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The Board approved the “Annual Report for 2012 to ECOSOC and FAO Council” (WFP/EB.1/2013/4). In accordance with decision 2004/EB.A/11, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to ECOSOC and the FAO Council along with the Board’s decisions and recommendations.

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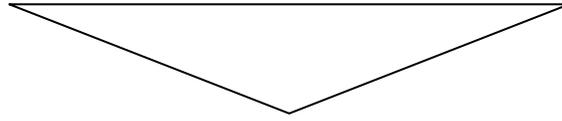
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



WFP contributed significantly to United Nations system-wide coherence, partnerships and coordinated efforts to achieve international development goals, in particular the Millennium Development Goals related to hunger, food security and nutrition. WFP continued systematic and active engagement in inter-agency mechanisms and multilateral collaboration at all levels.

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in June marked a milestone in global recognition of the importance of food security and nutrition in pursuing sustainable development towards 2015 and beyond.

WFP worked particularly closely with the Rome-based agencies, as well as the United Nations Children's Fund and other members of the Secretary-General's High-Level Task Force on Global Food Security and the Scaling Up Nutrition movement, to present joint positions for Rio+20 and the post-2015 process. This included supporting the Secretary-General's Zero Hunger Challenge and efforts to highlight the importance of food assistance, agriculture, nutrition and gender equality to sustainable development. Working within the United Nations Development Group, and in close consultation with the Committee on World Food Security, WFP and FAO co-led the post-2015 global thematic consultation on hunger, food security and nutrition.

WFP contributed to joint United Nations Development Group positions for United Nations General Assembly deliberations on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, which focused on increasing the coherence and results orientation of United Nations system-wide efforts.

WFP played an active role at the Fifth High-Level Inter-Governmental Conference on Delivering as One held in Tirana, Albania in June 2012, with the participation of the Executive Director. WFP continued its involvement in "One United Nations" programmes in Delivering as One pilot countries and took an active part in the process to develop standard operating procedures for countries voluntarily adopting the Delivering as One approach, as well as to review cost-sharing models for the Resident Coordinator system.

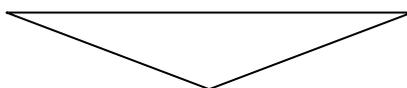
WFP worked with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children's Fund and other Inter-Agency Standing Committee members to implement the Transformative Agenda, aimed at improving leadership and accountability in humanitarian assistance. As leader or co-leader of three clusters, WFP coordinated responses to major emergencies in the Sahel, South Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Collaboration with other Rome-based agencies, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other international organizations on the development and food security agendas of the G20 and G8 contributed to high-level support for food security, nutrition and humanitarian assistance. This included the removal of export restrictions and extraordinary taxes on food purchased by WFP for humanitarian purposes.

Important progress on policy coherence regarding safety nets was achieved with the creation of the Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board, and with the recommendation of the 39th Session of the Committee on World Food Security regarding the need for strong linkages between social protection and food security.

The annual WFP partnership consultations, which took place in October 2012, were the largest to date. These consultations involved the participation of 48 non-governmental organizations, three international organizations and four United Nations agencies.

DRAFT DECISION*



The Board approves the “Annual Report for 2012 to ECOSOC and FAO Council” (WFP/EB.1/2013/4). In accordance with decision 2004/EB.A/11, the Board requests that the Annual Report be forwarded to ECOSOC and the FAO Council along with the Board’s decisions and recommendations.

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document issued at the end of the session.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE COHERENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the Post-2015 Agenda

1. WFP played an active role in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), which marked a milestone in the sustainable development agenda, as well as for Rome-based agency (RBA) collaboration. The Secretary-General (SG) deemed Rio+20 a success, with agreement on the Rio outcome document *The Future We Want* representing “an important victory for multilateralism”.
2. From the perspective of the RBAs and the SG’s High-Level Task Force on Global Food Security (HLTF), Rio+20 marked several major achievements. Issues of hunger, food security and nutrition, resilience-building and gender equality – the main thrust of WFP’s collective messaging, position papers and multilateral work – were among the top priority areas. Disaster risk reduction, resilience-building and social protection were other areas in the outcome document of great importance to WFP. The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement also received due attention.
3. A joint RBA-organized official side event, with high-level, multi-stakeholder participation, constituted the main food security manifestation at Rio+20. During this event, the SG launched the Zero Hunger Challenge, an important initiative on access to food, safety nets, nutrition and smallholder production, in the context of the post-2015 process.
4. WFP also coordinated its preparatory efforts for Rio+20 through, among others, the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs Plus mechanism in New York.
5. The SG has facilitated the emergence of an inclusive, consultative course of action on the post-Millennium Development Goal (MDG) process involving a broad range of stakeholders, and a United Nations System Task Team in which WFP was an active participant, and where the RBAs coordinated positions and inputs, leading to an SG report *Realizing the Future We Want for All*, where hunger, food and nutrition feature prominently among the sustainable development dimensions.
6. The United Nations Development Group (UNDG) launched a process of national post-2015 dialogues in over 50 countries, and the convening of global thematic consultations on 11 themes (inequalities; population; health; education; growth and employment; conflict and fragility; governance; environmental sustainability; energy; water; and hunger, food security and nutrition).
7. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and WFP are co-chairing the UNDG global thematic consultation on hunger, food security and nutrition, together with some of our main partners, and with the Governments of Spain and Colombia as hosts. The outcome of our involvement in these consultation processes is aimed at ensuring, within the post-2015 discussions, that high priority is given to issues of hunger.

8. WFP regional bureaux and country offices are involved in the national dialogues, working with Resident Coordinators and country teams, and in close coordination with FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other inter-agency partners.

System-Wide Coherence and Reform of Operational Activities for Development

9. WFP continued collaboration with United Nations agencies in line with General Assembly resolutions on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review and system-wide coherence as well as related ECOSOC resolutions, as member of the Chief Executives' Board (CEB), the High-Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP), the undg, and the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM).
10. System-wide coordination in preparation for, and follow up to, Rio+20 were key elements of the work of the CEB and HLCP, where WFP contributed to a focus on issues of hunger and food security and the linkages to sustainable development-related topics, climate change, the implications of population growth and migration, and other issues of relevance to the role of the HLCP in enhancing analytical and programmatic coherence.
11. The undg developed joint positions for the SG's Report on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR), which should be instrumental in ensuring a more responsive and results-oriented United Nations development system. The QCPR resolution highlights the importance of operational efficiency and coherence at country level, cost-effectiveness and harmonization of business practices, and informs the strategic plans of the United Nations operational agencies, funds and programmes.
12. WFP has been coordinating with United Nations agencies including UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN-Women and the RBAs in the preparation of its Strategic Plan (2014–2017).
13. Following ECOSOC resolution 2011/7, the undg reviewed existing funding modalities in support of the Resident Coordinator (RC) System, including appropriate burden-sharing arrangements among relevant United Nations organizations. An independent study was undertaken to provide the undg with an overview of the current functions, capacities and funding modalities of the RC System. WFP actively engaged in this review throughout 2012, and the undg Chair is expected to brief CEB members on its outcome in 2013.
14. WFP had six active RCs in 2012, including two women, working in Algeria, Cambodia, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar and Pakistan. WFP has seven candidates in the RC pools and several staff members participated in the Resident Coordinator Assessment Centre process.

"One United Nations" Initiative

15. WFP, including its Executive Director, were closely involved with undg partners in preparations for and participation at the Fifth High-Level Intergovernmental Conference on Delivering as One, held in Tirana in June 2012. The Conference reaffirmed the Delivering as One approach as a driver of reform and system-wide coherence in operational activities for development, stating that the focus should increasingly be on managing for results.

16. The Tirana outcome document recognized that important progress had been achieved at country level and called on agency headquarters and governing bodies to focus on systemic changes, including the simplification and harmonization of business practices. This area was also highlighted in this year's Independent Evaluation of Lessons Learned from Delivering as One.
17. The Outcome Document asked the United Nations to develop guidance for countries wishing to voluntarily adopt Delivering as One. WFP is part of an inter-agency High-Level Group formed to take this task forward under the auspices of the UNDG. These standard operating procedures, organized around the six "pillars" of the Delivering as One approach – one programme, one common budgetary framework, one fund, one leader, one office and one voice – will provide an integrated package of guidance and enable programme countries to make an informed decision on the modalities of delivery of assistance by the United Nations.
18. In the previous reporting year, WFP collaborated with United Nations agencies in 83 joint programmes in 47 countries, an increase from 2010 where WFP reported 74 joint programmes in 45 countries. Country-level activities with partners included participation in United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs), joint food security assessments, emergency preparedness coordination, and nutrition and school meals interventions.
19. WFP furthered its engagement in Delivering as One pilots in Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda and the United Republic of Tanzania; it also supported countries which have voluntarily adopted Delivering as One approaches. In Mozambique, WFP continued to lead the "One United Nations" telecommunications service, and chaired one of the three UNDAF Development Results Groups, which enhanced coordination in the areas of agriculture, disaster risk reduction, employment, food security and humanitarian assistance. WFP and partners in Pakistan supported the strengthening of early warning systems, vulnerability and risk assessments, along with infrastructure improvements such as the construction of warehouses.
20. Activities within the "One United Nations" pilot in Rwanda were closely aligned with the Government's national development plans that aim to address poverty and food insecurity in rural areas. In the United Republic of Tanzania, interventions with United Nations partners included support to smallholder farmers, assisting the Government through capacity development in emergency preparedness and response, and provision of food assistance and basic services for refugees. WFP also took part in the joint internal audit of Delivering as One in the country.
21. In addition, WFP piloted an auditor exchange with IFAD, where an IFAD auditor joined a WFP audit mission, and a WFP auditor joined an IFAD audit mission.

Simplification and Harmonization of Business Practices

22. One important focus of the HLCM was country-level information and communications technology (ICT) harmonization and standardization. In response to the call for proposals by the Harmonization of Business Practices Working Group of the HLCM, WFP developed a proposal for common ICT projects covering six countries, which will contribute to formulation of a common strategy for United Nations ICT services. WFP also contributed to HLCM work in areas such as human resources, finance and budget and procurement.
23. Through the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) task force, WFP shared lessons learned on IPSAS implementation.

Common Services and Premises

24. WFP currently shares 113 buildings with other United Nations agencies. Approximately half of these shared arrangements occur in sub-offices, indicating significant inter-agency collaboration in premises at the deep field level. WFP joined UNICEF, UNDP and the International Organization for Migration in the new International Humanitarian City offices provided rent free by the Government of the United Arab Emirates. In Bhutan, WFP was active in designing the new United Nations House, which was begun in mid-2012 on land granted by the Government.
25. WFP worked with UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA and the International Code Council to finalize the *Performance-based Guidelines for the Design and Construction of UNGF Common Premises Office Buildings*, which provides technical standards for common premises office safety and comfort.

Performance and Risk Management

26. The HLCM requested that WFP share best practices in implementing a new internal control framework and annual Statement on Internal Control. This exchange of best practices underscores the importance of integrating risk management into dialogue on performance with legislative bodies and Member States, as well as the further integration of risk management into programme planning.
27. Risk management has already been mainstreamed into the development of WFP's operations, and support from integrated missions is provided to high-profile and complex operations. A network of performance and risk champions was established in field offices to monitor risks and mitigation actions. A web-based system was developed to track and record risks automatically in order to further assist in risk analysis.
28. WFP issued a Risk Appetite Statement as an important step towards providing a shared vision throughout the organization and to stakeholders on how WFP views risk.

Resource Management and Accountability

29. The WFP Management Plan (2013–2015) was prepared during WFP's ongoing reorganization. It introduces the realigned structure of WFP and describes the actions required to maximize efficiency and effectiveness in an increasingly complex operating environment.
30. In line with system-wide efforts to enhance business practices, transparency and accountability, recommendations from the revision of WFP's financial framework continued to be implemented. These recommendations are intended to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of food assistance, and ensure transparent funding for tools such as cash and vouchers and capacity development. WFP is also undertaking the necessary enhancements to the WFP Information Network and Global System (WINGS): the first phase was completed in 2012 and the comprehensive solution for the new financial framework is expected to "go live" in 2013.
31. In line with a new policy on disclosure of oversight reports, internal audit and inspection reports will be published on WFP's website. WFP also joined the International Aid Transparency Initiative, signalling a commitment to transparency and common international standards for the publication of aid data.

32. The forward purchase facility greatly enhanced WFP's emergency response capacity. In the Sahel crisis, country offices gained an average of 56 days of supply lead time. Overall, country offices purchasing from the corporate inventory achieved an average gain of 62 days.

Funding for Operational Activities¹

33. As of November, WFP's funding for the year was expected to reach US\$3.75 billion against assessed needs totalling US\$6.87 billion. WFP had confirmed US\$3.5 billion in contributions from 98 sources, including 90 government donors. Despite global financial challenges, 2012 yielded the first rise in WFP funding since 2008, with over 50 donors giving more in 2012 than in 2011, and 29 donors giving record amounts. WFP's top 20 government donors were: the United States of America, Canada, the European Commission, the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, Germany, Sweden, Brazil, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Denmark, France, Finland, Pakistan, Honduras, Iraq and Ireland.
34. An all-time high of US\$140 million was contributed by 39 programme governments – 4 percent of total contributions; of this, US\$131 million was for operations in their own countries.
35. The need to secure flexible and predictable funding remained a high priority, based on the tenets of good humanitarian donorship and the Paris Declaration. WFP continued to work with government partners on multi-year strategic partnership agreements; Norway was the most recent signatory. By November 2012, multi-year funding had grown to US\$391 million – 11 percent of overall contributions – compared to 4 percent in 2010.
36. Multilateral contributions allow for early response while providing the flexibility to allocate funding where it is needed most; 38 donors had provided US\$405 million in multilateral funding (12 percent of total contributions). The Immediate Response Account (IRA) continued to be a critical channel for multilateral funding in 2012, facilitating rapid responses in the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and for the Syrian crisis among others. A total of US\$43 million had been received for the IRA.
37. WFP received US\$193 million from multi-donor funding sources. The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), among WFP's top funding sources since its inception, provided over US\$134 million, the bulk of the support among the multi-donor funds, often as a first call for emergencies. Another US\$26 million was provided through pooled humanitarian funding mechanisms at the country level. WFP also received US\$7.2 million in 2011 and over US\$12 million in 2012 through the expanded Delivering as One funding window.
38. In a continued effort to identify innovative funding mechanisms, WFP is finalizing two agreements for food-for-education activities, similar to the successful Egypt–Italy debt-for-development swap.
39. Twinning arrangements allowed WFP to match donor funds with in-kind contributions from host governments and emerging donors in order to ensure full-cost recovery for transport, distribution and monitoring. Twinning arrangements valued at US\$234 million were confirmed by November 2012. This included cash contributions of US\$110 million twinned with 281,000 mt of in-kind contributions valued at US\$124 million from 16 countries.

¹ All 2012 statistics are as of 25 November 2012.

40. Donations from the private sector were projected to reach US\$55 million by the end of 2012, and WFP's e-mail support base continued to rise, with 49 percent growth in 2012.

Humanitarian Reform

41. In 2012, field-level implementation of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Transformative Agenda began and practical guidelines were developed. The three main focus areas were humanitarian leadership, coordination and accountability. WFP brought a wealth of experience to these components of the Transformative Agenda, ensuring that they constructively address identified weaknesses and that coordination is oriented towards enabling the delivery of humanitarian assistance.
42. Protocols for the declaration of a system-wide response to a level-3 emergency were elaborated along with terms of reference for an empowered Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) during the first three months of a response. A level-3 HC roster was compiled which includes two senior managers from WFP. The Inter-Agency Rapid Response Mechanism was tested to facilitate the swift deployment of staff to support leadership and coordination in a level-3 response. The imperative is to deploy staff rapidly pending more thorough assessments of required support.
43. Another component of the Transformative Agenda involved working with IASC partners to develop a cluster coordination reference module, which provides guidance on the cluster approach on areas such as cluster activation, management arrangements, leadership and performance monitoring.
44. The IASC Principals endorsed five commitments on accountability to affected populations, and agreed to incorporate them into organizational policies and guidelines, and promote them with operational partners. The Humanitarian Programme Cycle was linked to a Humanitarian Strategic Plan during 2012, further enhancing accountability.
45. In April, WFP became co-chair with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) of the IASC Needs Assessments Task Force. This group is to help roll out coordinated needs assessments, provide technical support for the multi-sector initial rapid assessment tool and support capacity development.
46. WFP had five staff members in the IASC HC pool in 2012, including one woman.
47. In 2012, for the first time WFP hosted the IASC Principals meeting and the launch of the 2013 Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP). The OCHA Emergency Relief Coordinator and WFP's Executive Director were joined by the Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis for the latter event.
48. WFP participated in all 27 humanitarian appeals in 2012, including 20 consolidated appeals and one flash appeal. Total requirements under the 2012 CAP amounted to US\$8.8 billion, of which WFP's needs accounted for 36 percent. WFP resourced 82 percent of its requirements included under the 2012 appeals.
49. WFP was an active participant in the Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs (ECHA), which supports high-level communication and coordination among United Nations agencies on humanitarian issues. The UNDG and ECHA Joint Working Group on Transition Issues was co-chaired by WFP and UNDP.

50. The global food security cluster co-led by WFP and FAO, and involving around 35 participating organizations, supported up to 40 national coordination systems. Increased lead-agency and partnership engagement has made the cluster an effective tool for humanitarian food security response. In Somalia, cluster activities are carried out with over 400 partners, and the Somalia food security cluster is also engaging in local leadership capacity at the sub-national level. In Afghanistan, WFP and FAO collaboration with the non-governmental organization (NGO) Afghan Aid highlighted the benefits of sharing cluster management responsibilities, leading to greater partner involvement, improved advocacy and better information management.–
51. The 2012 global logistics cluster evaluation commissioned by WFP, UNICEF and the Netherlands found that logistics cluster operations led to enhanced programme delivery. Following a recommendation from the evaluation, the logistics cluster developed a strategic plan aimed at enhancing effectiveness. The cluster engaged several humanitarian and private-sector partners to support operations in the Sahel, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen.
52. The WFP-led emergency telecommunications (ETC) cluster continued its partnership with *emergency.lu*, a public–private partnership initiated by the Government of Luxembourg to provide satellite infrastructure and services to the international humanitarian community. This integrated ETC platform was deployed in Mali and South Sudan, providing free internet, voice communication and coordination services to over 3,000 humanitarian workers.
53. The United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) provides its 51 humanitarian partners with comprehensive supply chain solutions; in 2012, it provided relief items and logistics services amounting to US\$30 million. UNHRD’s emergency preparedness and response capacity was further enhanced with the completion of premises in Subang, Malaysia; the relocation of the Dubai depot to the International Humanitarian City in the United Arab Emirates; and the establishment of a UNHRD antenna in Las Palmas, Spain.
54. The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service was active in 14 countries, including Afghanistan, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen. It provided air services to 400 destinations and 870 humanitarian organizations, donors and media entities. Building capacity among WFP staff, other United Nations agencies, NGOs and governments remained a major focus of WFP’s aviation efforts at the local level, with more than 280 people trained in aviation disciplines. WFP entered into a strategic partnership with the Economic Community of West African States to foster efficient humanitarian air services in West Africa and increase cooperation around aviation.
55. In order to enhance its work in countries undergoing transition, WFP and Harvard University’s Programme for Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research conducted a training session on integrated mission planning.
56. As a member of the Integration Steering Group chaired by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), WFP provided technical experts for an inter-agency review of policy and guidance on integrated planning in the field.

COHERENCE IN ACHIEVING FOOD SECURITY

Global Food Security

57. The CFS, whose Secretariat consists of WFP, FAO and IFAD, further consolidated its role as the foremost inter-governmental, international and multi-stakeholder platform for food security and nutrition.
58. WFP was part of efforts to approve the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security, the main global reference and guidance on the topic, with the aim of achieving food security for all and supporting the realization of the right to adequate food.
59. The 39th Session of the CFS (CFS 39) yielded several important outcomes, including: a policy linking social protection and food security; endorsement of the first version of the Global Strategic Framework on Food Security and Nutrition; proposals to prepare an Agenda for Action to address food insecurity in protracted crises; and agreement to develop principles for responsible agricultural investment. Further to reports by the CFS High-Level Panel of Experts, WFP and FAO organized a policy roundtable on social protection for food security, and another on food security and climate change, which resulted in key recommendations.
60. WFP and its partners continued to address the effect of high and volatile food prices on the most vulnerable within the HLTF. The HLTF has played a key role in ensuring coordination and coherence among its members on rising food prices as well as assessing risks, humanitarian impact, programme and policy implications, and developing public positions. Joint messaging was also developed by the HLTF for Rio+20 and the post-2015 process.
61. Important results were also achieved under the Mexican Presidency of the G20. Together with the RBAs and HLTF, WFP promoted social protection issues as well as food security and nutrition. Outcomes from the G20's development work included the establishment of the Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board and a reaffirmation of the G20's commitment to remove export restrictions and extraordinary taxes on food purchased by WFP for humanitarian purposes.
62. WFP also continued contributing to the work of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), a G20 initiative to enhance food-market transparency and foster coordination of policy action in responding to international price volatility. AMIS developed a database, which provides supply and demand statistics on specific commodities for participating countries, and a market monitor for information on global grain market conditions.
63. The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition, announced at the May 2012 G8 Summit, is a partnership among African leaders, G8 countries and the private sector to achieve global food security. WFP is engaged in the New Alliance in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mozambique and the United Republic of Tanzania, working on, among other things, opportunities to support innovative risk-management tools to protect the poor and smallholder farmers, and measures to improve the nutritional status of women and children through interventions drawing on private-sector expertise.

64. An agreement signed in Johannesburg in November 2012 by 18 countries established the African Risk Capacity – a ground-breaking weather insurance project – as a specialized agency of the African Union. This new mechanism is particularly relevant in light of the drought in the Horn of Africa and the ongoing Sahel crisis, and will be able to offer insurance coverage to countries in 2013.
65. WFP's contribution to implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 involved innovative food assistance tools such as the implementation of cash-and-voucher interventions in 27 least developed countries in 2012. WFP also assisted national governments in: assessing the potential for local production of nutritious foods; food procurement; and measures such as twinning arrangements. WFP's policies, rules and regulations continued to foresee special financial measures and cost waivers for least developed countries. WFP, FAO and IFAD established a working group on agriculture, food security and nutrition, and rural development to support implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action.

Nutrition Coherence and Collaboration

66. WFP hosts the secretariat of REACH, an initiative on ending child hunger and undernutrition. WFP's Executive Director is a member of the SUN Lead Group, representing a broader network consisting of both REACH and the Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN). Since September 2011, WFP has chaired the SCN, where WFP, FAO, UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other partner organizations collaborate to harmonize technical and policy guidance on nutrition.
67. In 2012, REACH expanded to 12 countries, all of which are SUN countries. In those countries, REACH is strengthening government capacity to scale up nutrition actions and improve nutrition management. More than 20 REACH facilitators were trained and deployed in all 12 countries, and are conducting multi-stakeholder analyses to address systemic gaps.
68. In line with its 2012 nutrition policy, WFP continued to scale up the development and use of specialized nutrition products and expand coverage during the critical 1,000 days from the start of pregnancy until age 2. The number of children under 2 receiving specialized nutrition products increased from 50,000 in 2008 to 3.2 million in 2011.
69. In Afghanistan, WFP partnered with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition to produce an almond-based nutritious food product to treat malnourished children; half of its ingredients were sourced locally. In Ethiopia, WFP was part of an innovative public-private partnership with local farmers and manufacturers to develop a nutritious food product for children using locally grown chickpeas. WFP is also a member of the WHO Nutrition Guidance Expert Advisory Group, contributing to the harmonization of global guidelines on nutrition interventions, including those for treating moderate acute malnutrition among children; and nutrition for people living with HIV and tuberculosis (TB) patients.
70. In 2012, WFP continued contributing to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) strategic goals by working with the other ten UNAIDS Cosponsors. WFP established an inter-agency task team on food, nutrition and HIV, which promoted the integration of food and nutrition within HIV response. WFP supported HIV and TB programmes in 38 countries in 2011, providing food and nutrition support to 2.3 million beneficiaries.² WFP's successful collaboration with governments, United Nations agencies and partners, and its effective design and implementation of HIV

² Figures for 2012 were not available at the time this document was finalized.

and TB programmes, opened up new opportunities for funding. In Swaziland, WFP received US\$9 million in Global Fund grant money through the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS for an innovative two-year programme targeting orphans and other vulnerable children.

71. The 2013 FAO/WHO International Conference on Nutrition +21 will bring together policymakers, global and regional institutions, civil society, NGOs and the private sector to identify policy options and provide institutional guidance. WFP is a member of the Conference steering committee, which was launched in 2012 to support the planning process.

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

72. Since its establishment in 2010, the WFP Gender Innovations Fund, supported by Australia, Germany and the private sector, has funded 41 projects in 35 countries, 10 of these projects in 2012. The fund allows WFP to promote initiatives on gender mainstreaming and gender equality, and foster partnerships at the country level.
73. In 2012, the fund supported an innovative, gender-sensitive, community-based risk analysis project in Zambia. In Bolivia, men and boys from food-insecure and emergency-affected households were trained in childcare and nutrition, leading to their increased involvement in food and nutrition-related responsibilities. In southern Africa, a project was implemented to detect, prevent and mitigate gender-based violence in WFP operations.
74. With the support of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), WFP is working to improve reporting on gender equality and women's empowerment, and has adopted the IASC Gender Marker to ensure the integration of gender into all projects. Training on gender analysis and the IASC Gender Marker was conducted in 2012, providing over 100 WFP staff members with the knowledge and skills to mainstream gender into their work.
75. WFP continued participating in inter-agency networks on gender at both the executive and operational levels, including the Executive Committee on Peace and Security, and the IASC Task Force on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. A senior focal point was designated for the task force and a work plan for 2012–2013 developed. WFP established an advisory group to address sexual exploitation and abuse within its operations.
76. In addition, WFP is a member of the Inter-Agency Network on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and is involved in rolling out the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. WFP's gender mainstreaming accountability framework, which holds senior managers accountable for ensuring that gender is integrated into WFP's work, is aligned with this action plan.
77. Collaboration among WFP, the other RBAs and UN-Women on gender issues continued in areas including capacity development, joint programming and joint events. In March 2012, IFAD hosted International Women's Day on behalf of the RBAs. WFP hosted the Executive Director of UN-Women to discuss the joint programme Accelerating Progress Toward the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women, which was launched in 2012. This five-year joint programme aims to improve the livelihoods and defend the rights of rural women and girls in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nepal, Niger and Rwanda.

Collaboration Among the Rome-Based Agencies

78. WFP, FAO and IFAD continued to enhance collaboration at the global, regional and national levels during 2012, including a strengthened dialogue among senior management on the ongoing reform of all three agencies. WFP's "Fit for Purpose" strategy identified partnerships – including those among the RBAs – as one of its seven priority themes. Dialogue on further enhancing partnerships will continue as WFP develops its new Strategic Plan.
79. WFP and FAO collaborated on 86 projects in 50 countries, including agricultural projects, joint food-security thematic groups and joint assessments. WFP and IFAD collaborated on 9 projects in 11 countries, primarily through food-for-work, food-for-training and micro-credit programmes.²
80. In an effort to mitigate the effects of drought in eastern Kenya, the RBAs are implementing a project to improve resilience and enhance gender equality. The agencies have combined their resources in Mozambique, through the "One United Nations" initiative to support smallholder farmers in accessing markets. As a result, the marketable surpluses of 33,000 farmers have increased by as much as 30 percent. Country-level collaboration will continue under the European Union-funded MDG1 Acceleration Programme, which aims to enhance livelihoods through improved utilization of nutritious foods.
81. WFP and FAO jointly implemented crop and food security assessment missions in Cambodia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia and South Sudan.
82. Following CFS decisions, WFP, FAO and IFAD organized the High-Level Expert Forum on Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises; its findings and recommendations will guide a working group convened to take the process forward. This includes the preparation of an agenda for action for food security in countries in protracted crises.
83. Under the FAO–WFP joint strategy on information systems for food and nutrition security, WFP, FAO and the International Food Policy Research Institute launched the Food Security Information Network aimed at helping countries and regions to strengthen their own food security information systems.
84. WFP, FAO and other partners continued collaborating through the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) steering committee to support IPC implementation. In September, a new version was released and WFP and FAO facilitated IPC training and analysis in several countries where both agencies are present.
85. Through the IFAD/WFP Weather Risk Management Facility, the two agencies began joint research on the use of remote sensing technologies for weather index insurance in support of smallholder farmers. WFP and FAO worked with NGO partners to strengthen collaboration on urban issues through the IASC's Meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas Task Force. During the 2012 World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy, WFP and FAO hosted an event on the challenges of assessing needs and assisting people in urban areas.

86. The *State of Food Insecurity in the World* reports are a regular area of RBA collaboration; the 2012 report was presented at CFS 39 in October. These agencies also hosted a side event with the European Union at CFS 39 to discuss, among other issues, how the 2011 Statement of Intent – a framework for collaboration – can be operationalized. The Global Governance for Hunger Reduction Programme is an initial example of collaboration under this framework.
87. The RBAs continued improving administrative collaboration through the common procurement team, which focuses on joint tendering, with combined savings projected at 3 percent of contract value. Beyond savings and administrative efficiencies, new platforms for inter-agency cooperation and opportunities for harmonizing regulations and procedures were identified.

Capacity Development

88. In 2012, WFP developed a set of guidance materials for capacity development, including a toolkit to assist country offices in working more strategically. The National Capacity Index, a new monitoring and evaluation framework for capacity development, was designed and is now included in WFP's Strategic Results Framework. This index aims to capture progress in capacity development and serve as a tool for designing capacity development activities.
89. Efforts to facilitate knowledge-sharing included documenting best practices in capacity development and hand-over of WFP-assisted food security programmes to national government partners. This information was disseminated to regional bureaux and country offices through the *Programme Guidance Manual*.

South–South and Triangular Cooperation

90. In 2012, WFP and the Government of Chile carried out capacity-strengthening initiatives on nutrition and food security with the governments of Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua and Paraguay. Regional bureau and Honduras country office staff undertook a joint mission with Mexican officials to the WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil to exchange knowledge about school feeding initiatives.
91. The WFP Centre for Excellence also began capacity development work with Bangladesh, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Timor-Leste and the United Republic of Tanzania. The Centre hosted study visits from 15 countries, received 17 missions and hosted 200 government representatives. Eleven country missions took place, and action plans developed to determine follow-up.
92. The Purchase from Africans for Africa programme involving WFP, FAO, Brazil and the United Kingdom was launched in Brasilia in July 2012. The programme supports smallholder farmers in agricultural recovery, conducts local food purchase and distribution, and promotes learning.
93. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) established a disaster emergency logistics system in 2012 to strengthen disaster preparedness and response capacity in the region. WFP's new UNHRD facility in Subang, Malaysia is now responsible for managing a stockpile of ASEAN relief items. This stockpile, primarily funded by the Government of Japan, will provide resources to ASEAN countries in the event of crises and allow participating countries to jointly respond and assist one another.

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES

Non-Governmental Organizations

94. The 2012 Annual WFP Partnership Consultations had a broader geographical representation of NGO partners than in past years. The new format placed WFP's NGO partners in a leadership role and allowed for a more strategic and frank dialogue that focused on practical recommendations, which were then shared with the WFP Board membership. WFP recognizes the need to refine its partnership with NGOs and international organizations, including greater consultation to establish more open and robust engagement in programme design and to develop innovative ways of working together.
95. WFP and Oxfam America began to roll out the R4 Rural Resilience Initiative in Senegal in 2012. R4 is a strategic partnership between WFP and Oxfam America, supported by USAID, Swiss Re and the Rockefeller Foundation. It aims to test an integrated risk-management approach that combines safety nets with community disaster risk reduction, micro-insurance, credit and savings.
96. WFP also worked with the Cash Learning Partnership, composed of Oxfam Great Britain, the British Red Cross, Save the Children, the Norwegian Refugee Council and Action Against Hunger/ACF International, to develop training on cash and voucher transfer programming.
97. In Niger, WFP, *Médecins sans frontières* and Epicentre researched the effects of various blanket approaches on acute malnutrition levels in children under 2 and their households. The results of this study are expected to guide large-scale nutrition programming.
98. In 2011,² WFP collaborated with more than 2,100 NGOs – 90 percent of them local organizations – and many other partners from the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Together, these partners distributed 1.9 million mt of food on behalf of WFP, representing around half the total food distributed.

Purchase for Progress

99. Non-governmental organizations have been crucial partners in the Purchase for Progress (P4P) initiative. With their strong grassroots base working with farmers' organizations, 160 NGOs partnered with P4P to build capacity, facilitate access to credit, improve post-harvest handling and promote gender equality.
100. WFP, FAO and IFAD have also seized many opportunities to work together to support P4P. WFP joined a working group on RBA collaboration around the International Year of Cooperatives 2012, and collaborated on side events to promote it, for instance during the Farmers' Forum convened by IFAD. In addition, FAO and IFAD are members of P4P's technical review panel, which meets annually to guide implementation.
101. FAO has provided supply-side and technical assistance in agricultural production in 11 countries, making it the most central P4P partner within the United Nations system. This support includes provision of improved seeds and post-harvest handling equipment; capacity building for farmers' organizations; and technical support in infrastructure development.
102. In Burkina Faso and Zambia, IFAD provided support to P4P in agricultural production and market value-chain development. Discussions regarding cooperation to facilitate access to credit for smallholders are ongoing in Ethiopia and Ghana.

Cash and Vouchers

103. By October 2012, WFP was implementing 63 cash-based operations with a combined transfer value of over US\$356 million, or more than 7 percent of WFP's programme of work. This compares with US\$203 million in 2011, US\$138 million in 2010 and US\$41 million in 2009. In the longer term, WFP aims to optimize the use of cash and vouchers: by 2015, they could account for up to 40 percent of all transfers.
104. WFP developed new tools and processes, and training for staff on cash-and-voucher transfers, reaching more than 250 operational managers. In addition to modifying its approach to response analysis in order to inform the choice of transfer modality, WFP developed a corporate system to facilitate cash-and-voucher transfer management and delivery, and a more rapid deployment at scale. Cash and vouchers were used to good effect during 2012 in the emergency responses to both the Sahel and Syrian Arab Republic crises.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience-Building

105. During the negotiations for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, WFP highlighted the need for fast-track funding to protect vulnerable and food-insecure people from climate-related risks, and emphasized the relationship of resilience to the underlying causes of vulnerability and food insecurity. A 2012 seminar with WFP's Executive Board, FAO, IFAD, the World Bank and other partners provided opportunities to share current thinking on resilience, including the links with disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and social protection.
106. At the regional level, WFP supported initiatives such as the Global Alliance for Action for Drought Resilience and Growth in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel, and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)'s Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI). Updates of both the existing Memorandum of Understanding between WFP and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development and its action plan were initiated in 2012 to take into account both IDDRSI, and the Regional Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Platform, of which WFP is a member of the Interim Steering Committee.
107. WFP also strengthened regional and national capacities to carry out resilience interventions at scale. The Regional Bureau for West Africa and the Regional Bureau for East and Central Africa facilitated "operationalizing resilience" workshops for country offices. Several of these country offices are planning seasonal livelihood consultations with local partners, community representatives and local governments.
108. WFP played a lead role supporting the World Meteorological Organization in the development of the implementation plan for the Global Framework for Climate Services, which was approved in October 2012. Support to the disaster risk reduction and food security and agriculture components of this framework included case studies and technical expertise on the use of climate services for early warning, food security analysis, and risk management and financing.

109. As a member of the HLCP Senior Managers Group for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, WFP collaborated with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNDP and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to develop the United Nations Compact on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience. This compact aims to guide United Nations efforts on disaster risk reduction and resilience in the years following the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005–2015).

World Bank

110. WFP collaborated with the World Bank and other partners to set up the Sahel Response Emergency Portal, which provides information and spatial data related to the drought emergency. In addition, WFP became an official partner of Secure Nutrition, a World Bank-funded knowledge platform that seeks to bridge knowledge gaps among agriculture, nutrition and food-security practitioners.
111. The World Bank commissioned a qualitative study on real-time monitoring of social impacts of the food crisis in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan based upon WFP's data-collection systems.
112. Collaboration between the WFP school feeding team and the World Bank continued through joint appearances at the Global Child Nutrition Forum in Addis Ababa and joint technical-support missions.
113. WFP worked with the World Bank Agricultural Risk Management Team in the context of the G8, and G20 Platform on Agricultural Risk Management to coordinate efforts on risk assessment and agricultural index insurance.
114. In May 2012, the Bank and WFP expanded an existing technical assistance agreement to include technical advisory services in the area of investment management.

Social Protection and Safety Nets

115. An important outcome for WFP of the G20's development work was the establishment in 2012 of the Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board, chaired by the World Bank and the International Labour Organization (ILO). The board aims to enhance global coordination and advocacy on social-protection issues and coordinate international cooperation on country-driven actions. It provides an important platform for system-wide coherence of policies and programmes at the centre of WFP's work, linking safety nets for food security and social protection, adding to the inter-agency architecture including the HLTF and the SUN movement. The conclusions of the CFS regarding food security and social protection provide additional support for work in this area.
116. WFP's updated 2012 safety nets policy is aligned with the social-protection initiatives of a number of partner organizations such as the World Bank and UNICEF, and provides a solid framework for integrating safety nets in general, and those for food assistance in particular, within the broader social-protection realm.
117. WFP has a unique role to play regarding safety nets: school feeding programmes, which WFP implements with governments, United Nations and NGO partners, reach 26 million children worldwide. Other important safety nets include mother-and-child nutrition, food-for-work and food-for-assets programmes. In Ethiopia, WFP and partners have supported the Government's Productive Safety Net Programme since 2005. This programme supports 7.5 million people, 80 percent of whom participate in public works and asset-creation activities.

Private-Sector Partnerships

118. Private-sector expertise and engagement in public-private partnerships helped to integrate innovative approaches into the field of nutrition. WFP partnered with the life-science company DSM on improving the formulation of fortified blended foods and introducing fortified rice and micronutrient powders into its food basket. It entered into a partnership with MasterCard to deliver innovative solutions for meeting the needs of vulnerable populations: for instance, the firm will provide expertise in technology and payment systems to assist WFP in scaling up the delivery of vouchers.
119. In 2012, WFP celebrated the tenth anniversary of its first corporate partnership with global logistics company TNT, which has been invaluable to WFP's supply chain management, emergency operations, school feeding programmes and advocacy activities. The partnership has also opened the door for broader engagement with the private sector to find better ways to deliver food.
120. An evaluation of the private-sector partnerships and fundraising strategy in 2012 promoted the full integration of the private sector into WFP's work.

INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE

121. The 2012 Joint Meeting of the Boards of WFP, UNDP/UNFPA/the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), UNICEF and UN-Women focused on the role of the United Nations in middle-income and least-developed countries, and the United Nations' contribution to the Istanbul Programme of Action, as well as the QCPR and issues related to countries in transition.
122. Discussions at the second informal meeting of the ECOSOC Bureau with the Bureaux of the Executive Boards of the United Nations funds and programmes involved enhancing interactions between ECOSOC and the Executive Boards. A meeting of the Presidents of the Executive Boards of the funds and programmes was convened during the ECOSOC operational activities segment in July; the President of WFP's Board participated by video conference. The meeting focussed on recommendations for the QCPR.
123. A delegation representing the Executive Boards of WFP, UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UNICEF visited Djibouti and Ethiopia in March 2012 to observe United Nations agency collaboration. These two countries were chosen for the 2012 visit in view of the development, humanitarian and environmental challenges they face.

ACRONYMS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

AMIS	Agricultural Market Information System
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CAP	Consolidated Appeals process
CEB	Chief Executives' Board
CFS	Committee on World Food Security
ECHA	Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
ETC	emergency telecommunications
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
HC	Humanitarian Coordinator
HLCM	High-Level Committee on Management
HLCP	High-Level Committee on Programmes
HLTF	High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis
IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
ICT	information and communications technology
IDDRSI	IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IPC	Integrated Food Security Phase Classification
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
IRA	Immediate Response Account
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
NGO	non-governmental organization
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
P4P	Purchase for Progress
QCPR	Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review
RBA	Rome-based agency
RC	Resident Coordinator
TB	tuberculosis
Rio+20	United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
SCN	Standing Committee on Nutrition
SG	Secretary-General
SUN	Scaling Up Nutrition
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework

UNDG	United Nations Development Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHRD	United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WHO	World Health Organization

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda.

13 February 2012

Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board elected Mr Shobhana K. Pattanayak (India, List B) as President for a one-year term. Mr Esteban Pagaran (Philippines, List B) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected Mr Jiří Muchka (Czech Republic, List E) as Vice-President. Mr Arsen Vartanyan (Russian Federation, 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: H.E. Josephine W. Gaita (Kenya, List A); H.E. Antonino Marques Porto e Santos (Brazil, List C); and H.E. Jostein Leiro (Norway, List D). Elected as Alternates were: H.E. Evelyn Anita Stokes-Hayford (Ghana, List A); H.E. Miguel Ruiz-Cabañas Izquierdo (Mexico, List C); and Ms Kristina Gill (Australia, List D).

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed H.E. Hassan Abouyoub (Morocco, List A) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2012.

13 February 2012

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

2012/EB.1/1 Opening Remarks of the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. Members expressed their deep appreciation to Ms Sheeran for her leadership and commended her commitment and achievements in fighting hunger. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

13 February 2012

ANNUAL REPORTS

2012/EB.1/2 Annual Report for 2011 to ECOSOC and FAO Council

The Board approved the "Annual Report for 2011 to ECOSOC and FAO Council" (WFP/EB.1/2012/4/Rev.1). In accordance with decision 2004/EB.A/11, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Council along with the Board's decisions and recommendations.

13 February 2012

POLICY ISSUES

2012/EB.1/3 WFP Nutrition Policy

The Board approved “WFP Nutrition Policy” (WFP/EB.1/2012/5-A) and requested the Secretariat to submit at the Annual Session in June 2012: i) a proposed timeline for updating the policy taking into account programmatic lessons learned from the strategic evaluations and comments raised by the Board, including developments in the Standing Committee on Nutrition and the Scaling Up Nutrition movement; ii) an estimate of the budget implications and information on potential resourcing options; and iii) a timeline to develop and present to the Board a joint framework that elaborated the main roles and responsibilities of WFP in relation to the other three key United Nations agencies (UNICEF, FAO and WHO) on nutrition policies and programming in support of national governments. The Board further requested that an evaluation of the policy be presented to it no later than February 2015.

14 February 2012

2012/EB.1/4 WFP Humanitarian Protection Policy

The Board approved “WFP Humanitarian Protection Policy” (WFP/EB.1/2012/5-B/Rev.1), taking into account comments made by the Board.

14 February 2012

EVALUATION REPORTS

2012/EB.1/5 Decision of the Board regarding the strategic evaluations submitted to the First Regular Session

WFP Management would reflect the recommendations of the three strategic evaluations submitted to this session in the consultation process leading to the new Strategic Plan and in the final design of the Strategic Plan.

14 February 2012

2012/EB.1/6 Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation—From Food Aid to Food Assistance: Working in Partnership and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation – From Food Aid to Food Assistance: Working in Partnership” (WFP/EB.1/2012/6-A) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2012/6-A/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

14 February 2012

2012/EB.1/7 Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation on How WFP’s Offices Adapt to Change and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation on How WFP’s Country Offices Adapt to Change” (WFP/EB.1/2012/6-B) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2012/6-B/Add.1/Rev.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

14 February 2012

2012/EB.1/8 Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation of WFP’s Role in Ending Long-Term Hunger and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation of WFP’s Role in Ending Long-Term Hunger” (WFP/EB.1/2012/6-C) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2012/6-C/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

14 February 2012

2012/EB.1/9 Summary Evaluation Report of WFP School Feeding Policy and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Evaluation Report of WFP School Feeding Policy” (WFP/EB.1/2012/6-D) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2012/6-D/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

14 February 2012

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.1/10 Summary Report of the Joint UNHCR/WFP Impact Evaluation on the Contribution of Food Assistance to Durable Solutions in Protracted Refugee Situations—Ethiopia and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Report of the Joint UNHCR/WFP Impact Evaluation on the Contribution of Food Assistance to Durable Solutions in Protracted Refugee Situations—Ethiopia” (WFP/EB.1/2012/6-E) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2012/6-E/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

14 February 2012

2012/EB.1/11 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Ethiopia 200365

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Ethiopia 200365 “Food Assistance for Somali, Eritrean and Sudanese Refugees” (WFP/EB.1/2012/8/3).

14 February 2012

2012/EB.1/12 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Kenya 200294

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Kenya 200294 “Protecting and Rebuilding Livelihoods in the Arid and Semi-Arid Areas” (WFP/EB.1/2012/8/2).

14 February 2012

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.1/13 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Philippines 200296

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Philippines 200296 “Support for Returnees and other Conflict-Affected Households in Central Mindanao, and National Capacity Development in Disaster Preparedness and Response” (WFP/EB.1/2012/8/1).

14 February 2012

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.1/14 Country Programmes—Malawi 200287 (2012–2016)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Malawi 200287 (2012–2016) (WFP/EB.1/2012/7/1), for which the food requirement is 122,948 mt at a cost of US\$58.6 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$109.9 million.

14 February 2012

2012/EB.1/15 Country Programmes—Mozambique 200286 (2012–2015)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Mozambique 200286 (2012–2015) (WFP/EB.1/2012/7/2), for which the food requirement is 78,241 mt at a cost of US\$41.6 million and the cash and voucher requirement is US\$6.7 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$105.4 million.

14 February 2012

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.1/16 Country Programmes—Central African Republic 200331 (2012–2016)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Central African Republic 200331 (2012–2016) (WFP/EB.1/2012/7/3), for which the food requirement is 13,254 mt at a total cost to WFP of US\$23.4 million.

14 February 2012

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2012/EB.1/17 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2012–2013)

The Board took note of the “Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2012–2013)” (WFP/EB.1/2012/11/Rev.1) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat, specifically adding an item on Central Emergency Response Fund evaluation and an Update on the school feeding policy.

15 February 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2012/EB.1/18 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.1/2012/12).

14 February 2012

OTHER BUSINESS

2012/EB.1/19 Appointment of Two Executive Board Members to the Selection Panel for Audit Committee Members

The Board approved the following appointments to the selection panel for Audit Committee members in relation to the selection or renewal, as appropriate, of three Audit Committee members in 2012:

- Her Excellency Bérengère Quincy (France), as representative of the Executive Board
- His Excellency Hassan Abouyoub (Morocco), as representative of the Executive Board

and requested the selection panel to report its recommendations to the Executive Director and the President of the Board.

15 February 2012

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2012/EB.1/20 Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2011

The Board approved the document “Draft Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2011”, the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.2/2011/15.

15 February 2012

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 - a) WFP Nutrition Policy (*for approval*)
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6. ***Evaluation Reports (for consideration)***
 - a) Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation – From Food Aid to Food Assistance: Working in Partnerships and Management Response
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 - c) Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation of WFP’s Role in Ending Long-Term Hunger and Management Response
 - d) Summary Evaluation Report of WFP School Feeding Policy and Management Response
 - e) Summary Report of the Joint UNHCR/WFP Impact Evaluation on the Contribution of Food Assistance to Durable Solutions in Protracted Refugee Situations—Ethiopia and Management Response

Operational matters

7. ***Country Programmes (for approval on a no-objection basis)***
 - Malawi 200287 (2012–2016)
 - Mozambique 200286 (2012–2015)
 - Central African Republic 200331 (2012–2016)
8. ***Projects for Executive Board approval (for approval)***

Protracted relief and recovery operations

 - Ethiopia 200365
 - Kenya 200294
 - Philippines 200296
9. ***Projects for approval by Correspondence***

Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

 - Niger 200051

10. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (for information)***
 - a) Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–31 December 2011)
 - Guinea-Bissau 200274
 - Cape Verde 200283
 - Republic of the Congo 200211
 - b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–31 December 2011)
 - c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2011)
 - Djibouti 200293
 - Ecuador 200275
 - Kyrgyzstan 200036
 - d) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2011)
 - e) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2011)
11. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***
 - Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2012–2013) *(for information)*
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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the Agenda.

4 June 2012

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Seyed Morteza Zarei (Islamic Republic of Iran, List B) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2012.

4 June 2012

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

2012/EB.A/1 Opening Remarks of 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. The Board also took note of the address by Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy, Mr S. de Mistura, and the statement by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, Mr J. Graziano da Silva.

4 June 2012

ANNUAL REPORTS

2012/EB.A/2 Annual Performance Report for 2011

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2011 (WFP/EB.A/2012/4³), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP's performance for the year.

4 June 2012

POLICY ISSUES

2012/EB.A/3 Update of WFP's Safety Nets Policy

The Board took note of "Update of WFP's Safety Nets Policy" (WFP/EB.A/2012/5-A) and looked forward to further reports on future improvements.

6 June 2012

³ Reissued for technical reasons

2012/EB.A/4

Mid-Term Review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2013)

The Board took note of “Mid-Term Review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2013)” (WFP/EB.A/2012/5-B*), and encouraged the Secretariat to take its findings and recommendations into account, in particular for the development of the next Strategic Plan.

4 June 2012

2012/EB.A/5

Update on WFP’s Role in the Humanitarian Assistance System

The Board took note of “Update on WFP’s Role in the Humanitarian Assistance System” (WFP/EB.A/2012/5-C) and expressed its support to WFP’s engagement with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Transformative Agenda.

4 June 2012

2012/EB.A/6

Follow-Up to WFP Nutrition Policy

The Board took note of “Follow-Up to WFP Nutrition Policy” (WFP/EB.A/2012/5-D) and looked forward to the next update in 2016.

6 June 2012

2012/EB.A/7

Update on the Implementation of the WFP Gender Policy: Corporate Action Plan (2010–2011)

The Board took note of “Update on the Implementation of the WFP Gender Policy: Corporate Action Plan (2010–2011)” (WFP/EB.A/2012/5-F). It also took note of the new gender mainstreaming accountability framework developed to increase accountability of staff at all levels and requested WFP to report to the Board on the implementation of the framework on an annual basis.

The Board further noted with concern the lack of resources to support the corporate action plan and requested WFP to increase its investments and allocate appropriate human and financial resources to adequately support gender equality in WFP programming, including the development of gender equality results and indicators across all programming areas.

6 June 2012

2012/EB.A/8

WFP Preparedness and Response Enhancement Programme

The Board took note of “WFP Preparedness and Response Enhancement Programme” (WFP/EB.A/2012/5-H) and expressed its desire to be kept abreast of the development of the programme.

6 June 2012

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2012/EB.A/9 **Audited Annual Accounts, 2011**

The Board:

- i) approved the 2011 Annual Financial Statements of WFP, together with the Report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6 (b);
- ii) noted the funding from the General Fund of US\$752,890 during 2011 for the write-off of cash losses and receivables from staff and suppliers; and
- iii) noted post-delivery losses of commodities during 2011 forming part of the operating expenses for the same period.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

5 June 2012

2012/EB.A/10 **Forward Purchase Facility**

Having considered “Forward Purchase Facility” (WFP/EB.A/2012/6-B/1), the Board:

- i) took note of the current status of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility; and
- ii) approved the allocation of up to US\$300 million from the Working Capital Financing Facility for the Forward Purchase Facility special account.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

5 June 2012

2012/EB.A/11 **Appointment of Members to the Audit Committee**

The Board approved the renewal of the terms of three Audit Committee members as follows:

- Ms Elvira Lazzati (Argentina) from 9 June 2012 to 8 June 2015;
- Mr Antoine Antoun (Lebanon and France) from 7 July 2012 to 6 July 2015; and
- Ms Kholeka Mzondeki (South Africa) from 10 November 2012 to 9 November 2015.

It also approved the timeframe for selection of future members outlined in paragraphs 7 and 8 in the document (WFP/EB.A/2012/6-C/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

5 June 2012

2012/EB.A/12 Annual Report of the Audit Committee

The Board took note of “Annual Report of the Audit Committee” (WFP/EB.A/2012/6-D/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

5 June 2012

2012/EB.A/13 Annual Report of the WFP Inspector General and Note by the Executive Director

The Board took note of “Annual Report of the WFP Inspector General” (WFP/EB.A/2012/6-E/1) and the note by the Executive Director (WFP/EB.A/2012/6-E/1/Add.1) and noted that:

- the oversight work performed and reported did not disclose any significant weaknesses in the internal control, governance or risk management processes in place across WFP that would have a pervasive effect on the achievement of WFP’s objectives (paragraph 7);
- WFP’s internal audit function was certified as conforming to the Institute of Internal Auditors standards at the highest level (paragraph 3); and
- the charter of the Oversight Office was updated to conform to the highest standard (paragraph 2).

The Board appreciated the Note by the Executive Director on the Annual Report of the Inspector General and encouraged management to take advantage of the opportunities for further improvement highlighted in the report.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

5 June 2012

2012/EB.A/14 Report of the External Auditor on Management of Human Resources in WFP and WFP Management Response

The Board took note of “Report of the External Auditor on Management of Human Resources in WFP” (WFP/EB.A/2012/6-F/1) and the management response in WFP/EB.A/2012/6-F/1/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

5 June 2012

2012/EB.A/15 Report of the External Auditor on Emergency Preparedness for IT Support in WFP and WFP Management Response

The Board took note of “Report of the External Auditor on Emergency Preparedness for IT Support in WFP” (WFP/EB.A/2012/6-G/1) and the management response in WFP/EB.A/2012/6-G/1/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

5 June 2012

2012/EB.A/16 Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations

The Board took note of “Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations” (WFP/EB.A/2012/6-H/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2012/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

5 June 2012

EVALUATION REPORTS

2012/EB.A/17 Annual Evaluation Report, 2011 and Management Response

The Board took note of “Annual Evaluation Report, 2011” (WFP/EB.A/2012/7-A) and the management response in WFP/EB.A/2012/7-A/Add.1 + Corr.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

6 June 2012

2012/EB.A/18 Summary Evaluation Report Zimbabwe Country Portfolio and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Evaluation Report Zimbabwe Country Portfolio” (WFP/EB.A/2012/7-B) and the management response in WFP/EB.A/2012/7-B/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

6 June 2012

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.A/19 **Draft Country Programmes—Plurinational State of Bolivia 200381 (2013–2017)**

The Board took note of draft country programme Plurinational State of Bolivia 200381 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.A/2012/8/1), for which the food requirement is 8,264 mt at a cost of US\$8.6 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$12 million, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

7 June 2012

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.A/20 **Draft Country Programmes—Nepal 200319 (2013–2017)**

The Board took note of draft country programme Nepal 200319 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.A/2012/8/3), for which the food requirement is 128,595 mt at a cost of US\$81 million and the cash and voucher requirement is US\$17.9 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$215.3 million, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

7 June 2012

2012/EB.A/21 **Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Democratic People’s Republic of Korea 200114**

The Board approved the proposed budget increase of US\$102.5 million for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea protracted relief and recovery operation 200114 “Nutrition Support for Women and Children” (WFP/EB.A/2012/9-B/2) with a twelve-month extension from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.

7 June 2012

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.A/22 **Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Ethiopia 200290**

The Board approved the budget increase of US\$77.5 million for Ethiopia protracted relief and recovery operation 200290 “Responding to Humanitarian Crises and Enhancing Resilience to Food Insecurity” (WFP/EB.A/2012/9-B/1).

7 June 2012

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.A/23 **Draft Country Programmes—Cameroon 200330 (2013–2017)**

The Board took note of draft country programme Cameroon 200330 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.A/2012/8/4*), for which the food requirement is 18,183 mt, for a total cost of US\$20.7 million, covering all basic operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

7 June 2012

2012/EB.A/24

Draft Country Programmes—Guinea 200326 (2013–2017)

The Board took note of draft country programme Guinea 200326 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.A/2012/8/7*), for which the food requirement is 30,872 mt for a total cost of US\$40.1 million, covering all basic operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

7 June 2012

2012/EB.A/25

Draft Country Programmes—Liberia 200395 (2013–2017)

The Board took note of draft country programme Liberia 200395 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.A/2012/8/5), for which the food requirement is 33,235 mt at a cost of US\$17.6 million, the cash and voucher requirement is US\$7.4 million, and the direct technical and capacity transfer cost is US\$18.8 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$80.9 million and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

7 June 2012

2012/EB.A/26

Draft Country Programmes—Sierra Leone 200336 (2013–2014)

The Board took note of draft country programme Sierra Leone 200336 (2013–2014) (WFP/EB.A/2012/8/6), for which the food requirement is 29,272 mt, at a cost of US\$19.8 million and the cash and voucher requirement is US\$702,000, for a total cost to WFP of US\$39.5 million, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

7 June 2012

2012/EB.A/27

Development Projects—The Gambia 200327

The Board approved the proposed development project the Gambia 200327 “Establishing the Foundation for a Nationally Owned Sustainable School Feeding Programme” (WFP/EB.A/2012/9-A), subject to the availability of resources.

7 June 2012

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.A/28

Draft Country Programmes—Lesotho 200369 (2013–2017)

The Board took note of draft country programme Lesotho 200369 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.A/2012/8/2), for which the food requirement is 33,060 mt at a cost of US\$16.8 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$35.4 million, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

7 June 2012

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2012/EB.A/29 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2012–2013)

The Board took note of the “Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2012–2013)” (WFP/EB.2/2012/12) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat, and of the inputs provided by Board members.

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OTHER BUSINESS

2012/EB.A/30 Oral Report on the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN-Women and WFP to Djibouti and Ethiopia

The Board took note of the oral report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN-Women and WFP to Djibouti and Ethiopia.

7 June 2012

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2012/EB.A/31 Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2012

The Board approved the document “Draft Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2012”, the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.1/2012/16.

7 June 2012

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 - d) Follow-up to WFP Nutrition Policy *(for information)*
 - e) Getting to Zero: WFP's Role as a UNAIDS Cosponsor *(for information)*
 - f) Update on the Implementation of the WFP Gender Policy: Corporate Action Plan (2010–2011) *(for information)*
 - g) WFP and the African Union *(for information)*
 - h) WFP Preparedness and Response Enhancement Programme *(for information)*
6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*
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 - a) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2011 *(for information)*
 - b) Update on WFP Food Procurement *(for information)*
 - c) Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories *(for information)*
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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2012

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the Agenda.

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Election of a Bureau Alternate and Appointment of the Rapporteur

The Board elected Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov (Russian Federation) to replace Mr Arsen Vartanyan (Russian Federation) as List E Alternate to the Bureau.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed H.E. Neil Briscoe (United Kingdom, List D) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2012.

12 November 2012

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

2012/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 would be contained in the summary of the work of the session. The Board also took note of the statement by Mr Anthony Lake, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

12 November 2012

POLICY ISSUES

2012/EB.2/2 Policy for Disclosure of Oversight Reports

The Board approved the Executive Director's proposals to revise the "Policy for Disclosure of Internal Audit Reports to Member States" (WFP/EB.2/2010/4-B/1/Rev.1) and the "Oversight Framework and Reports Disclosure Policy" (WFP/EB.A/2011/5-C/1), adding provisions for: i) disclosing inspection reports; ii) disclosing internal audit and inspection reports on the public website; iii) authorizing the Inspector General and Director, Oversight Office to enter into formal agreements for sharing investigation reports on a confidential and reciprocal basis; and iv) authorizing the Inspector General and Director, Oversight Office to redact or withhold reports in accordance with the safeguards set forth in the disclosure policies.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.2/2012/5(A,B,C)/2, WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/2, WFP/EB.2/2012/13-A/2) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2012/5(A,B,C)/3, WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/3, WFP/EB.2/2012/13-A/3).

13 November 2012

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2012/EB.2/3 WFP Management Plan (2013–2015)

Having considered WFP's Management Plan for 2013–2015, as submitted by the Executive Director in document WFP/EB.2/2012/5-A/1 the Board:

- i) as allowed under Financial Regulation 2.1, **approved** an exemption from Financial Regulation 9.2, which requires that the proposed Management Plan be circulated to members of the Board not later than 60 days before the session;
- ii) **took note of** the projected operational requirements of US\$4.97 billion for 2013, excluding any provision for unforeseen emergencies and including direct support costs, as outlined in Section III;
- iii) **took note** that the 2013 Programme Support and Administrative appropriation assumes a funding level of US\$3.7 billion in 2013;
- iv) **approved** a 2013 Programme Support and Administrative appropriation of US\$249.1 million, to be allocated as follows:

Programme support: regional bureaux and country offices	US\$86.3 million
Programme support: Headquarters	US\$54.0 million
Management and administration	US\$108.8 million
Total	US\$249.1 million
- v) **approved** a supplementary Programme Support and Administrative appropriation of US\$20.0 million, as outlined in Section IV;
- vi) **approved** expenditures of up to US\$10.0 million funded from the General Fund for the United Nations Department of Safety and Security and for the WFP Security Emergency Fund;
- vii) **approved** expenditures of up to US\$400,000 funded from the General Fund for the completion of the treasury management system enhancements and roll-out;
- viii) **approved** an indirect support cost recovery rate of 7.0 percent for 2013; and
- ix) **authorized** the Executive Director to adjust the Programme Support and Administrative component of the budget in accordance with any variation in the volume of operational requirements of more than 10 percent from levels outlined in Section III.

The Board also took into account the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2012/5(A,B,C)/2, WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/2, WFP/EB.2/2012/13-A/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2012/5(A,B,C)/3, WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/3, WFP/EB.2/2012/13-A/3).

13 November 2012

2012/EB.2/4

Increased Fee for the External Auditor

The Board approved a 4 percent increase in the audit fee payable to the External Auditor, involving a total increase of US\$15,400, on grounds of an increase in daily subsistence allowance, staff costs and airfare. This increase will apply from April 2012.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2012/5(A,B,C)/2, WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/2, WFP/EB.2/2012/13-A/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2012/5(A,B,C)/3, WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/3, WFP/EB.2/2012/13-A/3).

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EVALUATION REPORTS

2012/EB.2/5

Summary Evaluation Report—WFP’s Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Evaluation Report — WFP’s Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy” (WFP/EB.2/2012/6-A) and the management response in WFP/EB.2/2012/6-A/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

12 November 2012

2012/EB.2/6

Summary Evaluation Report—Global Logistics Cluster and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Evaluation Report – Global Logistics Cluster” (WFP/EB.2/2012/6-B) and the management response in WFP/EB.2/2012/6-B/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

12 November 2012

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.2/7

Draft Country Programmes—Nicaragua 200434 (2013–2018)

The Board took note of draft country programme Nicaragua 200434 (2013–2018) (WFP/EB.2/2012/7), for which the food requirement is 18,096 mt at a cost of US\$16.0 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$24.2 million, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

13 November 2012

- 2012/EB.2/8 Country Programmes—Plurinational State of Bolivia 200381 (2013–2017)**
- The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Plurinational State of Bolivia 200381 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.2/2012/8/2), for which the food requirement is 8,264 mt at a cost of US\$8.6 million, giving a total cost to WFP of US\$12 million.
- 13 November 2012*
- 2012/EB.2/9 Report on the Field Visit to Colombia of the WFP Executive Board**
- The Board took note of “Report on the Field Visit to Colombia of the WFP Executive Board” (WFP/EB.2/2012/13-B).
- 13 November 2012*
- MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO**
- 2012/EB.2/10 Development Projects—Jordan 200478**
- The Board approved the proposed development project Jordan 200478 “Support for the National School Feeding Programme” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-A/2), subject to the availability of resources.
- 13 November 2012*
- 2012/EB.2/11 Budget Increases to Development Activities—Armenia DEV 200128**
- The Board approved the budget increase of US\$10.0 million for Armenia development project 200128 “Development of Sustainable School Feeding” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-B/2), with a three-year extension from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016.
- 13 November 2012*
- 2012/EB.2/12 Budget Increases to Development Activities—Egypt CP 104500**
- The Board approved the budget increase of US\$16.4 million for Egypt country programme 104500 “Enabling Livelihoods, Nutrition and Food Security” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-B/1) with a six-month extension from 1 January to 30 June 2013.
- 13 November 2012*
- 2012/EB.2/13 Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Occupied Palestinian Territory 200037**
- The Board approved the budget increase of US\$47.9 million for Occupied Palestinian Territory protracted relief and recovery operation 200037 “Targeted Food Assistance to Support Destitute and Marginalized Groups and Enhance Livelihoods in the West Bank” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-D/1) with a one-year extension from 1 January to 31 December 2013.
- 13 November 2012*

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.2/14 Budget Increases to Development Activities—Mali CP 105830

The Board approved the budget increase of US\$24 million for Mali country programme 105830 (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-B/3) with a 12-month extension from 1 January to 31 December 2013.

13 November 2012

2012/EB.2/15 Country Programmes—Cameroon 200330 (2013–2017)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Cameroon 200330 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.2/2012/8/3), for which the food requirement is 18,183 mt, at a cost of US\$10.7 million, giving a total cost to WFP of US\$20.7 million.

13 November 2012

2012/EB.2/16 Country Programmes—Guinea 200326 (2013–2017)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Guinea 200326 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.2/2012/8/1), for which the food requirement is 30,872 mt at a cost of US\$17.7 million, giving a total cost to WFP of US\$40.1 million.

13 November 2012

2012/EB.2/17 Country Programmes—Liberia 200395 (2013–2017)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Liberia 200395 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.2/2012/8/5), for which the food requirement is 33,235 mt at a cost of US\$17.6 million, the cash and voucher requirement is US\$7.4 million, and the direct technical and capacity transfer cost is US\$18.8 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$80.9 million.

13 November 2012

2012/EB.2/18 Country Programmes—Sierra Leone 200336 (2013–2014)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Sierra Leone 200336 (2013–2014) (WFP/EB.2/2012/8/6), for which the food requirement is 29,272 mt, at a cost of US\$19.8 million and the cash and voucher requirement is US\$702,000, for a total cost to WFP of US\$39.5 million.

13 November 2012

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.2/19 Summary Evaluation Report—Afghanistan Country Portfolio and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Evaluation Report – Afghanistan Country Portfolio” (WFP/EB.2/2012/6-D) and the management response in WFP/EB.2/2012/6-D/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/20 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Myanmar 200299

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Myanmar 200299 “Supporting Transition by Reducing Food Insecurity and Undernutrition among the Most Vulnerable” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-C/1).

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/21 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Pakistan 200250

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Pakistan 200250 “Enhancing Food and Nutrition Security and Rebuilding Social Cohesion” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-C/5).

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/22 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Sri Lanka 200452

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Sri Lanka 200452 “Supporting Relief and Recovery in Former Conflict-Affected Areas” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-C/4).

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/23 Country Programmes—Nepal 200319 (2013–2017)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Nepal 200319 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.2/2012/8/7), for which the food requirement is 128,595 mt at a cost of US\$81 million and the cash and voucher requirement is US\$17.9 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$215.3 million.

14 November 2012

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.2/24 Summary Report of the Joint UNHCR/WFP Impact Evaluation on the Contribution of Food Assistance to Durable Solutions in Protracted Refugee Situations — Rwanda and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Report of the Joint UNHCR/WFP Impact Evaluation on the Contribution of Food Assistance to Durable Solutions in Protracted Refugee Situations – Rwanda” (WFP/EB.2/2012/6-E) and the management response in WFP/EB.2/2012/6-E/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/25 Summary Evaluation Report — Somalia Country Portfolio and Management Response

The Board took note of “Summary Evaluation Report – Somalia Country Portfolio” (WFP/EB.2/2012/6-C) and the management response in WFP/EB.2/2012/6-C/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/26 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Somalia 200443

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Somalia 200443 “Strengthening Food and Nutrition Security and Enhancing Resilience” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-C/3).

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/27 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Uganda 200429

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Uganda 200429 “Stabilizing Food Consumption and Reducing Acute Malnutrition among Refugees and Extremely Vulnerable Households” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-C/2).

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/28 Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—Democratic Republic of the Congo 200167

The Board approved the proposed budget increase of US\$145.3 million for Democratic Republic of the Congo protracted relief and recovery operation 200167 “Targeted Food Assistance to Victims of Armed Conflict and other Vulnerable Groups”(WFP/EB.2/2012/9-D/3) with a six-month extension from 31 December 2012–30 June 2013.

14 November 2012

**2012/EB.2/29 Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations—
Ethiopia 200290**

The Board approved the proposed budget increase of US\$128.9 million for Ethiopia PRRO 200290 “Responding to Humanitarian Crises and Enhancing Resilience to Food Insecurity” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-D/2).

14 November 2012

SOUTHERN AFRICA PORTFOLIO

2012/EB.2/30 Development Projects—Swaziland 200422

The Board approved the proposed development project Swaziland 200422 “Support to Children and Students Affected by HIV and AIDS” (WFP/EB.2/2012/9-A/1).

14 November 2012

2012/EB.2/31 Country Programmes—Lesotho 200369 (2013–2017)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Lesotho 200369 (2013–2017) (WFP/EB.2/2012/8/4), for which the food requirement is 33,060 mt at a cost of US\$16.8 million, for a total cost to WFP of US\$35.4 million.

14 November 2012

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2012/EB.2/32 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2013–2014)

The Board approved the “Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2013–2014)” (WFP/EB.2/2012/11) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

12 November 2012

OTHER BUSINESS

2012/EB.2/33 Housing Allowance of the Executive Director

The Board decided that the Executive Director’s housing allowance shall be set at €160,000 per annum, inclusive of services and utilities, effective 1 April 2012 until further notice. On the basis of a security risk assessment WFP would also provide and maintain required security equipment, which was to remain WFP property.

The Board further decided that the housing allowance: i) continue to be a reimbursement of the actual cost of a property; ii) continue to be indexed annually against the Italian retail price index; and iii) be reviewed at five-year intervals by the Bureau and the Board, taking into account market rates and the allowances paid to the other agency heads in Rome.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2012/5(A,B,C)/2, WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/2, WFP/EB.2/2012/13-A/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2012/5(A,B,C)/3, WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/3, WFP/EB.2/2012/13-A/3).

14 November 2012

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2012/EB.2/34 Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2012

The Board approved the document “Draft Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2012”, the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.A/2012/15.

14 November 2012

AGENDA

1. ***Adoption of the Agenda (for approval)***
2. ***Election of a Bureau Alternate and Appointment of the Rapporteur***
3. ***Opening Remarks by the Executive Director***
4. ***Policy Issues***
 - a) Policy for Disclosure of Oversight Reports (*for approval*)
 - b) Compendium of Policies Relating to the Strategic Plan (*for information*)
5. ***Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters***
 - a) WFP Management Plan (2013–2015) (*for approval*)
 - b) Increased Fee for the External Auditor (*for approval*)
 - c) Work Plan of the External Auditor for the period July 2012 to June 2013 (*for information*)
6. ***Evaluation Reports (for consideration)***
 - a) Summary Evaluation Report – WFP’s Private Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy and Management Response
 - b) Summary Evaluation Report – Global Logistics Cluster: Jointly Commissioned by WFP, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNICEF, and Management Response
 - c) Summary Evaluation Report – Somalia Country Portfolio and Management Response
 - d) Summary Evaluation Report – Afghanistan Country Portfolio and Management Response
 - e) Summary Report of the Joint UNHCR/WFP Impact Evaluation on the Contribution of Food Assistance to Durable Solutions in Protracted Refugee Situations – Rwanda and Management Response

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

7. ***Draft Country Programmes (for consideration)***
 - Nicaragua 200434 (2013–2018)
8. ***Country Programmes (for approval on a no-objection basis)***
 - Plurinational State of Bolivia 200381 (2013–2017)
 - Cameroon 200330 (2013–2017)
 - Guinea 200326 (2013–2017)
 - Lesotho 200369 (2013–2017)
 - Liberia 200395 (2013–2017)
 - Nepal 200319 (2013–2017)
 - Sierra Leone 200336 (2013–2014)

9. ***Projects for Executive Board Approval (for approval)***
 - a) Development Projects
 - Jordan 200478
 - Swaziland 200422
 - b) Budget Increases to Development Activities
 - Armenia DEV 200128
 - Egypt CP 104500
 - Mali CP 105830
 - c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations
 - Myanmar 200299
 - Pakistan 200250
 - Somalia 200443
 - Sri Lanka 200452
 - Uganda 200429
 - d) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo 200167
 - Ethiopia 200290
 - Occupied Palestinian Territory 200037
10. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (for information)***
 - a) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 January-30 June 2012)
 - Central African Republic 200315
 - Mozambique 200355
 - Rwanda 200343
 - Senegal 200138
 - Tunisia 200307
 - b) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2012)
 - c) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2012)
11. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***
 - Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2013–2014) *(for approval)*
12. ***Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2012 (for approval)***
13. ***Other Business***
 - a) Housing Allowance of the Executive Director *(for approval)*
 - b) Report on the Field Visit to Colombia of the WFP Executive Board *(for information)*
14. ***Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations***