooperation on reducing hunger and undernutrition.

Gender Mainstreaming

91. WFP's recent evaluation of its "Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women" confirmed that WFP has laid strong foundations for gender mainstreaming by enhancing the visibility and inclusion of women. In line with the recommendations, WFP is developing a new gender policy for Board approval in 2009 that builds on the strengths of the past policies and strategies, while addressing remaining challenges. These include gender-related protection issues in relation to food distributions, and the gender dimensions of HIV and AIDS. Priority actions also include capacity development and accountability in line with the United Nations system-wide policy and strategy on gender mainstreaming (CEB/2006/2).
92. The document "Preparing for Tomorrow Today: WFP Strategy for Managing and Developing Human Resources (2008–2011)" identifies actions to improve the representation of women in the workforce: these include changes in recruitment and career development processes that will enable WFP to develop capacities and foster staff exchanges with agencies, governments and NGOs.
93. WFP continues to participate in various United Nations task forces as part of inter-agency efforts to respond to gender issues, including gender-based violence. Through the United Nations Task Force on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Humanitarian Crises,⁶ WFP has contributed to the development of the General Assembly resolution on sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA)⁷ and to the SEA tools repository. WFP also participates in the United Nations Action Against Sexual Violence in Conflict ("UN Action") and was co-chair with UNHCR and the Women's Commission of the Task Force on Safe Access to Firewood and Alternative Energy in Humanitarian Settings (SAFE). The SAFE Task Force has developed guidance on fuel efficiency and a matrix on agency roles and responsibilities regarding fuel in humanitarian settings.
94. At the launch in February 2008 of the Secretary-General's intensified campaign to end violence against women, WFP made a commitment to increase capacity-building in protection in WFP operations. Training, which targets WFP staff and partners, including governments, has been given in ten country offices; it will be rolled out to another 20 in 2009.

Evaluation

95. In 2008, WFP presented to the Board an updated evaluation policy and five evaluation reports. A WFP/FAO joint evaluation of information systems for food security will be presented to the Board and the FAO Programme Committee in 2009. WFP participated in the assessments of the Delivering as One pilots and is part of the inter-agency group evaluating United Nations assistance in southern Africa. WFP participates in the joint review by bilateral and multilateral agencies of the independence, credibility and utility of

⁵ <http://www.nutrinet.org>

⁶ Formed by the Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs (ECHA).

⁷ "United Nations Comprehensive Strategy on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by United Nations Staff and Related Personnel" (A/Res/62/214) (March 2008)



the evaluation office of the Global Environment Facility. WFP is also a member of UNEG and the Active Learning Network on Accounting and Performance.

Climate Change

96. Adaptation to climate change and disaster risk reduction are prominent in WFP's Strategic Plan (2008–2011). WFP's experience and capacity as an implementing partner for governments are important elements of global response to climate change, particularly its ability to: i) respond to climate-related emergencies through its logistics apparatus and its 9,000 staff members in the field; ii) provide services such as VAM and weather insurance that take into account the effects of climate change on the most vulnerable; and iii) scale up projects that give communities in developing countries a role in building their resilience to climate change. Social-protection schemes such as cash or food-based employment programmes can be deployed to build climate-proof infrastructures and enhance sustainable management of natural resources to increase resilience and adaptive capacities.

SECTION 7 – ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS

Joint Meeting of the Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

97. UNICEF coordinated the Joint Meeting of the Boards in New York in January 2008. Three main issues were discussed:

- i) *Progress towards the MDGs, facilitated by UNICEF.* Maternal mortality rates had fallen by less than 1 percent, but progress on child mortality was still too low to achieve MDG 4. Many countries were on track to achieve education targets;
- ii) *Delivering as One, facilitated by UNDP and UNFPA.* All eight pilot countries employed a flexible model, but Delivering as One should not become too focused on process; collaboration and coherence in fundraising were essential;
- iii) *Disaster risk reduction strategy, facilitated by WFP.* Between the 2006 and 2008 joint meetings there had been 967 disasters around the world, hampering development and humanitarian work; the effectiveness of programmes depended on reducing risk and increasing resilience.

Joint Field Visit by the Boards

98. A delegation of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF and WFP visited Haiti in March to observe operations, inter-agency collaboration and contributions to assist Haiti in attaining its development goals. The mission met the host government, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, two Deputy Special Representatives, the UNCT, staff of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), donors, civil society organizations and NGOs. The delegation noted the need to ensure that initiatives are programmed with a view to sustainable development and that dialogue should be maintained between the UNCT and MINUSTAH to provide a smooth transition from short-term activities to sustainable development. The mission encouraged the UNCT to support further South–South cooperation.



ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

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| AGRA | Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa |
| AU | African Union |
| CAP | Consolidated Appeals Process |
| CCA | Common Country Assessment |
| CEB | Chief Executives Board |
| CERF | Central Emergency Response Fund |
| CFA | Comprehensive Framework for Action |
| DPRK | Democratic People's Republic of Korea |
| DRC | Democratic Republic of the Congo |
| ECHA | Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs |
| ECHUI | Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative |
| ECPS | Executive Committee on Peace and Security |
| EMOP | emergency operation |
| EP | Essential Package |
| ETC | emergency telecommunications cluster |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| GIS | geographic information system |
| GLCSC | Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell |
| HC | Humanitarian Coordinator |
| HEWSweb | Humanitarian Early Warning Service |
| HLCM | High-Level Committee on Management |
| IASC | Inter-Agency Standing Committee |
| ICAO | International Civil Aviation Organization |
| ICT | information and communications technology |
| IFAD | International Fund for Agricultural Development |
| IOM | International Organization for Migration |
| JP | joint programme |
| MDG | Millennium Development Goal |
| MINUSTAH | United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| NEPAD | New Partnership for Africa's Development |
| NGO | non-governmental organization |
| OCHA | Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs |



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| OMLA | Aviation Branch |
| P4P | Purchase for Progress |
| PRSP | Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper |
| RBA | Rome-based agency |
| RC | Resident Coordinator |
| REACH | partnership for ending child hunger |
| SAFE | Safe Access to Firewood and Alternative Energy in Humanitarian Settings |
| SEA | sexual exploitation and abuse |
| TCPR | Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review |
| TTCP | Task Team on Common Premises |
| UNAIDS | United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS |
| UNCT | United Nations country team |
| UNDAF | United Nations Development Assistance Framework |
| UNDG | United Nations Development Group |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNEG | United Nations Evaluation Group |
| UNEP | United Nations Environment Programme |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| UN-Habitat | United Nations Human Settlements Programme |
| UNHAS | United Nations Humanitarian Air Service |
| UNHCR | Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Fund |
| UNIDO | United Nations Industrial Development Organization |
| UNJLC | United Nations Joint Logistics Centre |
| UNOPS | United Nations Office for Project Services |
| UNRWA | United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East |
| VAM | vulnerability analysis and mapping |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| WMO | World Meteorological Organization |



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CORRIGENDUM

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1. Executive Summary, page 3, paragraph 5, first sentence, should read:

“In 2008 WFP participated in 84 joint programmes in 31 countries, of which over a third were being implemented in the Delivering as One pilot countries.”
2. Paragraph 27 should read:

“WFP continued to participate in 84 JPs in 31 countries in 2008, of which 33 were in the Delivering as One pilot countries. The main areas of cooperation were education, health and nutrition, HIV and AIDS, food security, disaster management, capacity-building and the environment.”
3. Paragraph 28, second sentence, should read:

“In Bhutan, WFP collaborated with UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and United Nations Volunteers (UNV) in JPs on human security and school water and sanitation.”
4. Paragraph 29, first sentence, should be substituted with:

“In Guatemala, WFP worked with UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, FAO and UNV on reducing chronic malnutrition in children under 36 months of age and pregnant women.”
5. Paragraph 30, second sentence, should be substituted with:

“In Benin, WFP worked with UNICEF providing support to people living with HIV.”
6. Paragraph 31, second sentence, should be substituted with:

“In Zambia, WFP, FAO, UNICEF and the World Bank are cooperating in the rising food prices initiative.”
7. Paragraph 33, second sentence, should be substituted with:

“In India, WFP worked with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) providing support to livelihood activities.”
8. Paragraph 34, second sentence, should be substituted with:

“In Cape Verde, WFP worked with FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO and WHO in environment, energy and disaster prevention.”



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**TABLE 1: GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS FROM THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION
THAT MENTION WFP AS A FOLLOW-UP AGENCY**

| Resolution number | Timing | Title | Action by WFP |
|-------------------|---------|--|--|
| A/62/L.7 | Ongoing | The Situation in Afghanistan | WFP provides inputs on its achievements to the report of the Secretary-General through the Resident Coordinator. |
| A/62/L.34/Add.1 | Ongoing | International Cooperation on Humanitarian Assistance in the Field of Natural Disasters, from Relief to Development | An "Update on WFP Interventions in Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation" (WFP/EB.1/2007/5-B). In October 2008, WFP developed an informal policy document on prevention and mitigation of disasters and set up a Board consultation to discuss its role in supporting and enhancing: i) the capacities of governments to prepare for, assess and respond to acute hunger arising from disasters; and ii) the resilience of communities to shocks through safety nets or asset creation, including adaptation to climate change. |
| A/62/L.36 | Ongoing | Assistance to the Palestinian People | Same as A/62/L.7. |
| A/62/L.37 | Ongoing | Strengthening of the Coordination of Emergency Humanitarian Assistance of the United Nations | See section 1 of the "Annual Report for 2007 to ECOSOC and FAO Council" (WFP/EB.1/2008/4). |
| A/62/L.38 | Ongoing | Safety and Security of Humanitarian Personnel and Protection of United Nations Personnel | WFP is part of the Steering Committee on Staff Safety and Security established by the HLCM. "WFP Security Report 2007" (WFP/EB.A/2008/13-E). "Information Note on the Implementation of Security Management Arrangements" (WFP/EB.A/2008/13-D). |
| A/62/431 | Ongoing | Assistance to Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa | WFP. 2007. <i>WFP in Africa, 2007 Facts, Figures and Partners</i> . Rome. |
| A/62/439/Add.2 | Ongoing | The Right to Food | WFP supports the right to food and supports government efforts to adopt a right-to-food approach. WFP targets beneficiaries on the basis of need: its limited resources are directed to the most vulnerable individuals and groups. WFP programming principles are similar in effect to those in a rights-based approach. "WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011)" (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/1.Rev.1). |

TABLE 2: 2007 ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS THAT MENTION WFP AS A FOLLOW-UP AGENCY

| Resolution number | Timing | Title | Action by WFP |
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| E/2007/L.18, as orally corrected, and E/2007/SR/44. | Ongoing | Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti | Same as A/62/L.7. |



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Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as proposed.

27 October 2008

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Trevor Sichombo (Zambia, List A) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2008.

27 October 2008

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2008/EB.2/1 Opening Remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments will be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

27 October 2008

POLICY ISSUES

2008/EB.2/2 WFP Evaluation Policy

The Board approved the WFP Evaluation Policy presented in WFP/EB.2/2008/4-A and requested the Secretariat to take note of comments and observations made in discussing the document.

29 October 2008

2008/EB.2/3 Vouchers and Cash Transfers as Food Assistance Instruments: Opportunities and Challenges

The Board took note of "Vouchers and Cash Transfers as Food Assistance Instruments: Opportunities and Challenges" (WFP/EB.2/2008/4-B).

28 October 2008

2008/EB.2/4

Preparing for Tomorrow Today: WFP Strategy for Managing and Developing Human Resources (2008–2011)

The Board took note of the document “Preparing for Tomorrow Today: WFP Strategy for Managing and Developing Human Resources (2008–2011)” (WFP/EB.2/2008/4-C + Corr.1) and requested the Secretariat to implement the actions and initiatives identified in the document to facilitate attainment of the WFP Strategic Objectives and the United Nations’ targets on geographic distribution and gender for recruitment of WFP’s international workforce based on merit and also taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussions.

28 October 2008

2008/EB.2/5

Global Challenge, National Response: WFP’s Support to National AIDS Programmes – Annual Update on WFP’s Response to HIV and AIDS

The Board took note of “Global Challenge, National Response: WFP’s Support to National AIDS Programmes – Annual Update on WFP’s Response to HIV and AIDS” (WFP/EB.2/2008/4-D).

29 October 2008

2008/EB.2/6

Progress Report on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition

The Board took note of “Progress Report on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition” (WFP/EB.2/2008/4-E).

28 October 2008

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2008/EB.2/7

Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

The Board:

- i) **took note** of the projected total Programme of Work of US\$11.4 billion, excluding provision for unforeseen emergencies;
- ii) **approved** a supplementary Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) appropriation for the following purposes:

| | US\$ thousand |
|---|---------------|
| Programme support: regional and country offices | 15 064 |
| Programme support: Headquarters | 9 717 |
| Management and administration | 41 309 |
| Total | 66 090 |

- iii) **approved** one-time supplementary PSA appropriations of up to US\$40.8 million funded from the PSA Equalization Account, for the purposes outlined in Section II of the document.
- iv) **requested**, in view of the uncertainties in the global economy, and therefore in some of the underlying assumptions in the



Management Plan, that the Secretariat continue its process of regular Executive Board informal consultations on the Management Plan and through the regular Management Plan Updates in February 2009 and June 2009. In light of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the FAO Finance Committee, asked the Secretariat to provide further rationale for priorities and posts (in the latest revised PSA budget) and to bring to the Board's attention any developments that might require an adjustment in the Management Plan.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2008/5(A,B,C,D)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2008/5(A,B,C,D)/3).

30 October 2008

2008/EB.2/8 Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management – Report by the External Auditor

The Board took note of the audit recommendations made by the External Auditor in his report “Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management” (WFP/EB.2/2008/5-B/1) and of the responses made by the Secretariat as set out in the document WFP/EB.2/2008/5-B/1/Add.1, and encouraged the Secretariat to implement the audit recommendations without delay.

28 October 2008

EVALUATION REPORTS

2008/EB.2/9 Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa

The Board took note of “Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa” (WFP/EB.2/2008/6-A/Rev.1) and of the management response (WFP/EB.2/2008/6-A/Add.1), and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

29 October 2008

2008/EB.2/10 Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security

The Board took note of “Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security” (WFP/EB.2/2008/6-B) and of the management response (WFP/EB.2/2008/6-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

29 October 2008



ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.2/11 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Sri Lanka 10756.0

The Executive Board approve the PRRO for Sri Lanka 10756.0 “Food For Peacebuilding and Recovery in Conflict-Affected Areas” (WFP/EB.2/2008/8-B/2).

30 October 2008

SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.2/12 Country Programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.2/2008/7/2) for which the food requirement is 166,620 mt at a total cost to WFP of US\$106.3 million.

30 October 2008

2008/EB.2/13 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Burundi 10528.1

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Burundi 10528.1 “Support for Stabilization and Recovery: Protecting and Creating Livelihoods and Improving the Nutritional Status of the Most Vulnerable” (WFP/EB.2/2008/8-B/1).

28 October 2008

2008/EB.2/14 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Ethiopia 10127.3

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Ethiopia 10127.3 “Food Assistance to Sudanese, Somali and Eritrean Refugees” (WFP/EB.2/2008/8-B/3 + Corr.1).

28 October 2008

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.2/15 Country Programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.2/2008/7/1), for which the food requirement is 52,569 mt at a total cost to WFP of US\$46.4 million.

30 October 2008

2008/EB.2/16 Development Project Côte d’Ivoire 10759.0

The Board approved the proposed development project Côte d’Ivoire 10759.0 “Support to Sustainable School Feeding” (WFP/EB.2/2008/8-A), subject to the availability of resources.

29 October 2008

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2008/EB.2/17 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2009–2010)

The Board approved the “Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2009–2010)” (WFP/EB.2/2008/11) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

30 October 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2008/EB.2/18 Review of the Increased Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director

The Board took note of the information contained in “Review of the Increased Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director” (WFP/EB.2/2008/12), and confirmed the existing levels of delegation of authority to the Executive Director.

29 October 2008

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2008/EB.2/19 Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2008

The Board endorsed the document “Draft Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2008”, the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.A/2008/17.

30 October 2008

OTHER BUSINESS

2008/EB.2/20 Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their Visit to Honduras

The Board took note of the Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their Visit to Honduras (WFP/EB.2/2008/14).

30 October 2008



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4. *Policy Issues*
 - a) WFP Evaluation Policy (for approval)
 - b) Vouchers and Cash Transfers as Food Assistance Instruments: Opportunities and Challenges (for consideration)
 - c) Preparing for Tomorrow Today: WFP Strategy for Managing and Developing Human Resources (2008–2011): (for consideration)
 - d) Global Challenge, National Response: WFP's Support to National AIDS Programmes – Annual Update on WFP's Response to HIV and AIDS (for information)
 - e) Progress Report on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition (for information)
 - f) Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies – An Updated Version (October 2008)
5. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*
 - a) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (for approval)
 - b) Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management – Report by the External Auditor (for consideration)
 - Response of the Secretariat to the Report by the External Auditor on Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management (for consideration)
 - c) Programme of Work of the External Auditor for 2008–2009 (for information)
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 - a) Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa
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 - b) Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security
 - Management Response to the Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security

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7. *Country Programmes* (for approval on a no-objection basis)
 - Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)
 - Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)

8. ***Projects for Executive Board Approval***
- a) Development Projects
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 - b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations
 - Burundi 10528.1
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 - Sri Lanka 10756.0
9. ***Projects Approved by Correspondence*** (for information)
- a) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by Correspondence between the Annual Session and the Second Regular Session 2008
 - Timor-Leste 10388.1
 - b) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by Correspondence between the Annual Session and the Second Regular Session 2008
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- a) Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2008)
 - Djibouti 10727.0
 - b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2008)
 - c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2008)
 - Central African Republic 10189.2
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 - d) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2008)
 - e) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2008)

11. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***
 - Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2009–2010) (for approval)
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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as proposed.

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Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation, List E) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2008.

9 June 2008

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2008/EB.A/1 Opening Statement by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

9 June 2008

ANNUAL REPORTS

2008/EB.A/2 Annual Performance Report for 2007

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2007 (WFP/EB.A/2008/4 + Corr.1), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP performance for the year.

9 June 2008

POLICY ISSUES

2008/EB.A/3 WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011)

The Board approved the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/1/Rev.1), in accordance with General Rule VI.1.

The Board took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

9 June 2008



2008/EB.A/4 WFP Communications Strategy

The Board took note of “WFP Communications Strategy” (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-B).

10 June 2008

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2008/EB.A/5 Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007)

The Board:

- i) approved the 2006–2007 Biennial Financial Statements of WFP, together with the Report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6 (b);
- ii) approved, in accordance with Financial Regulation 10.6, the replenishment of the Operational Reserve from the General Fund in the amount of US\$5.9 million, relating to a drawdown from the Operational Reserve based on a forecast contribution that did not materialize; and
- iii) noted the funding from the General Fund of US\$4.5 million during the biennium for the write-off of cash losses, unfunded expenditures, and contributions and accounts receivable.

The Board took note of the audit recommendations made by the External Auditor and the responses made by the Secretariat as set out in the document “Response of the Secretariat to the Report by the External Auditor on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the World Food Programme for the Biennium 2006–2007 (Section IV)” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-A/1/4), and encouraged the Secretariat to implement these audit recommendations without delay.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008

2008/EB.A/6 WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010)

The Board, having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in “WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010)” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-B/1):

- i) approved a pledging target of US\$7.8 billion for 2009–2010; and
- ii) reiterated its proposal to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that the Council consider discontinuing the Pledging Conferences because they no longer play a significant role in WFP’s resource mobilization.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008

2008/EB.A/7

Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

Having considered “Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-C/1), the Board:

- i) approved the policy for hedging the Euro component of Programme Support and Administrative expenses as outlined in this document, with effect from the 2009 budgetary period;
- ii) approved the use of US\$5 million from the General Fund for the establishment of an Emergency Security Fund; and
- iii) approved the use of up to US\$7.5 million from the General Fund for WINGS II as follows:
 - a. US\$5 million project risk contingency allocation to cover unexpected cost overruns; and
 - b. US\$2.5 million for change requests to allow the project to promptly incorporate high-value opportunities that arise during the realization phase.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008

2008/EB.A/8

Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations

The Board:

- i) took note of the “Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-E/1);
- ii) took note of the proposal made by the Secretariat that in future, all External Audit reports presented to the Board be accompanied by a response from the Secretariat together with an action plan to implement the recommendations contained in such report; and
- iii) further noted that a summary report on the implementation of all external audit recommendations will be presented at each Annual Session of the Board, in line with recommendations of the ACABQ and FAO Finance Committee that the Board consider receiving only one progress report per year.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008



2008/EB.A/9

Report of the Inspector General

The Board took note of “Report of the Inspector General” (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-F/1) and undertook to forward it to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services with its comments.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 June 2008

EVALUATION REPORTS

2008/EB.A/10

Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP’s Capacity Development Policy and Operations

The Board took note of the “Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP’s Capacity Development Policy and Operations” (WFP/EB.A/2008/7) and requested the Secretariat to update the policy on capacity-building within the framework of the Strategic Plan 2008–2011.

The Board further requested the Secretariat to propose through the Bureau as early as possible how this could be incorporated into the future Programme of Work for the Executive Board.

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2008/EB.A/11

Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

The Board approved the technical budget revisions for the projects detailed in “Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases” (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-B + Corr.1).

10 June 2008

2008/EB.A/12

Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

The Board approved the technical budget revisions for the projects detailed in “Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases” (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-C/2 + Corr.1).

10 June 2008

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.A/13 Draft Country Programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.A/2008/8/1), for which the food requirement is 52,569 mt at a cost of US\$46.4 million covering total WFP costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

11 June 2008

2008/EB.A/14 Projects for Executive Board Approval — Development Project Liberia 10733.0

The Board approved the proposed development project Liberia 10733.0 “Support for Education” (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-A), subject to availability of resources.

11 June 2008

SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.A/15 Draft Country Programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.A/2008/8/2), for which the food requirement is 166,620 mt at a total cost to WFP of US\$106.9 million, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

11 June 2008

REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2008/EB.A/16 Humanitarian Access

The Executive Board of the World Food Programme reiterated the importance of respect by Member States and all stakeholders for the humanitarian principles of neutrality, independence, impartiality and humanity. It recalled the obligations undertaken by all United Nations Member States to ensure safe and unhindered humanitarian access between and within countries to populations in need.

All national and international efforts should be made to ensure that emergency food assistance is delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible to populations in distress.

The Executive Board called on governments and all stakeholders to facilitate humanitarian work and ensure the absence of restrictions and other impediments to WFP and other humanitarian partners in delivering essential humanitarian relief.

12 June 2008



ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2008/EB.A/17 Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007

In considering the “Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007” (WFP/EB.A/2008/13-A), the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize and mitigate post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to improve commodity accounting practices, seek reimbursements from governments and cooperating partners when post-delivery losses were incurred, take all necessary measures to ensure losses were reduced and report to the Board annually on the progress of these efforts.

11 June 2008

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2008/EB.A/18 Summary of the Work of the First Session of the Executive Board, 2008

The Board endorsed the document “Draft Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2008”, the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.1/2008/16.

12 June 2008

OTHER BUSINESS

2008/EB.A/19 Report of the Joint Field Visit to Haiti of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, 1–9 March 2008

The Board took note of the “Report of the Joint Field Visit to Haiti of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, 1–9 March 2008” (WFP/EB.A/2008/15).

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 - b) WFP Communications Strategy (for consideration)
6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*
 - a) Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007) (for approval)
 - b) WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010) (for approval)
 - c) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (for approval)
 - d) Appointment and Reappointment of the External Auditor (for approval) – **withdrawn**
 - e) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations (for consideration)
 - f) Report of the Inspector General (for consideration)
 - g) Sixth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (for information)
 - h) Report of the Executive Director on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g)) (for information)
 - i) Status Report on WINGS II Project (for information)
7. *Evaluation Reports*
 - Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity Development Policy and Operations (for consideration)

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8. *Draft Country Programmes* (for consideration)
 - Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)
 - Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)

9. ***Projects for Executive Board Approval***

- a) Development Projects
 - Liberia 10733.0
- b) Budget Increases to Development Activities
 - Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases
- c) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations
 - Somalia 10191.1 – **withdrawn**
 - Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

10. ***Projects Approved by Correspondence***

- Afghanistan 10427.0 (for information)

11. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters*** (for information)

- a) Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)
 - Haiti 10386.0
 - Lesotho 10582.0
 - Syrian Arab Republic 10678.0
- b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)
- c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)
 - Ecuador 10443.0
 - Ghana 10673.0
 - Mauritania 10605.0
 - Niger 10611.0
 - Pakistan 10671.0
 - Senegal 10612.0
 - Zambia 10593.0
- d) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)
- e) Report on the Use of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2007)

12. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2008–2009) (for information)

13. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

- a) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007 (for consideration)
- b) Update on WFP Food Procurement (for information)
- c) Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (for information)
- d) Information Note on the Implementation of Security Management Arrangements (for information)
- e) WFP Security Report 2007 (for information)

14. *Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2008*
(for endorsement)

15. *Other Business*

- Report of the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Haiti (for information)

16. *Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations*



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| Member: | Ms Lamya Ahmed Al-Saqqaf (Kuwait) |
| Alternate: | Mr Noel D. De Luna (Philippines) |
| Member: | Mr Manuel Antonio Álvarez Espinal (Peru) |
| Alternate: | H.E. Enrique Moret Echeverría (Cuba) |
| Member: | H.E. James Alexander Harvey (United Kingdom) |
| Alternate: | Mr Richard Newberg (United States of America) |
| Rapporteur: | Mr Manuel Antonio Álvarez Espinal (Peru) |

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2008

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda (Annex I).

4 February 2008

Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board elected H.E. José Eduardo Dantas Ferreira Barbosa (Cape Verde, List A) as President for a one-year term. H.E. El Hadj Thierno Mamadou Cellou Diallo (Guinea, List A) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected Mr Evgeny F. Utkin (Russian Federation, List E) as Vice-President. Ms Oksana Dramaretska (Ukraine, List E) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists, for a one-year term: Ms Lamyah Ahmed Al-Saqqaf (Kuwait, List B); Mr Manuel Antonio Álvarez Espinal (Peru, List C); and H.E. James Alexander Harvey (United Kingdom, List D). Elected as Alternates were: Mr Noel D. De Luna (Philippines, List B); H.E. Enrique Moret Echeverría (Cuba, List C); and Mr Richard Newberg (United States of America, List D).

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Manuel Antonio Álvarez Espinal (Peru, List C) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2008.

4 February 2008

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2008/EB.1/1 Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

4 February 2008

ANNUAL REPORTS

2008/EB.1/2 Annual Report for 2007 to ECOSOC and FAO Council

The Board approved the “Annual Report for 2007 to ECOSOC and FAO Council” (WFP/EB.1/2008/4 + Add.1). In accordance with its decision 2004/EB.A/11 of 24 May 2004, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, along with the Board’s decisions and recommendations for 2007 and the present decision.

5 February 2008

POLICY ISSUES

2008/EB.1/3 WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011): First Draft

The Board took note of “WFP Draft Strategic Plan (2008–2011): First Draft” (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-A) and encouraged further work towards the formulation of the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011), in consultation with the Board and taking into account the issues raised by the Board during its discussion.

4 February 2008

2008/EB.1/4 WFP’s Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy

Having considered “WFP’s Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy” (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-B/1), the Board:

- endorsed the strategy for expanding private-sector partnerships and fundraising;
- approved a financing arrangement that limited the use of PSA to cover the cost of WFP’s private-sector partnership and fundraising activities;
- accepted the concept of a self-financing model initially supported by a series of advances from the General Fund that would be repaid in accordance with the schedule in Annex VI;
- noted that WFP’s private-sector partnership and fundraising advance requests would be included in biennial Management Plans with annual reporting in the Annual Performance Reports; and
- agreed that the self-financing model would be reconsidered in the context of the broader review of WFP’s financial policy framework so that it be aligned with the new Strategic Plan and changed funding environment.

The Board took note of the comments of the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-B/2–WFP/EB.1/2008/6(B,C,D,E)/2). The Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) would be submitted to the Board at its Annual Session.

5 February 2008

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2008/EB.1/5 **Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations**

The Board took note of "Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations" (WFP/EB.1/2008/6-B/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-B/2–WFP/EB.1/2008/6(B,C,D,E)/2). The Report of the ACABQ would be submitted to the Board at its Annual Session.

5 February 2008

2008/EB.1/6 **Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)**

The Board took note of "Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)" (WFP/EB.1/2008/6-D/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-B/2–WFP/EB.1/2008/6(B,C,D,E)/2). The Report of the ACABQ would be submitted to the Board at its Annual Session.

5 February 2008

EVALUATION REPORTS

2008/EB.1/7 **Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme**

The Board took note of "Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme" (WFP/EB.1/2008/7-A) and "Management Response to the Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme" (WFP/EB.1/2008/7-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

5 February 2008

SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.1/8 **Summary Evaluation Report of Kenya Emergency Operation 10374.0 and Country Programme 10264.0 (2004–2008)**

The Board took note of "Summary Evaluation Report of Kenya Emergency Operation 10374.0 and Country Programme 10264.0 (2004–2008)" (WFP/EB.1/2008/7-C) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

5 February 2008

2008/EB.1/9 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Zimbabwe 10595.0**

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Zimbabwe 10595.0 "Protracted Relief for Vulnerable Groups" (WFP/EB.1/2008/9/1).

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2008/EB.1/10 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Uganda 10121.2

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Uganda 10121.2 “Targeted Food Assistance for Relief and Recovery of Refugees, Displaced Persons and Other Vulnerable Groups” (WFP/EB.1/2008/9/3).

In addition, it requested that the Secretariat review this PRRO in light of the outcome of the discussions on the Strategic Plan and of the changing context, and present its conclusions to the Board at its First Regular Session of 2009.

6 February 2008

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.1/11 Summary Evaluation Report Colombia PRRO 10366.0

The Board took note of “Summary Evaluation Report Colombia PRRO 10366.0” (WFP/EB.1/2008/7-B) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

6 February 2008

2008/EB.1/12 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Colombia 10588.0

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Colombia 10588.0 “Food Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons and Other Highly Food-Insecure Groups Affected by Violence” (WFP/EB.1/2008/9/2 + Corr.1).

6 February 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2008/EB.1/13 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in “Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP” (WFP/EB.1/2008/12).

5 February 2008

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2008/EB.1/14 Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2007

The Board endorsed the document “Draft Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2007”, the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.2/2007/16.

6 February 2008



OTHER BUSINESS

2008/EB.1/15

Oral Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

The Board took note of the Oral Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP.

6 February 2008



AGENDA

1. *Adoption of the Agenda*
 2. *Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur*
 3. *Current and Future Strategic Issues*
 4. *Annual Reports*
 - Annual Report for 2007 to ECOSOC and FAO Council (for approval)
 5. *Policy Issues*
 - a) WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011): First Draft (for consideration)
 - b) WFP's Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy (for approval)
 6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*
 - a) Appointment and Reappointment of the External Auditor (for approval) - **withdrawn**
 - b) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations (for consideration)
 - c) Global Vehicle Leasing Programme and Self-Insurance Scheme (for information)
 - d) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (for information)
 - e) Update on the WINGS II Project (for information)
 7. *Evaluation Reports*
 - a) Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme (for consideration)
 - b) Summary Evaluation Report Colombia PRRO 10366.0 (for consideration)
 - c) Summary Evaluation Report of Kenya Emergency Operation 10374.0 and Country Programme 10264.0 (2004–2008) (for consideration)
- Operational Matters**
8. *Country Programmes* (for approval)
 - Bolivia 10596.0 (2008–2012)
 - Honduras 10538.0 (2008–2011)
 - Nicaragua 10597.0 (2008–2012)
 9. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

 - Colombia 10588.0
 - Uganda 10121.2
 - Zimbabwe 10595.0
 10. *Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters*
 - Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2007) (for information)

11. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2008–2009) (for information)

12. ***Administrative and Managerial Matters***

- Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the work of WFP (for consideration)

13. ***Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2007***

14. ***Other Business***

- Oral Report of the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (for information)

15. ***Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations***

- Decisions and Recommendations of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2008