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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to increased inter-governmental and inter-agency interest in United Nations reform, this report focuses on WFP's progress in implementing reform measures and the challenges WFP faces in continuing the reform agenda.

In 2006, WFP's work in United Nations reform and inter-agency cooperation included the achievements set out below.

(i) Leadership of the humanitarian logistics cluster and co-leadership of the emergency telecommunications cluster, under which the principles governing relationships among United Nations and Inter-Agency Standing Committee logistics bodies were reviewed to increase their effectiveness and clarity.

(ii) WFP was the largest appealing agency in the 2006 Common Appeals Process, accounting for 42 percent of all requirements. As of 30 November 2006, WFP had received 88 percent of requirements against appeals.

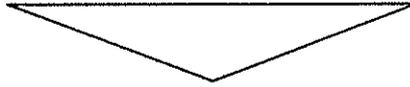
(iii) WFP intensified its participation in joint programmes in 27 countries on HIV/AIDS, education, the Millennium Development Goals, nutrition, disaster management and the environment.

(iv) Collaboration among the Rome agencies ensured that food security, hunger reduction, rural and social development, and safety nets became focus areas in the United Nations Development Group action plan for achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

This report is in accordance with streamlined corporate reporting to the Board and WFP parent bodies (WFP/EB.A/2004/5-F). It is consistent with the United Nations Economic and Social Council format for annual reporting by United Nations agencies, based on provisions of the 2004 General Assembly resolution on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development. This report takes account of comments from the Board on the 2005 Annual Report and from the Bureau in September 2006. The timing for submitting it to the Board's First Regular Session of 2007 does not allow inclusion of complete statistical information for all of 2006. Partnership statistical data in the Section on Collaboration with Partners refer to 2005, because 2006 data are not yet available. Complete statistical information will be available in the 2006 Annual Performance Report, submitted to the Board's Annual Session.



DRAFT DECISION*



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* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document (document WFP/EB.1/2007/16) issued at the end of the session.



STRUCTURES AND MECHANISMS

Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

1. IASC continued to improve humanitarian response by rolling out and refining the cluster system; WFP guided implementation of the system, focusing on results. WFP's leadership of the logistics cluster and co-leadership of the emergency telecommunications cluster was further strengthened. WFP and IASC partners reviewed the principles governing relationships among IASC logistics bodies to increase their effectiveness. WFP contributed to other clusters, especially nutrition, protection, health and early recovery. WFP is also leading the developing of a rapid nutrition assessment toolkit.

Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs (ECHA)

2. Through ECHA, WFP highlighted the situation of its staff who work in insecure and difficult environments. Working with the United Nations Development Group (UNDG)/ECHA group on transitions, WFP helped to bring United Nations development and humanitarian actors together to develop common approaches to post-conflict transition policies and programmes.

Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP)

3. WFP was the largest appealing agency in the 2006 CAP, accounting for 42 percent of all requirements. As of 30 November 2006, WFP had received 88 percent of requirements against appeals.
4. As part of inter-agency implementation of needs analysis frameworks (NAFs), WFP and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) led the food-security NAFs in Côte d'Ivoire, Somalia, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Uganda. Food security working groups led by WFP and FAO analysed needs and priorities, providing a basis for a food-security analysis by the Common Humanitarian Action Plan (CHAP).

United Nations Development Group (UNDG)

5. WFP chaired the Programme Group (PG) in 2006, guiding working groups on (i) national development strategies based on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), (ii) aid effectiveness and (iii) programming policy. For the first time, UNDG Executive Committee (ExCom) regional directors were consulted about the most effective support that the PG could provide to regional and country structures.
6. The PG prepared an action plan for realizing the objectives endorsed by the 2005 World Summit, using an operational framework based on the MDGs. This allows country-level efforts to be scaled up and ensures alignment with national priorities and development strategies. The UNDG principals endorsed the action plan, which now provides a reference for gauging achievement of the MDGs.
7. The Rome-based agencies ensured that food security, hunger reduction, rural and social development and safety nets were focus areas for the action plan. WFP encouraged country offices to refer to the action plan during discussion in United Nations country teams – particularly in the Common Country Assessment (CCA)/United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) process – and to advocate for food



security, nutrition and education, including WFP food-based interventions where appropriate.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

8. WFP's fundraising ensured increased and stable funding from major donors, attracted new donors – including private corporations and individuals – and encouraged occasional donors to become regular contributors. WFP's fundraising strategy aims to increase the impact of donations through greater flexibility and predictability – larger proportions of multilateral contributions, more cash donations, twinning arrangements and fewer restrictions.
9. As of 30 November 2006, contributions to WFP amounted to US\$2.4 billion: emergency operations (EMOPs) and protracted relief and recovery operations (PRROs) received approximately 80 percent; development operations 9 percent; and special operations and others, including the Immediate Response Account (IRA), the remaining balance. Approximately 10 percent of these funds were multilateral, and 90 percent were directed multilateral; 82 public-sector donors contributed to WFP operations, including ten new donors contributing US\$97 million.
10. WFP benefited from private sector support, with US\$47 million confirmed as of 30 November 2006. WFP is preparing an innovative strategy to consolidate and institutionalize its private fundraising activities; this includes seeking cash from a balanced portfolio of corporations, individuals, foundations and community-based organizations.

Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

11. The new centralized funding mechanisms for humanitarian operations had the greatest effect on WFP operations of any of the current United Nations reforms. As of November 2006, the United Nations, including CERF and the common humanitarian funds, was WFP's third largest donor, contributing US\$126.5 million, compared with US\$7 million in 2005.
12. The CERF and WFP's internal rapid response funding mechanism, the Immediate Response Account (IRA), operate collaboratively to augment WFP's emergency response capacity. The IRA supplements the CERF grants, which have a maximum allocation of US\$30 million per crisis for all United Nations agencies. The IRA is used to address timing issues, because these funds are accessed within 24 hours; CERF grant approval takes longer. The CERF contributions to WFP in 2006 as of 30 November 2006 amounted to US\$67 million.

IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS REFORM MEASURES

Harmonization of Programmes

13. In 2006, ExCom members and WFP improved country programming by making it more results-based and linking planning and implementation to the MDGs. Cape Verde experimented with a Common Country Programme (CCP) and a country programme action plan (CPAP); collaboration achieved results that were in line with national development goals. The CCA/UNDAF guidelines were updated to reflect joint



programming that emphasizes national planning, capacity-building and inter-agency frameworks for disaster prevention and post-conflict recovery.

14. WFP will increase its participation in poverty reduction strategies (PRS). With FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Bank, WFP provides information about food-insecure people, helping to ensure that food security remains a high priority. Food security was incorporated into Mali's national Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) thanks to joint efforts by FAO and WFP.

Joint Programmes (JPs)

15. WFP participated in 46 JPs in 27 countries in various sectors. These included two HIV/AIDS JPs in Lesotho. One, with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and FAO, involves and empowers people living with HIV/AIDS by emphasizing capacity-building. The second, with FAO and UNICEF, aims to improve the nutritional status of children living with HIV/AIDS. In Malawi, WFP is the lead agency for coordinating food security and nutrition support of HIV/AIDS-affected people, partnering FAO, UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO). In Rwanda, WFP, UNICEF and UNDP support improved self-reliance for HIV-affected people, including co-production of a weekly radio programme on nutrition and HIV, with local radio and government support. The programme will be in the local Kinyarwanda language, and be available throughout the Great Lakes Region.
16. With UNICEF and WHO, WFP is implementing the Healthy Schools Initiative in Afghanistan, benefiting 1.5 million schoolchildren. WFP also leads the national deworming campaign, which helps 6 million schoolchildren and will be handed over to the national authorities as part of capacity-building. WFP leads the deworming campaign in Haiti, with WHO and UNICEF.
17. WFP is promoting girls' education in Cameroon, with UNICEF, the International Labour Organization (ILO), UNDP, UNESCO, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and WHO; in Pakistan, with UNICEF and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS); and in Egypt, with, ILO, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). In Burkina Faso, WFP, UNICEF, UNDP and FAO designed a girls' education programme and provide a minimum essential package for schoolchildren, especially girls.
18. In Bhutan, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, United Nations volunteers (UNVs) and UNICEF are implementing the Human Security Fund, addressing rural hunger and poverty, illiteracy, school enrolment, unemployment and youth, child and maternal mortality and HIV/AIDS. WFP contributes food-for-education (FFE) programmes.
19. In Bolivia, WFP is involved in the Contigo Avanzar campaign advocating for and disseminating MDGs, with FAO, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF. For each MDG the initiative uses musical compositions, departmental workshops and other audiovisual media.
20. In the United Republic of Tanzania, WFP, UNICEF, UNDP, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and FAO are implementing a pilot programme supported by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security. The project targets refugee host areas in north-western Tanzania, and aims to improve food and environmental security, reduce the small arms and light weapons trade, and strengthen host area capacities



in vulnerability analysis. WFP and UNHCR lead this transition programme, with WFP leading the humanitarian and transport sectors.

21. In Peru, WFP, UNDP, FAO, UNICEF and WHO collaborate to respond to natural disasters. WFP-led activities include improving the nutritional and health status of local communities to reduce their vulnerability.
22. WFP, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), FAO, UNOPS, UNDP, UNIFEM, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNHCR, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Mine Action Centre for Afghanistan, and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (Habitat) cooperate on the Green Afghanistan Initiative, which focuses on the environment.

Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

23. WFP participates in the Paris Declaration agenda in Cambodia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Rwanda and the United Republic of Tanzania. WFP developed guidelines for country offices engaged in harmonization and alignment processes. In December 2006, WFP and the other UNDG ExCom funds and programmes signed a CPAP for the Joint Assistance Strategy for Tanzania. The Tanzanian government's preference for general budget support, however, is a challenge to programme implementation for many development partners, including United Nations agencies. The aid environment in Tanzania is changing rapidly, and WFP needs to adopt sector-wide approaches and management.

Resident Coordinator (RC)/Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) System

24. In 2006, WFP increased its participation in RC and HC issues. A new accountability framework for the RC system is being introduced. This will increase the involvement of regional directors, who will oversee and support UNCTs' promotion of United Nations reform in countries. Regional directors will prepare "team opinions" of RCs and United Nations country teams (UNCTs), based on representatives' assessments of UNCTs. WFP regional and country directors piloted a feedback tool, which WFP regional human resources officers have been trained to use.
25. WFP seeks to attract and retain top-quality individuals as RCs or HCs, and to increase their impact on United Nations work at the country level. To increase the number of WFP staff in RC/HC rosters, six people from WFP attended the RC Assessment Centre during 2006. Four WFP staff members currently serve as RCs, including one in the Sudan who also serves as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General.
26. WFP helped to improve the training and selection of HCs. Three WFP country directors are in the HC pool, established in 2006 to provide qualified candidates for quick selection.

Joint Offices (JOs)

27. WFP and the other ExCom agencies initiated a pilot JO in Cape Verde in January 2006. One CCP was approved by the Boards of all four agencies. WFP's Board also noted that a development project it had already approved was subsumed in the CCP. The RC was designated to represent the ExCom agencies, and UNDP was designated as support agency to implement the JO model. UNDP business processes, based on the Atlas Enterprise Resource Planning system, were therefore applied. Staff employment contracts with the



four agencies were terminated, and new contracts were offered to those selected for the JO through a job fair. The full JO started on 1 April 2006. An inter-agency team selected a WFP professional as the deputy representative in charge of programme aspects of the JO. She joined in September 2006.

28. WFP chaired the JO Working Group (JOWG) of UNDG in 2006. The group will support the creation of additional JOs in 2007, though this may not follow the Cape Verde model. Supported by JOWG, a UNDG internal review of implementation of the Cape Verde JO will be completed in the first quarter of 2007. WFP supports UNDG's development of additional JO model offices through consultation from its corporate partner, the Boston Consulting Group.
29. WFP and the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on United Nations System-Wide Coherence believe that the main goal of JOs should be more coherent and improved United Nations country programming. There is a risk that the JO process focuses too much on administrative coordination and not enough on the impact of programming.

Common Premises

30. In August 2006, WFP became chair of the Working Group on Common Premises. WFP evaluated potential common premises and United Nations House initiatives, and funded projects where the financial, operational, safety and security aspects of common premises would benefit country offices. Using its United Nations reform fund for 2006, WFP managed design and construction of the Bhutan United Nations House, carried out a seismic assessment of the United Nations House in Armenia, and supported a working group to evaluate 21 United Nations House or common premises projects.

United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC)

31. WFP is responsible for the administrative and financial management of UNJLC. In 2006, IASC agreed that UNJLC would be a tool for the WFP-led Logistics Cluster; the precise arrangements will be worked out and approved by IASC in 2007. In 2006, UNJLC was involved in the Pakistan earthquake relief operation, providing logistics coordination and information management services to the humanitarian community; this operation was phased out in August. In July 2006, UNJLC deployed staff to Lebanon, to support the Logistics Cluster team, WFP logistics and the rest of the humanitarian community with logistics information and mapping services, reporting, and tracking of non-food items (NFIs); this operation was phased out in October. UNJLC assisted the HC and the Logistics Cluster team in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and continued to coordinate and manage NFIs in Darfur.
32. Declining donor support for the UNJLC core unit in Rome is a major challenge. The unit initiates and supports UNJLC field operations, and reduced support is preventing it from responding efficiently through the rapid deployment of staff.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

33. UNHAS provided assistance in major emergencies in Pakistan and Lebanon, initiated common services in the Central African Republic and Sri Lanka, and continued its operations in Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, Chad, DRC, West Africa, Somalia, the Sudan and the United Republic of Tanzania. A large-scale special project in DRC transported demobilized soldiers by air, on behalf of the World Bank/*Commission nationale de la démobilisation et réinsertion*.



34. As of November 2006, the 64 aircraft and heavy-lift helicopters chartered by WFP/UNHAS had transported 359,000 passengers and 29,600 mt of cargo for the relief operations of United Nations agencies and more than 200 non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Drastically improved road access to beneficiaries in southern Sudan considerably reduced cargo deliveries by air.
35. The aviation management structure was strengthened in response to recommendations in the International Civil Aviation Organization's recent audit report.

COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS

36. In 2005, WFP collaborated with 13 United Nations agencies, the World Bank, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), IOM and ILO in 230 projects in 80 countries. Statistical data on partnerships for 2006 will be available in the Annual Performance Report at the Board's 2007 Annual Session.

UNICEF

37. With collaboration on 138 projects in 68 countries in 2005, UNICEF remained WFP's main partner, primarily in education, mother-and-child health (MCH), nutrition and technical assistance.
38. In Uganda, WFP and UNICEF implement the Nutrition Work in Conflict-Affected Districts JP, addressing child and maternal nutrition, and are developing a global partnership for capacity-building. WFP and UNICEF implemented a nutrition project in Bhutan for the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey, and developed a strategy and action plan for double fortification of salt. In Pakistan, UNICEF and WFP initiated the MCH JP, with WFP providing fortified food to encourage positive health behaviour and increased target group attendance at common target health facilities.
39. In line with their 2005 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), WFP and UNICEF are cooperating to eliminate child hunger and undernutrition and achieve MDG 1 target 2 – reduce by half the prevalence of underweight among children under 5. The Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (ECHUI) is a global partnership to ensure coherent global and national efforts. United Nations partners in ECHUI include UNICEF, the World Bank, UNHCR, UNDP, FAO and UNFPA.
40. In West Africa, WFP and UNICEF are implementing a joint nutrition strategy, especially through MCH programmes. Joint advocacy with donors was established, in which WFP and UNICEF – in discussions with the World Bank – advocate to make nutrition a PRS priority. In a similar initiative for education, WFP and UNICEF promote the Essential Learning Package within the Sahel Alliance.
41. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the UNICEF/WFP Regional Strategic Partnership Meeting in May 2006 recognized that UNICEF/WFP partnership is critical to ending child hunger. WFP and partners influenced policy and put child hunger and undernutrition high on government agendas. In Peru, WFP, UNICEF, the World Bank, the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), WHO, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), NGOs and the government collaborated in a national initiative to combat chronic malnutrition, which the government declared a priority. WFP and UNICEF



foster South–South cooperation; WFP, UNICEF, PAHO/WHO and other partners have established a regional knowledge management initiative for policy-makers, to strengthen national policies to eradicate child undernutrition.

42. A joint WFP/UNICEF project in the Occupied Palestinian Territory provides salt producers with potassium iodide to increase the percentage of iodized salt, and includes iodized salt in WFP rations. In Timor-Leste, WFP and UNICEF jointly employed a nutritionist to recommend ways of strengthening their joint programming. In Cambodia, collaboration with UNICEF started in 73 schools and has now expanded to 654 child-friendly schools.
43. The “essential package” of 12 school-based interventions was established with UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO and other partners and is based on the Focusing Resources on Effective School Health framework. It delivers complementary nutrition, health and basic education inputs in all WFP-assisted schools, to improve the health and nutritional status of schoolchildren. There are WFP/UNICEF partnerships in 38 countries; the most comprehensive being those in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where deworming campaigns reached more than 11 million children. Expected approval for an additional 13 million deworming tablets will benefit Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Ecuador, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.

FAO

44. In 2005, FAO was WFP’s second largest partner, cooperating in 87 projects in 53 countries, mainly in promoting agricultural and crop production, FFE and joint assessments.
45. In the context of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme, supported by WFP, the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) launched the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP), which links school feeding to agricultural development by expanding local markets through the purchase of home-grown food commodities.
46. In Ghana, HGSFP was integrated into the WFP country programme (CP); the governments of Ghana and the Netherlands, WFP and the business community linked to the University of Berkeley used locally purchased foods to support the National School Feeding Programme. An MOU between WFP and the National Ghana School Feeding Programme will ensure joint targeting, a sustainable exit strategy and harmonized inputs, strategies and monitoring mechanisms.
47. FAO and WFP joint crop and food supply assessment missions (CFSAMs) are very valuable to humanitarian food security interventions. By September 2006, CFSAMs had been conducted in Angola, Cameroon, Liberia and Burundi; additional missions are planned for Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mauritania and the Sudan.
48. Following a technical consultation in December 2005 on issues such as the relationship between national food gaps and household food needs, and improved estimation of commercial imports, WFP and FAO are revising CFSAM guidelines.
49. The challenge is to develop a standard food security classification system that consolidates inter-sectoral data and facilitates comparisons of humanitarian needs among countries. In Somalia, WFP and FAO are using the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) system and guidance developed by the FAO Food Security Assessment Unit. IPC is also being piloted in Côte d’Ivoire, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Somalia as part of



CAP/NAF. WFP plans to extend the pilot to other countries before revising the IPC guidelines with FAO.

50. WFP and FAO continued the twin-track approach in the Junior Farmer Field and Life School (JFFLS) programme in Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland and Zambia.
51. In September 2006, WFP and FAO signed a local MOU in the Philippines to build peace and improve food security among conflict-affected farmers in the first joint food-for-work (FFW) project in Mindanao. This aims to improve the agricultural productivity and livelihoods of poor farmers affected by conflict and internal displacement.
52. The Emergency Relief Coordinator and Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa requested FAO and WFP to start a regional consultative process addressing long-term food security challenges in the region, to mitigate the effects of future droughts in the Horn of Africa.

IFAD

53. In 2005, WFP and IFAD cooperated on nine projects in eight countries, mainly on agricultural production, land and water development, road development and disaster recovery. WFP provided food aid to communities benefiting from IFAD micro-credit schemes, to improve infrastructure or develop skills in income-generating activities.
54. In 2001, WFP/IFAD collaboration in India addressed poverty eradication and food security. WFP hosts IFAD's Field Presence Unit in India. The benefits of this collaboration include improved project design, cost efficiency and joint advocacy. Combining the agencies' food and cash resources has developed sustainable livelihoods for 600,000 of the most food-insecure tribal people.
55. In Mali, WFP, IFAD and the government signed a Letter of Understanding (LOU) for rural development through asset creation. In the United Republic of Tanzania, WFP has partnered IFAD since 1999, supporting the government's Participatory Irrigation Development Programme; WFP's food-for-asset-creation activities have constructed/rehabilitated 328 km of access roads and excavated 461 km of canals. WFP, IFAD and government interventions created 36 irrigation schemes for paddy irrigation land.

Rome-Based Agency Cooperation

56. A senior-level working group of the Rome-based agencies met for the first time in August 2006 to discuss improvements in joint working. Areas where increased collaboration was proposed included the integration of food security and rural development into national PRS, regional approaches to combating food insecurity, and needs assessment.
57. In November 2006, WFP, FAO, IFAD and Habitat collaborated during the International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty held in New York to mark the end of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty. The agencies co-sponsored a panel and produced a joint paper on "Reducing Hunger and Extreme Poverty: Towards a Coherent Strategy", highlighting the need for a twin-track approach to hunger and poverty reduction.
58. The heads of the three Rome-based agencies visited Ghana in December 2006 to reaffirm their determination to strengthen joint efforts to reduce hunger and poverty in Ghana's food-insecure northern regions.



59. The Rome-based agencies continued to cooperate in the International Alliance Against Hunger (IAAH). During the FAO Committee on World Food Security, a special event, Alliances Against Hunger, Today and Tomorrow, brought about national alliances such as the Jordanian National Alliance. WFP and Jordan are strengthening this alliance's institutional capacity.
60. IAAH was among the first partners WFP contacted in 2005 when it launched the Walk the World event. This initiative stimulated activities such as the Germany-Jordan Drive Away Hunger rally, in 2006.
61. The Rome-Based Management Development Centre – a joint WFP, IFAD and FAO initiative – was launched in 2004. Simulations, competency-based interviews and assessment results increased participants' awareness of their own management and leadership skills. Since its inception, 114 senior managers from the three organizations – 42 from WFP – have participated. Other United Nations agencies recognize this programme's effectiveness in developing senior managers, and the Rome-based agencies are exploring ways of expanding partnerships with these agencies. Women in leadership, negotiation skills and Myers Briggs training sessions were attended by 92 participants – 15 from WFP.

UNAIDS

62. As a co-sponsor of UNAIDS, WFP is the lead agency for nutrition and dietary support of people with HIV, and provides guidance to national governments and the other nine co-sponsors of UNAIDS.
63. In March 2006, the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and Donors was established in accordance with the Three Ones principles. WFP advocates for food, nutritional and dietary support to be included in comprehensive care and support packages for governments. The role of food and nutrition in maintaining the health and quality of life of people living with HIV and AIDS is now widely recognized. In July 2006, WFP became chair of the UNAIDS Committee of Coordinating Organizations.
64. In August 2006, at the International AIDS conference in Toronto, WFP called on all stakeholders in the fight against AIDS to include food and nutritional support in the essential package of care for people affected by HIV. As Stephen Lewis stated: "...it is now accepted as unassailable truth that people in treatment need nutritious food supplements to maintain and tolerate their treatment".
65. WFP operates in 21 of the 25 most severely affected countries, and has HIV/AIDS-related activities in 51 countries. WFP interventions focus on three areas: care and treatment, support to orphans and vulnerable children affected by AIDS, and awareness and prevention education.

UNHCR

66. WFP and UNHCR continued their joint support to 1.9 million refugees and 2 million returnees in 30 countries. Collaboration includes a global work plan, joint plans of action at the country level, regular high-level meetings, WFP's participation in the UNHCR Executive Committee, and UNHCR's in the WFP Executive Board, a high-level working group to review joint issues related to internally displaced people (IDPs), and collaboration at the field and headquarters levels.



67. More than 15 joint assessment missions (JAMs) were carried out, and training for JAMs was provided in Geneva in October 2006. UNHCR participated in WFP's training of staff and counterparts on protection issues in the delivery and distribution of food aid.
68. WFP and UNHCR are partners on IDP issues in countries where UNHCR is the global cluster lead for protection and emergency shelter and camp management/coordination for people displaced as a result of conflict. Both agencies collaborated on repatriating refugees to Angola, Burundi, DRC, Liberia and the Sudan.
69. WFP and UNHCR joint advocacy continues. For the first time, the heads of WFP, UNHCR and UNICEF visited DRC, Burundi and Rwanda together in February and March 2006 to highlight the needs of people in the Great Lakes Region.
70. WFP and UNHCR issue joint press releases and statements, particularly for underfunded operations where food pipeline breaks are expected. Both agencies collaborate on ending child hunger and improving the nutritional status of refugees. UNHCR has made nutrition one of its Global Strategies for 2006–2009.
71. In the United Republic of Tanzania, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP lead monthly Development Partners Group refugee sub-group meetings, organize donor missions and conduct annual nutritional surveys with other partners.

United Nations Volunteers

72. United Nations Volunteers (UNV) collaboration with WFP is growing: 257 UNVs – 190 international and 67 national – contributed to WFP's field operations in 2005. As of 30 September 2006, 210 UNVs were serving with WFP.
73. This partnership was strengthened by joint support of WFP's and the UNV International Volunteer Day. In Trinidad and Tobago, two UNV doctors organized an 11 km Walk Against Child Hunger.

WHO

74. WFP/WHO cooperation grew over the past year. WHO became one of WFP's main partners in 2005, with 69 projects in 42 countries. Health and nutrition – 52 projects – and HIV/AIDS – 17 projects – featured prominently; 70 percent of joint activities were in emergency and recovery operations.
75. In 2006, high-level meetings were held to enhance cooperation in humanitarian issues. A technical logistics agreement is being finalized, in which WHO will tap WFP's expertise in logistics and use its Humanitarian Response Depots, while WFP benefits from WHO's technical experience in health and nutrition. From early 2007, WFP plans to involve WHO in its preparedness and contingency planning, assessments and vulnerability mapping activities in countries that include DRC.

World Bank

76. In 2005, WFP and the World Bank collaborated in 26 projects in primary schools, MCH, and nutrition and HIV/AIDS in 17 countries. Collaboration is growing, especially in post-conflict and post-emergency countries, as both organizations develop more efficient food systems and recognize each other's strategic guidelines for poverty reduction.
77. Following WFP missions to Niger in the aftermath of the food crisis in late 2005, the World Bank invited WFP to participate in the mid-term evaluation of a nationwide irrigation project. This led to the extension of benefits to poor, food-insecure farmers who



had been excluded. Within the 2006 budget support project, Rural and Social Sector Reform Credit, WFP helped to draft a policy document identifying actions that the government needs to implement to trigger the release of World Bank funds. WFP highlighted the importance of food security as an element in Niger's national development strategy, and identified policy actions to this end.

78. WFP, the World Bank and FAO are discussing development of the grain market in Africa. WFP will analyse the effects and consequences of food aid distribution and local food aid procurement on underlying grain markets, and the effects of inadequate infrastructure on grain markets.
79. WFP and the World Bank are collaborating on a weather-based insurance pilot project to provide monetary compensation to Ethiopian farmers and protect them against rainfall risk.

Collaboration with NGOs

80. In 2005, a record 2,274 NGO partners handled 42 percent of WFP's food aid in 73 countries and 209 projects. Most of these partnerships – involving 170 NGOs – were in conflict areas such as Afghanistan, Burundi and DRC.
81. Consultations in Europe and the United States aimed to engage NGOs in ECHUI and public awareness raising on hunger-related issues. NGOs were briefed about participation in the global Partners Group.
82. The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and three NGO consortia organized a meeting on enhancing the effectiveness of humanitarian action, in Geneva in July 2006. WFP's Executive Director attended the meeting, which was valuable in fostering relationships between the United Nations and NGOs. WFP is a member of the inter-agency working group to follow up on this meeting. Partnerships between WFP and NGOs also benefited from WFP's role as lead agency for the logistics cluster, as funding was channelled directly to NGOs and international organizations. In Lebanon, WFP provided NGOs with a common transport system.
83. The regional NGO strategy in southern Africa focused on linking partners and United Nations teams through the Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Support Office process, and identified programming and technical gaps in the regional portfolio. Two staff members from the Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE) and Action Aid were seconded to help improve regional capacity to collect outcome data, develop HIV/AIDS programmes and strengthen field-level collaboration. WFP established NGO consortia to respond to the relief and recovery needs of country offices. Swaziland uses the Coordinating Assembly of NGO Consortia, and Zimbabwe's flexible umbrella/nodal NGO management and delivery system can scale up or down at short notice.
84. In October 2006, WFP and 25 NGOs co-chaired WFP's annual NGO consultation on Partnerships in Food Aid Interventions in the 21st century. Issues included cost sharing, the Sudan operation, WFP targeting, humanitarian reform, local/regional procurement, future levels of food assistance, and protection. On 1 December 2006, WFP and the NGO Islamic Relief signed an MOU for global cooperation, which will lead to new collaborations to assist WFP beneficiaries, more than half of whom live in Muslim communities.



FOLLOW-UP TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on United Nations System-Wide Coherence in the Area of Development, Humanitarian Assistance and the Environment.

85. The High Level Panel's report which was released in November 2006, was a major follow-up to the 2005 World Summit. In May 2006, WFP hosted in Rome the High-Level Panel consultations on humanitarian and transition issues, and seconded a staff member to the panel secretariat for several months. WFP, FAO and IFAD will implement the report's recommendation for closer cooperation among the Rome-based agencies to address long-term food security needs, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Action on most of the panel's recommendations will require broader inter-agency cooperation, guidance from the new Secretary-General and in some cases inter-governmental action among Member States. WFP will participate in the inter-agency and intergovernmental bodies, and will regularly inform the Board of developments.

High-Level Meeting on the Mid-Term Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action (Brussels Programme of Action) for the Least-developed Countries (LDCs) for the decade 2001–2010)

86. WFP participated in consultations for the mid-term comprehensive global review of implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action, making statements in Addis Ababa and at the ministerial-level meeting in Cotonou. In September 2006, the Executive Director participated at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to review the Brussels Programme of Action and reaffirm commitment to LDCs. Through the review WFP highlighted its focus on LDCs, and its commitment to delivering the bulk of its resources to LDCs, to reduce hunger, malnutrition and poverty. In 2005, US\$1.9 billion – three quarters of WFP's expenditures – were allocated to LDCs. WFP targeted a greater portion of its resources to LDCs than any other United Nations agency, far exceeding average bilateral official development assistance (ODA). At the high-level meeting in New York, WFP and FAO stressed the Rome agencies' important role in addressing hunger and food insecurity in LDCs.

OTHER ISSUES RELEVANT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW (TCPR)

Transition from Relief to Development

87. In April 2006, WFP disseminated field guidelines on exiting emergencies, including tools for shifting from emergency response to longer-term programmes that protect and improve livelihoods and resilience, and for phasing out WFP assistance from a transition setting or country. On the Board's request, WFP presented a discussion paper on "WFP Thinking and Experience on Programming in Transition Settings" at the informal consultation in October 2006. Although 90 percent of WFP food is directed to emergencies and 10 percent to development, in PRROs the tonnages for relief and for recovery are roughly 50:50. WFP will ensure that best practices for exiting emergencies and transitions



are included in all future EMOPs and PRROs. Next steps include developing guidance on targeting in emergencies, developing comprehensive training on programming in emergencies and transitions, and continuing to participate in inter-agency fora, such as the IASC Early Recovery Cluster and the UNDG/ECHA Working Group on Transition Issues.

Capacity-Building

88. WFP's Strategic Objective 5 is to strengthen the capacities of countries and regions to establish and manage food assistance and hunger reduction programmes. There are regional capacity development projects in Latin America and the Caribbean and southern Africa. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Senegal and Yemen have capacity development as a main objective. At least 30 country offices have mainstreamed capacity-building activities within food assistance interventions. In 2006, capacity development components for new CPs were appraised in Bangladesh, Egypt, India and Yemen. WFP technical assistance is a major feature of capacity development, with thousands of government and NGO participants being trained. Technical services and cooperation with governments were established in 20 areas.
89. WFP partnered the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to pilot the economic model and methodology for regional cost of hunger studies that estimate the economic impact of undernutrition. Methodology for the Nutrition and Food Security Atlas was developed with Tufts University and tested in the Dominican Republic.
90. The southern Africa project highlighted the importance of ensuring local ownership: participation from Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) partners led to adoption of a five-year programme on Strengthening Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis in the SADC Region. There is a full-time WFP staff member at the SADC/Vulnerability Assessment Committee in Gaborone, co-funded by WFP and FAO. Another WFP staff member is stationed in the Ministry of Agriculture in Pretoria, supporting development of the national Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems process.
91. WFP provided technical training on early-warning systems (EWS), emergency preparedness and response to technical departments of the African Union Commission (AUC) and some regional economic communities. WFP and AUC jointly developed: (i) Alert Africa, and Africa-Wide EWS; and (ii) the Building Africa-Wide Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) Network. WFP and other United Nations agencies developed a post-conflict reconstruction and development strategic framework for AU, as a blueprint for intervening in countries emerging from conflict. WFP provides technical support on gender policy to AUC's Directorate for Women and Gender.
92. In Ethiopia, WFP's capacity-building is based on its experience in local-level participatory planning, in which communities lead the management of their natural resources. In Indonesia, WFP collaborated with UNDP, UNESCO and WHO to build the capacity of central, provincial and district government officials in emergency management and contingency planning. In Liberia and the Dominican Republic, UNICEF and WFP built the Ministry of Health's capacity to establish a nutrition surveillance system.

Gender Mainstreaming

93. Implementation of WFP Gender Policy 2003–2007: Enhanced Commitments to Women (ECW) to Ensure Food Security continues through (i) guidelines on implementation of the ECWs, (ii) collection and analysis of baseline survey data to produce a global report in 2005 and a follow-up study in 2007, (iii) regional and country-



level training, completed in early 2006, for 60 country offices and 1,400 WFP and partner staff, and (iv) field-based research on implementation of the ECWs.

94. WFP has mainstreamed gender in:

- the operational sectors of CPs;
- the updated Programme Guidance Manual (online), and Food Distribution Guidelines;
- a training manual on *Leadership Skills, Gender and HIV/AIDS*, for which the links between gender and HIV/AIDS were explored; a recent publication *Getting Started: HIV, AIDS and Gender in WFP Programmes*, describing how WFP's efforts to achieve gender equality and empowerment contribute to reducing the vulnerability of women and girls to HIV/AIDS;
- the 2006 food security and nutrition assessment in Darfur;
- field studies in DRC, Colombia, Liberia and Uganda in 2006 on the impact of humanitarian crises on both sexes, food aid protection challenges and gender-based violence; WFP activities, such as protection rations, contributed to beneficiaries' safety;
- programme evaluations and reports such as those on Ethiopia, India, the Sudan and Indonesia; and WFP's overall results-based monitoring system;
- a chapter on Food Security, Distribution and Nutrition in *Women, Girls, Boys and Men: Different Needs – Equal Opportunities. A Gender Handbook for Humanitarian Action*, in collaboration with FAO and UNICEF, as a member of the IASC task force on gender and humanitarian assistance.

Challenges

95. There is need to mainstream gender in all conflict prevention and early warning tools, so more efforts are needed in needs assessment, contingency planning and early warning. Although WFP does not have a treaty-based protection mandate, it is well-placed to promote protection. More efforts are needed to increase understanding of how WFP can contribute to protection concerns, including gender-based violence, however.

Evaluation

96. During 2006, WFP presented 13 evaluation reports to the Board. Of particular interest were (i) an evaluation of WFP's Business Process Review, which seeks to maximize resource use and improve food pipelines, particularly in relief operations, (ii) a joint UNHCR/WFP evaluation of pilot food distribution projects, (iii) the Tsunami Evaluation Coalition synthesis report and (iv) the inter-agency real-time evaluation of the application of the IASC Cluster Approach in the South Asia Earthquake.
97. The Niger evaluation report distinguished between the period before the humanitarian crisis (harvest 2004 to July 2005) when the assessment and response by stakeholders proved to be inadequate and the acute phase of the crisis, when WFP's strategic reorientation was fully relevant, if somewhat late.
98. WFP is a member of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), which it anticipates will facilitate a peer review of the evaluation function in WFP in 2007.



ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS

Participation in the 2006 Joint Meeting of the Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

99. UNFPA coordinated the joint meeting of the Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, which took place in New York in January 2006. For the second consecutive year, WFP coordinated the Transitions from Relief to Development theme, highlighting recovery from the 2005 Pakistan earthquake. To reflect the field perspective, WFP invited UNDP's Pakistan country director and the Pakistan's Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Affairs to make statements on United Nations inter-agency and government cooperation. Board Members' reactions were positive, and they encouraged the United Nations agencies to foster capacity-building, preparedness and national leadership.

Participation in Joint Field Visits of the Boards

100. The Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP visited Indonesia in March 2006, coordinated by UNDP. The purpose was to help Board Members understand the extent and ways in which United Nations organizations, collaborating with government and other partners, contributed to the transition from a humanitarian disaster of unprecedented scale – the December 2004 tsunami – to reconstruction and recovery. The visit also demonstrated how multilateral agencies support governments' achievement of goals. Particular attention was paid to issues relevant to United Nations reform and donor coordination. The mission concluded that the Indonesia UNDAF had strong country ownership, and noted that joint programming is an important tool.

TABLE 1: GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS THAT MENTION WFP AS A FOLLOW-UP AGENCY

Resolution	Timing	Title	Action by WFP
A/Res/60/123 (A/60/L.3)	Ongoing	Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel	Information Note on Funding of Security Management Arrangements, WFP/EB.1/2006/13-C.
A/Res/60/125 (A/60/L.39)	Ongoing	International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in natural disasters, from relief to development	WFP's follow-up on humanitarian assistance is reported in the 2005 Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the FAO Council, section 6.
A/Res/60/195 (A/60/488/Add.3)	Ongoing	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)	WFP is a member of the Platform for Promotion of Early Warning. It is also involved in the ISDR initiative, which deals with the Kyoto Framework for Action.
A/Res/60/218 (A/60/496)	Ongoing	Humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for Ethiopia	WFP provides inputs on its achievements to the report of the Secretary-General through the RC.
A/Res/60/219 (A/60/496)	Ongoing	Assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia	See above
A/Res/60/128 (A/60/499)	Ongoing	Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced people in Africa	WFP/UNHCR Joint Evaluation of the Pilot Food Distribution Projects, WFP/EB.1/2006/7-D. See also the Paragraphs on UNHCR in the section on Collaboration with Partners in this report.
A/Res/60/141 (A/60/505 and Corr.1)	Ongoing	The girl child	WFP provides inputs on its achievements, three times a year, to reports of the Commission on the Status of Women, ECOSOC and the General Assembly. WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007) – Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security, WFP/EB.3/2002/4-A.
A/Res/60/165 (A/60/509/Add.2) (Part II)	Ongoing	The right to food	WFP and the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security, WFP/EB/2/2005/4-B.



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

Resolution	Title	Action by WFP
2005/42	United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development	The Rome-based agencies support IAAH and work together in the twin-track approach. See below for more details.
2005/45	Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development	WFP, FAO and IFAD focus on achieving MDG 1. They encourage investment in rural development and agriculture to support developing countries creating vibrant economies where people can provide for themselves. The Rome-based agencies are strengthening efforts to make the twin-track work. They highlighted food security, hunger reduction and rural development in the outcome document of the September 2005 World Summit. In August 2006, the three agencies formed a senior-level working group on cooperation to integrate food security and rural development into national PRS and regional approaches to combating food insecurity, among others.
2006/4	Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger	All WFP policies governing the use of food aid aim to eradicate hunger and poverty (WFP Mission Statement). WFP, its United Nations partners, NGOs and other organizations implement initiatives to achieve MDG 1. Details are in this report.
2006/10	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti	WFP provides inputs on its achievements to the report of the Secretary-General through the RC.
2006/11	Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau	See above



ANNEX I

POINTS RAISED AT THE 33RD SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE

“65. The Conference commended and reiterated its support to WFP for its performance in responding to both man-made and natural disasters. Many Members considered that more attention should be paid to development activities. Members also expressed support for WFP management.

66. Some Members recognized the importance of continuing WFP/FAO cooperation, especially with regard to food security, needs assessment, emergency responses in the provision of agricultural inputs, and nutrition. Cooperation with other UN agencies, civil society, governments and other partners in promoting comparative advantage and effectiveness was also stressed.

67. Some Members commended WFP’s focus on women as regarded mother and child nutrition and school feeding programmes. There was some concern, however, over diminishing development programmes that were crucial in addressing hunger as a result of the increase in emergency activities. It was important for development activities to remain intact for capacity-building efforts of developing countries. Some Members stressed that emphasis should be on the traditional core activity of food aid.

68. Most Members recognized the importance of WFP’s call for an expansion in its multilateral donor base, and called for the flexibility that more multilateral cash donations would provide.

69. Some Members expressed concern about the capacity of WFP staff to cope with an ever increasing number of emergency situations. While welcoming the concern expressed about staff well-being, the WFP noted that several mechanisms were in place to assist staff in coping with stress such as Rest and Relaxation (R&R), staff rotation, peer support volunteers, and that management was paying continued attention to this matter.

70. A concern was raised that the contributions of small non-traditional donors should not result in decreasing support by the traditional donors. A few Members also addressed the need for strategic food stocks to be available in disaster-prone areas.

71. Some Members praised WFP’s business process review, and further encouraged innovative approaches.”

(Source: FAO Conference, 33rd Session, Rome, 19-26 November 2005.
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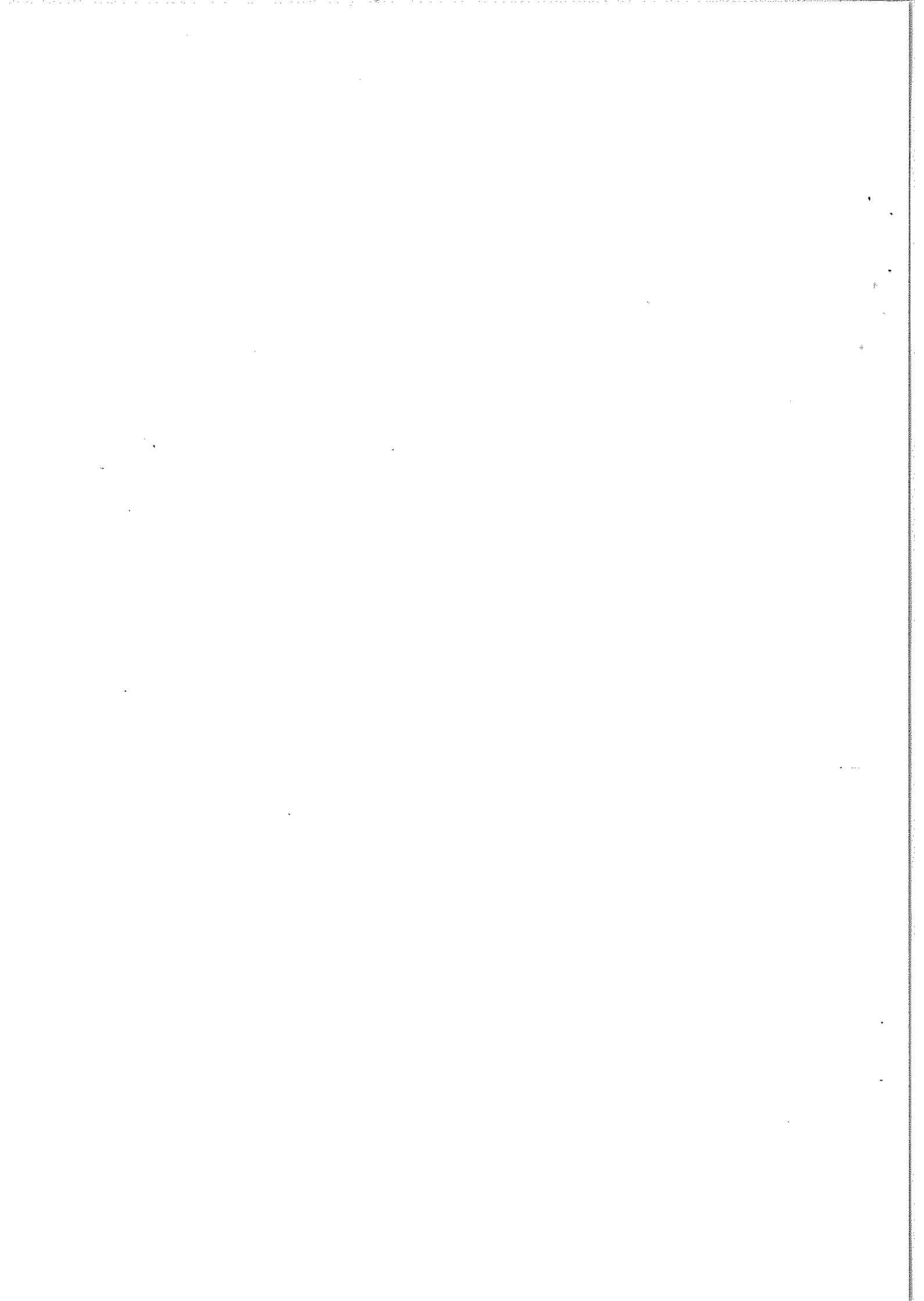
AIDS	auto-immune deficiency syndrome
AU	African Union
AUC	African Union Commission
CAP	Consolidated Appeals Process
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CCA	Common Country Assessment
CCP	Common Country Programme
CERF	Central Emergency Response Fund
CFSAM	crop and food supply assessment mission
CHAP	Common Humanitarian Action Plan
CP	country programme
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DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
ECHA	Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs
ECHUI	Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
ECW	Enhanced Commitments to Women
EMOP	emergency operation
EWS	early-warning system
ExCom	UNDG Executive Committee
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FFE	food for education
FFW	food for work
Habitat	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
HC	Humanitarian Coordinator
HGSFP	Home-Grown School Feeding Programme
HIV	human immuno-deficiency virus
IAAH	International Alliance Against Hunger
IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDP	internally displaced person
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



ILO	International Labour Organization
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPC	Integrated Phase Classification
IRA	Immediate Response Account
ISDR	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
JAM	joint assessment mission
JFFLS	Junior Farmer Field and Life School(s)
JO	joint office
JOWG	Joint Office Working Group
JP	joint programme
LDC	least-developed country
LOU	Letter of Understanding
MCH	mother-and-child health
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAF	needs analysis framework
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NFI	non-food item
NGO	non-governmental organization
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
ODA	official development assistance
PAHO	Pan-American Health Organization
PDE	External Relations Division
PG	Programme Group
PRRO	protracted relief and recovery operation
PRS	poverty reduction strategy
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
RC	Resident Coordinator
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
TCPR	Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAMA	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNCT	United Nations country team
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDG	United Nations Development Group

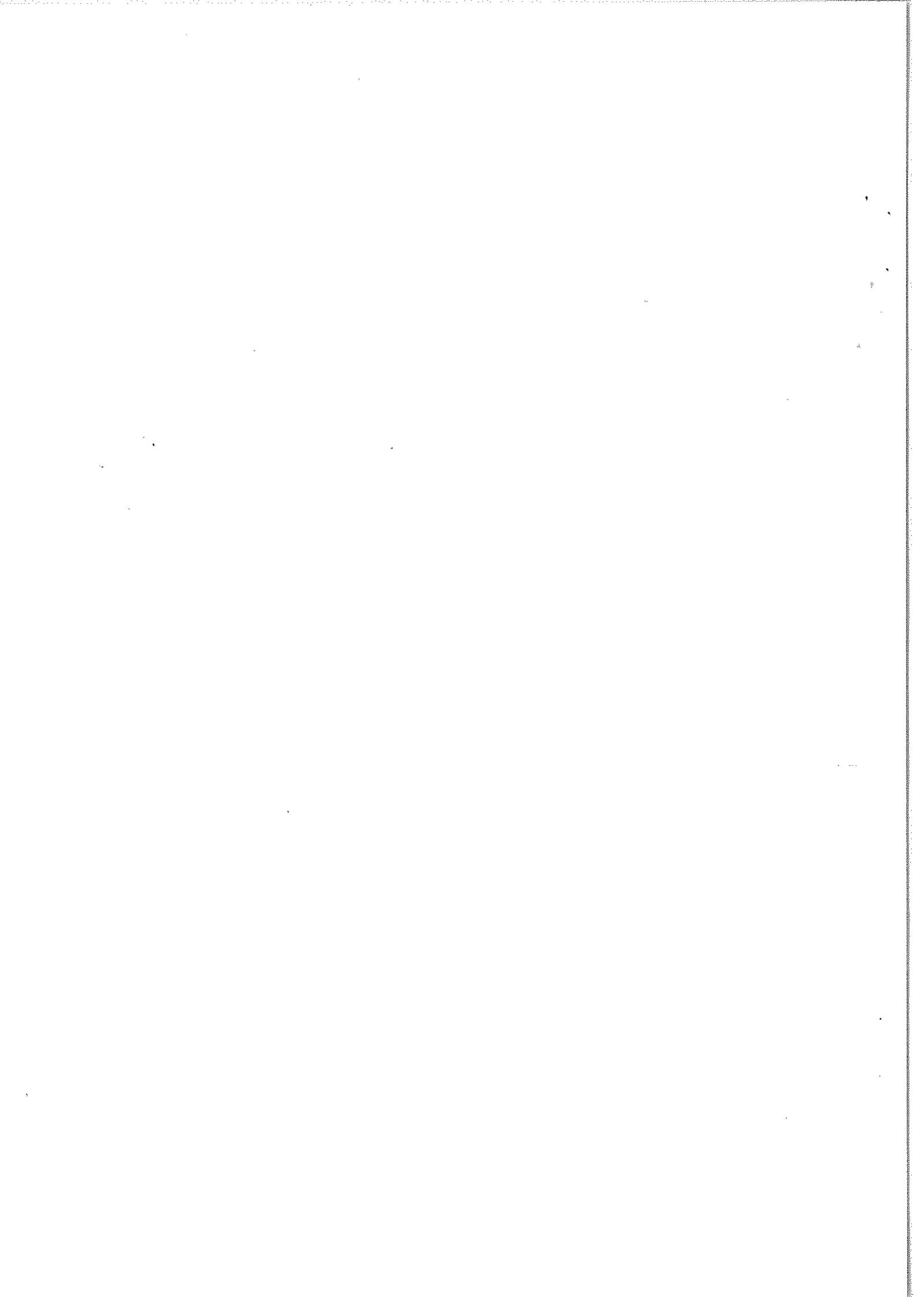


UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEG	United Nations Evaluation Group
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHAS	United Nations Humanitarian Air Service
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNJLC	United Nations Joint Logistics Centre
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
UNV	United Nations volunteer
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAM	vulnerability analysis and mapping
WHO	World Health Organization



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Annual report of the Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council on its activities in 2006

In accordance with General Regulation VI.3 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2000/EB.A/2, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme has the honour to present to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council this document for consideration:



Section I

Matters calling for action by the Council of FAO or brought to its attention

I. Following the decision taken at its Annual Session in 2006 to adopt the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme endorsed the amendments to Article VI, paragraph 2 (b) (viii) and Article XIV, paragraph 6 (b) of the General Regulations. In accordance with the provisions contained in Article XV of the General Regulations, the Executive Board hereby submits its recommendation, through the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the Council of FAO for approval by the United Nations General Assembly and the FAO Conference.

Proposed Amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

(a) Article VI, paragraph 2 (b) (viii):

Current text:

“consider the biennial report on inspections and investigations, and take such action thereon as it considers appropriate.”

Amended text:

“consider the annual report of the Inspector General and take such action thereon as it considers appropriate.”

(b) Article XIV, paragraph 6 (b):

Current text:

“biennial financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor;”

Amended text:

“annual financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor;”

Subject the approval of the above amendments the revised WFP General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2008.

II. Amendments to the General Rules of the World Food Programme

Also subject to the approval of the above amendments, the Executive Board approved revisions of General Rules VI.1 and X.8 hereby presented **for information** to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the Council of FAO.

General Rule VI.1: Strategic Plan

Current text:

"The Executive Director shall submit to the Annual Session of the Board, in the second year of each financial period, a Strategic Plan that will cover a four year period, be prepared every two years on a rolling basis and will highlight the main features of the proposed programme of work for the ensuing financial period."

Amended Text:

"The Executive Director shall submit to the Annual Session of the Board, in the second year of each Biennium, a Strategic Plan that will cover two successive Biennia. The Strategic Plan shall be prepared every two years on a rolling basis and will highlight the main features of the proposed programme of work for the first Biennium."



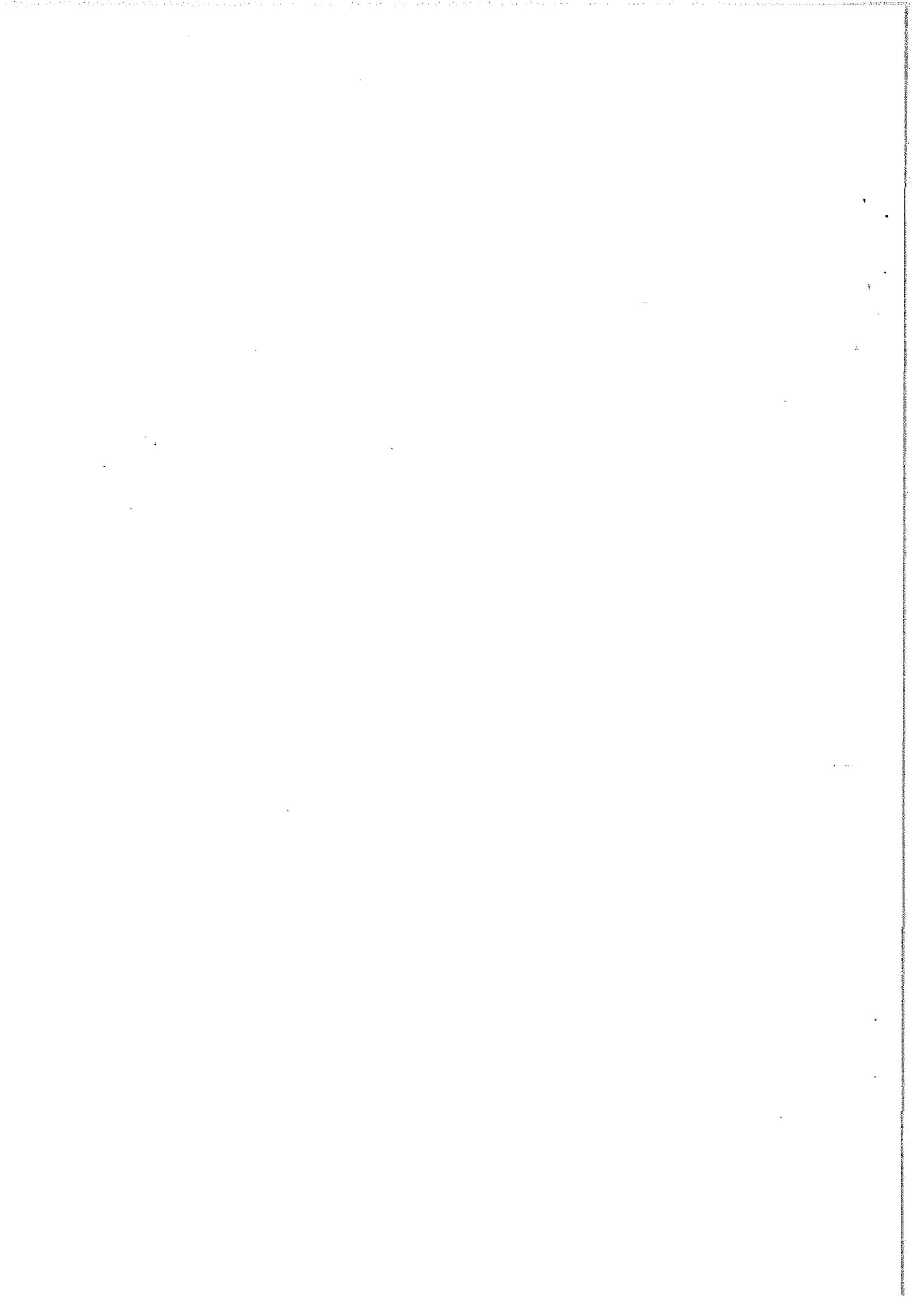
General Rule X.8: Availability of resources

Current text:

"The Executive Director shall ensure that development projects submitted to the Board for approval, and development projects and Country Programme activities approved under the Executive Director's delegated authority, can be implemented within estimated available resources. Resource availability shall take into account pledges and contributions expected for the current financial period, as well as resources which can reasonably be expected to be contributed during the two subsequent financial periods including resources which could be made available by the recipient government itself or by bilateral donors."

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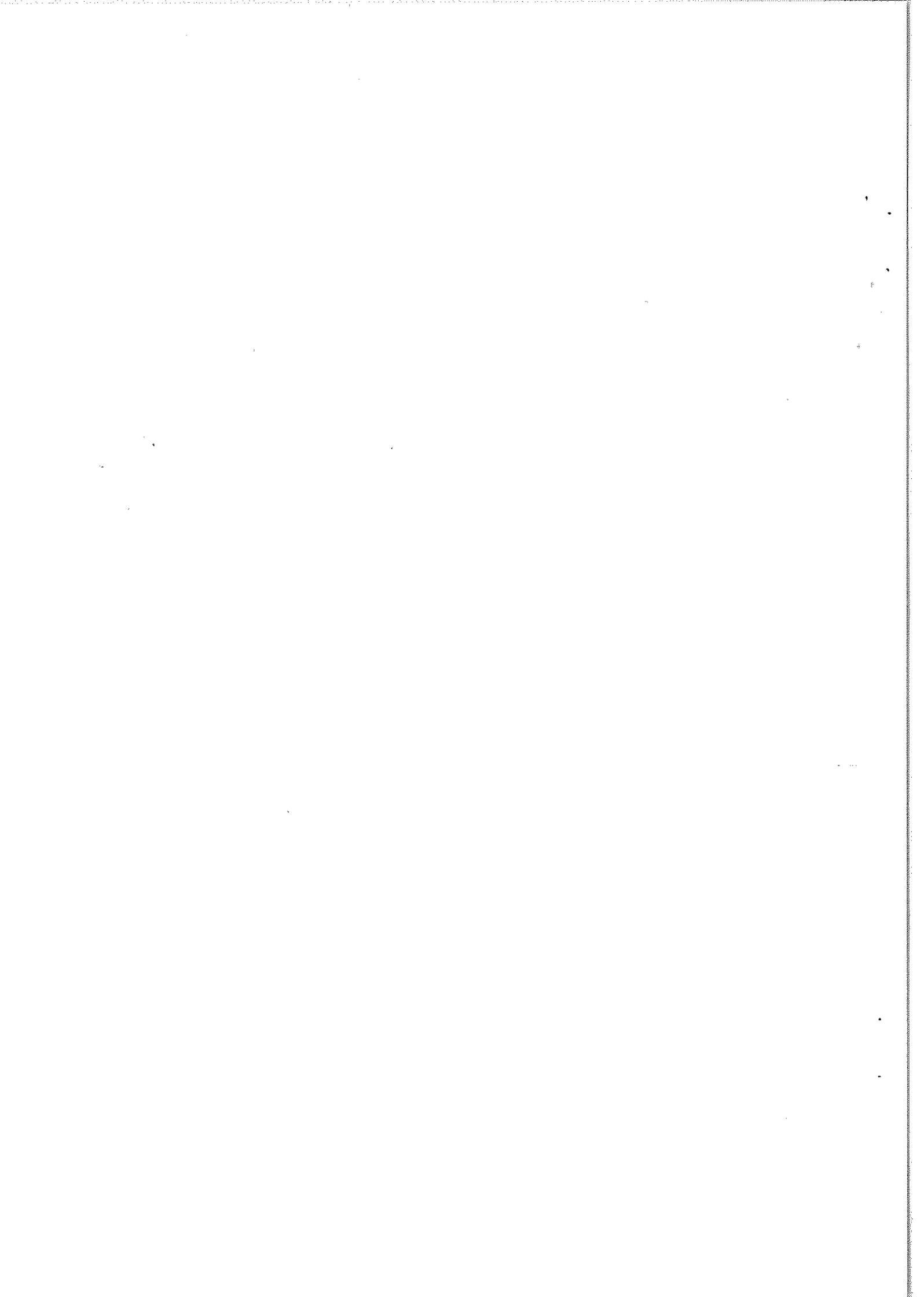


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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as amended (Annex).

20 February 2006

Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Executive Board elected H.E. Mirza Qamar Beg (Pakistan, List B) as President for a one-year term.

The Board elected as Vice-President H.E. Ewald Wermuth (The Netherlands, List D). The representatives of the Republic of the Congo, Mr Emile Essema (List A) Cuba, H.E. Alfredo Néstor Puig Pino (List C), and the Russian Federation, Mr Alexander A. Titarenko (List E) were elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists for a one-year term.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Lothar Caviezel (Switzerland) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2006.

20 February 2006

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

2006/EB.1/1 Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

20 February 2006

ANNUAL REPORTS

2006/EB.1/2 Annual Report for 2005 to ECOSOC and FAO Council

The Board approved the Annual Report for 2005 to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (WFP/EB.1/2006/4/Rev.1 + Add.1). In accordance with its decision 2004/EB.A/11 of 24 May 2004, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to ECOSOC and to the FAO Council, along with the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2005 and the present decision.

20 February 2006



POLICY ISSUES

2006/EB.1/3

Targeting in Emergencies

The Board endorsed the document "Targeting in Emergencies" (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-A) and requested that the following recommendations be added to the Policy Compendium:

"It is WFP policy that targeting is a central element of an integrated and comprehensive emergency needs assessment and response strategy. WFP should continue to respond immediately and in a cost-effective manner to emergencies and, in so doing, aim to meet conditions for effective targeting such as:

- i) food assistance is required to save or protect lives and livelihoods;
- ii) the most vulnerable target groups are identified;
- iii) type and form of food assistance best suited to the needs of the target groups are identified; and
- iv) on-going adjustments are made to the above on the basis of appropriate assessments and modification of activities according to changing needs.

Targeting should be a conscious and integral management activity at all stages of the programme cycle. As an emergency develops and population needs change, target groups, targeting methods and WFP practices must also evolve. Successful targeting requires regular, systematic analysis of a multiplicity of factors, including the gender dimensions of an emergency. Setting clear project objectives from the start that take these factors into account will later allow for targeting flexibility without compromising the goals of a project. The selection of programme and delivery mechanisms that ensure that food reaches those who need it is an equally important aspect of targeting.

The main targeting objective of WFP in emergencies is to achieve a balance between targeting exclusion errors, which can be life-threatening, and potentially disruptive or wasteful inclusion errors. In acute emergencies, due to the urgency of the situation, it may well be necessary to accept inclusion errors in order to save lives or protect livelihoods. Other targeting objectives include providing a safe environment for food deliveries and maintaining flexibility to adapt to rapidly changing situations.

Targeting costs increase in proportion to the level and detail of targeting. WFP should analyze benefits and budget for costs associated with different targeting approaches, keeping in mind that cost-efficiency for WFP may imply increased transaction or opportunity costs for recipients."

23 February 2006

2006/EB.1/4

Humanitarian Access and its Implications for WFP

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Note on Humanitarian Access and its Implications for WFP" (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-B + Corr.1 + Corr.2) and encouraged the Secretariat to continue developing its expertise in this area.

22 February 2006



2006/EB.1/5

Food Procurement in Developing Countries

In considering the paper "Food Procurement in Developing Countries" (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C), the Board noted the issues involved in local, sub-regional and regional purchases of food products, especially where markets were not well developed, and recognized the positive and possible negative impacts WFP's procurement might have on these markets. The Board therefore requested that WFP continue to advance in its study of the developmental impact of food procurement, both on markets and on the food security of vulnerable groups. The Board further requested WFP to encourage local, sub-regional and regional purchases to the extent possible.

In addition, the Board:

- subject to considerations of cost-efficiency, timeliness and appropriateness to beneficiary needs, *re-affirmed* that WFP should continue to undertake food procurement in a manner that accentuated positive impacts and mitigated against negative consequences;
- *urged* donors to provide more unrestricted, timely and predictable funding so that WFP could more effectively plan and undertake local, sub-regional and regional food procurement; and
- *requested* WFP to give due consideration to optimizing the potential developmental benefits of procurement by:
 - ◇ working closely with national governments, FAO, IFAD and others to assess the capacity of local, sub-regional and regional markets to participate in WFP procurement and to support partner efforts to develop this capacity further;
 - ◇ ensuring that WFP country offices and/or regional bureaux, where appropriate to the overall needs of WFP, have the necessary staff to enable them to procure food based on an adequate knowledge and analysis of local, sub-regional and regional markets; and
 - ◇ providing the Board, in the framework of its discussions of WFP's operations and country situations, with a detailed breakdown of the origin of commodities purchased or received in local, sub-regional and regional markets and assessments of the capacity of local, sub-regional and regional suppliers to meet procurement needs.

The Board requested that the Secretariat provide a report on the implementation of its requests at the Annual Session in 2006, and regularly thereafter.

21 February 2006

2006/EB.1/6

Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

The Board took note of the Secretariat's oral presentation on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

21 February 2006



RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2006/EB.1/7 **Review of ISC Rate Modalities**

The Board took note of the document "Review of ISC Rate Modalities" (WFP/EB.1/2006/6-A/1) and looked forward to a more comprehensive and final review of the ISC rate to be presented to the Annual Session of the Board in June 2006.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

21 February 2006

2006/EB.1/8 **Review of the Arrangements for Reporting Post-Delivery Food Losses to the Executive Board: Report by the External Auditor**

The Board took note of "Review of the Arrangements for Reporting Post Delivery Food Losses to the Executive Board: Report by the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.1/2006/6-B/1) and looked forward to a management response to the recommendations and findings contained in the report.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

21 February 2006

2006/EB.1/9 **Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.1/2006/6-C/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

21 February 2006

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.1/10 **Evaluation of WFP's Assistance to China (1979–2005)**

The Board took note of the document "Evaluation of WFP's Assistance to China, 1979–2005" (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-A).

23 February 2006

2006/EB.1/11 **Thematic Review of Targeting in Relief Situations: Summary Report**

The Board took note of the document "Thematic Review of Targeting in Relief Operations: Summary Report" (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-B).

21 February 2006



2006/EB.1/12 Summary Report of the Thematic Review of WFP-Supported Mother-and-Child Nutrition Interventions

The Board took note of the document “Summary Report of the Thematic Review of WFP-Supported Mother-and-Child Nutrition Interventions” (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-C*) and of the recommendations it contains. It looked forward to receiving a more detailed management response at its next session.

22 February 2006

2006/EB.1/13 WFP/UNHCR Joint Evaluation of the Pilot Food-Distribution Projects

The Board took note of the document “WFP/UNHCR Joint Evaluation of the Pilot Food-Distribution Projects” (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-D) and encouraged WFP to take action on the findings, with considerations raised during discussion taken into account.

22 February 2006

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.1/14 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Angola 10433.0

The Board approved PRRO Angola 10433.0 “Food Assistance for Education and Health in Conflict-Affected Communities of Angola” (WFP/EB.1/2006/8/1 + Corr.1).

21 February 2006

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.1/15 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Pakistan 10504.0

The Board approved PRRO Pakistan 10504.0 “Post-Earthquake Relief and Recovery Operation — South Asia” (WFP/EB.1/2006/8/2).

22 February 2006

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.1/16 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Democratic People's Republic of Korea 10488.0

The Board approved PRRO Democratic People's Republic of Korea 10488.0 “Recovery Assistance for Vulnerable Groups in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea” (WFP/EB.1/2006/8/3). It requested the Secretariat to hold informal consultations with the Board at the discretion of the Executive Director on negotiations on the Letter of Understanding (LOU) with the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to submit a written report to the Executive Board in June 2006.

23 February 2006



ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2006/EB.1/17 Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to WFP

After considering the recommendations contained in the eight JIU reports in 2004 and one report in 2005 relevant to the work of WFP (WFP/EB.1/2006/11), the Board took note of the action WFP had taken on those recommendations.

23 February 2006

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2006/EB.1/18 Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2005

The Board endorsed the draft Summary of the work of its Second Regular Session of 2005, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.2/2005/15.

23 February 2006



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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as modified.

12 June 2006

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr. Francisco José Coy Granados (Colombia) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2006.

12 June 2006

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

2006/EB.A/1 Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on current and future strategic issues facing WFP. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

12 June 2006

2006/EB.A/2 Procedure for the Appointment or Reappointment of the Executive Director

The Board noted with approval a statement made by the President concerning the arrangements for consulting the Board about the appointment or re-appointment of the Executive Director under Articles VII.2 and VII.3 of the General Regulations of WFP.

16 June 2006

ANNUAL REPORTS

2006/EB.A/3 Annual Performance Report for 2005

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2005 (WFP/EB.A/2006/4 + Corr.1), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP's performance for the year.

12 June 2006

POLICY ISSUES

2006/EB.A/4 Engagement in Poverty-Reduction Strategies

The Board recommended that WFP:

- a) engage with national authorities in the Poverty-Reduction Strategy process in partnership with FAO, IFAD, the United Nations country teams and other development partners to ensure due attention to food insecurity and hunger in the short, medium and long term;
- b) integrate into PRRO and development project reports information on how they contribute to national poverty-reduction strategies;
- c) prepare detailed guidance on WFP's engagement in national poverty-reduction strategy processes; and
- d) consider how best to build national governments and WFP staff capacity, in line with WFP's mandate and Strategic Objectives, and taking account of competing resource needs and operational priorities.

14 June 2006

2006/EB.A/5 The Role and Application of Economic Analysis in WFP

In considering the paper "The Role and Application of Economic Analysis in WFP" (WFP/EB.A/2006/5-C), the Board noted the importance for WFP of integrating economic analysis in relation to its programmes and operations.

The Board recommended that:

- a) WFP take the necessary steps to ensure that the role and application of economic analysis be mainstreamed within the organization in relation to its programmes and operations, and report on progress and associated costs in future Annual Performance Reports;
- b) WFP continue to invest in its in-house economic analysis capability, in close cooperation with National Governments, as another tool for designing its programmes and operations and drawing to the maximum extent possible on the existing capacities of all partners concerned; and
- c) WFP intensify its strategic partnership with FAO, IFAD and other organizations to exploit synergies and avoid duplication of analytical efforts. To this end, the Board requested a written report on the details of the strategic partnership, including the division of labour among the participating organizations and taking into account the observations made by Board members on the document to be submitted at the November 2006 Board Session.

15 June 2006



2006/EB.A/6

Global Task Team Recommendations on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors

The Board:

- a) endorsed the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors;
- b) strongly supported the emphasis on support for country-level action and strengthening national responses within the context of the GTT recommendations; and
- c) endorsed the United Nations Technical Support Division-of-Labour Matrix.

15 June 2006

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2006/EB.A/7

Audited Biennial Accounts, 2004–2005

The Board:

- a) approved the 2004–2005 Biennial Financial Statements of WFP, together with the Report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6(b); and
- b) noted the funding from the General Fund of US\$7.6 million during the biennium for the write-off of contributions and accounts receivable.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/8

WFP Pledging Target, 2007–2008

Having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in document WFP/EB.A/2006/6-B, the Board:

- a) approved a pledging target of US\$6.74 billion for 2007–2008, determined using the needs-based approach on which the current WFP Biennial Management Plan was based; and
- b) recommended to ECOSOC that the next Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review may consider recommending to the General Assembly that pledging conferences should be discontinued because they no longer had a significant value in resource mobilization for WFP.

13 June 2006



2006/EB.A/9 Review of the Indirect Support Cost Rate

The Board:

- a) took note of the target level of the PSA equalization account of US\$66 million for the current biennium;
- b) requested the Secretariat to apply the methodology outlined in this document for establishing the ISC rate in future Management Plans; and
- c) approved an ISC recovery rate of 7.0 percent for the 2006–2007 biennium as originally proposed in the Management Plan.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/10 Review of the Results-Based Management Framework for Monitoring and Reporting Results: Report by the WFP External Auditor

The Board took note of "Review of the Results-Based Management Framework for Monitoring and Reporting Results: Report by the WFP External Auditor" (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-D/1) and looked forward to a management response to the recommendations and findings contained in the report.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/11 Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor

The Board took note of the "Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.A/2006/5-E/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/12 Report of the Inspector General

The Board took note of the Report of the Inspector General (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-F/1) and would forward it to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services along with its comments.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006



2006/EB.A/13 Analysis of WFP Cost Components

The Board took note of the document "Analysis of WFP Cost Components" (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-G/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/14 Report on WFP's Cash Balances

The Board took note of "Report on WFP's Cash Balances" (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-H/1) and recommended that the Secretariat keep the cash balances under review to ensure that they were at appropriate levels.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/15 Second Progress Report on the Implementation of International Accounting Standards

The Board:

- a) took note of the High-Level Committee on Management approval of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Accounting Standards, endorsed by the Finance and Budget Network, proposing that the United Nations system adopt International Public Sector Accounting Standards;
- b) approved the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards by WFP for its financial statements, effective January 2008; and
- c) took note of the estimated costs of the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards in WFP of US\$3.7 million.

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/16 Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)

The Board:

- a) took note of the information contained in "Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)";
- b) approved the transfer to the IRA of US\$20 million from the positive balance on the PSA equalization account; and
- c) authorized the Executive Director to allot up to US\$3.7 million from the PSA equalization account balance to cover the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

14 June 2006

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/17 Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Business Process Review

The Board,

recognizing a) that the conclusions of the “Full Report of the Evaluation of the Business Process Review” highlight the benefits achieved through the nine pilot operations, b) that the BPR achieved its two major objectives of maximizing the utilization of contributions and making food available on a more timely basis, c) that US\$167.5 million of the US\$185.5 million authorized in working-capital loans has been repaid, with no write-offs to date, and d) that the evaluation report identified areas for improvement that were being addressed by the Secretariat, which was developing an automated tool, preparing guidance materials and reviewing the internal advance mechanisms,

authorized the Secretariat to extend the BPR model as appropriate, with no increase to the overall working-capital threshold of US\$180 million, to those country offices that had implemented the business building blocks to support the BPR system and had the capacity to benefit from it;

encouraged all the country offices to enact such building blocks so as to join and benefit from the BPR model; and

requested the Secretariat to present the status of implementation at the Second Regular Session of 2006.

15 June 2006

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/18 Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of Country Programme Bhutan 10133.0 (2002–2007)

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in “Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of Country Programme Bhutan 10133.0 (2002–2007)” (WFP/EB.A/2006/7-A/2) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during discussion.

14 June 2006

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/19 Draft Country Programme — Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/8), for which the regular development food resources were 245,600 mt at a cost of US\$101.6 million covering all basic direct operational costs. The Board:

- a) authorized WFP to mobilize additional contributions from other sources to the level of US\$207.6 million for four years to address the needs of 5.4 million beneficiaries; and



- b) authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board and after intense consultations with the relevant national and international agencies.

14 June 2006

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/20 Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005" (WFP/EB.A/2006/7-A/4) and of the management response, and invited WFP to follow up the recommendations, taking into account issues raised by Board members during discussion.

The Board invited WFP to present to its next session a report on the follow-up on the recommendations of the evaluation, including concrete suggestions on how to improve the prevention of similar potential crises in the Sahel.

15 June 2006

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/21 Draft Country Programme — Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/2), for which the food requirement was 31,217 mt at a cost of US\$24,483,133¹ covering all basic direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board.

15 June 2006

2006/EB.A/22 Draft Country Programme — Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/1), for which the food requirement was 26,128 mt at a cost of US\$17.7 million, covering all basic direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board.

15 June 2006

¹ Although the requirements put forward amount to US\$34,127,548, the budget was revised to take account of the level authorized in the results-based management framework.



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EVALUATION REPORTS**

**2006/EB.A/23 Summary Report of the Evaluation of Country Programme Yemen
10137.0 (2002–2007)**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in “Summary Report of the Evaluation of Country Programme Yemen 10137.0 (2002–2007)” (WFP/EB.A/2006/7–A/1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

15 June 2006

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/24 Draft Country Programme Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011)

The Board endorsed the draft country programme Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/7 + Corr.1) for which the food requirement was 96,256 mt at a cost of US\$40 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme taking into account the comments of members of the Board.

15 June 2006

2006/EB.A/25 Draft Country Programme Egypt 10450.0 (2007–2011)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Egypt 10450.0, Enabling Livelihoods, Nutrition and Food Security, 2007–2011 (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/4 + Corr.1).

In line with WFP’s General Rules, the “countries of concentration” policy and the limited availability of resources for development, the budget for Board approval was capped at approximately US\$8.0 million — US\$1.6 million a year for five years. These resources would cover 20,904 mt of food for 80,150 beneficiaries.

The Board also endorsed WFP’s strategy for an expanded country programme for a total of US\$44.1 million, considering ongoing reform efforts by the Government of Egypt and the urgent need to improve government food-assisted development activities. WFP would seek additional funding beyond regular pledges and contributions to support Egypt in meeting these needs. The expanded country programme would assist approximately 396,000 beneficiaries with direct food support, and would enable millions more poor people to secure food and other basic services under enhanced government safety-net programmes, facilitating a smooth phase-out of WFP assistance by 2011.

The Board authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the comments of Board members.

15 June 2006



SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/26 Draft Country Programme Mozambique 10446.0 (2007–2009)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Mozambique 10446.0 (2007-2009) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/3), for which the food requirement was 66,684 mt at a cost of US\$35 million covering all basic direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board.

15 June 2006

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/27 Draft Country Programme — Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007–2011)

The Board (i) endorsed draft country programme Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007-2011) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/5), for which the food requirement was 230,000 mt at a cost of US\$108.2 million for all basic direct operational costs, (ii) endorsed the concept of an expanded country programme as outlined, and (iii) authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account comments from members of the Board

16 June 2006

2006/EB.A/28 Draft Country Programme — United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007–2010)

The Board endorsed draft country programme United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/6), for which the food requirement was 69,732 mt at a total cost of US\$32.2 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the comments of the Board.

16 June 2006

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/29 Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Somalia 10191.0

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in “Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Somalia 10191.0” (WFP/EB.A/2006/7-A/3) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

16 June 2006



OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/30 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Somalia 10191.1**

The Board approved PRRO Somalia 10191.1 "Food Aid for Relief and Protection of Livelihoods" (WFP/EB.A/2006/9).

16 June 2006

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2006/EB.A/31 **Progress Report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project**

The Board took note of the "Progress Report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project" (WFP/EB.A/2006/10-A/Rev.1). It authorized the Executive Director to continue analysis of the Ethiopia pilot project and preparatory work on a work plan and budget for an extension of the first Ethiopia pilot project into a second phase.

The Board also requested the Executive Director to examine the feasibility of a potential expansion of the drought insurance portfolio into commercially viable risk-management strategies.

The Board requested the Secretariat to investigate the most suitable partners and institutional home to pursue such work.

The Board requested an informal consultation on the above subjects in September 2006, the results of which will serve as basis for presentation to the Board's Second Regular Session of 2006.

At the Second Regular Session of 2006, the Board will consider reports on progress in the Ethiopia pilot project, possible further drought pilot projects on a case-by-case basis subject to the identification of funding sources, and the broader issue of suitable partnerships and an institutional home for this work. These matters will be presented in the form of a work plan and budget for 2007 for Board approval.

The Secretariat will provide the membership with a final report on the current Ethiopia pilot project at the First Regular Session of 2007, or the Second Regular Session of 2006, as appropriate.

16 June 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/32 **Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2005**

In considering "Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January - 31 December 2005" (WFP/EB.A/2006/13-A + Corr.1), the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were reduced, to seek reimbursement from governments that had lost commodities through negligence and to continue to report to the Board annually.



15 June 2006

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2006/EB.A/33 Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2006

The Board endorsed the draft Summary of the work of its First Regular Session of 2006, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.1/2006/15.

16 June 2006



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 - e) The Evolution of Food Aid Sources – **withdrawn**
 - f) Progress Report on the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative
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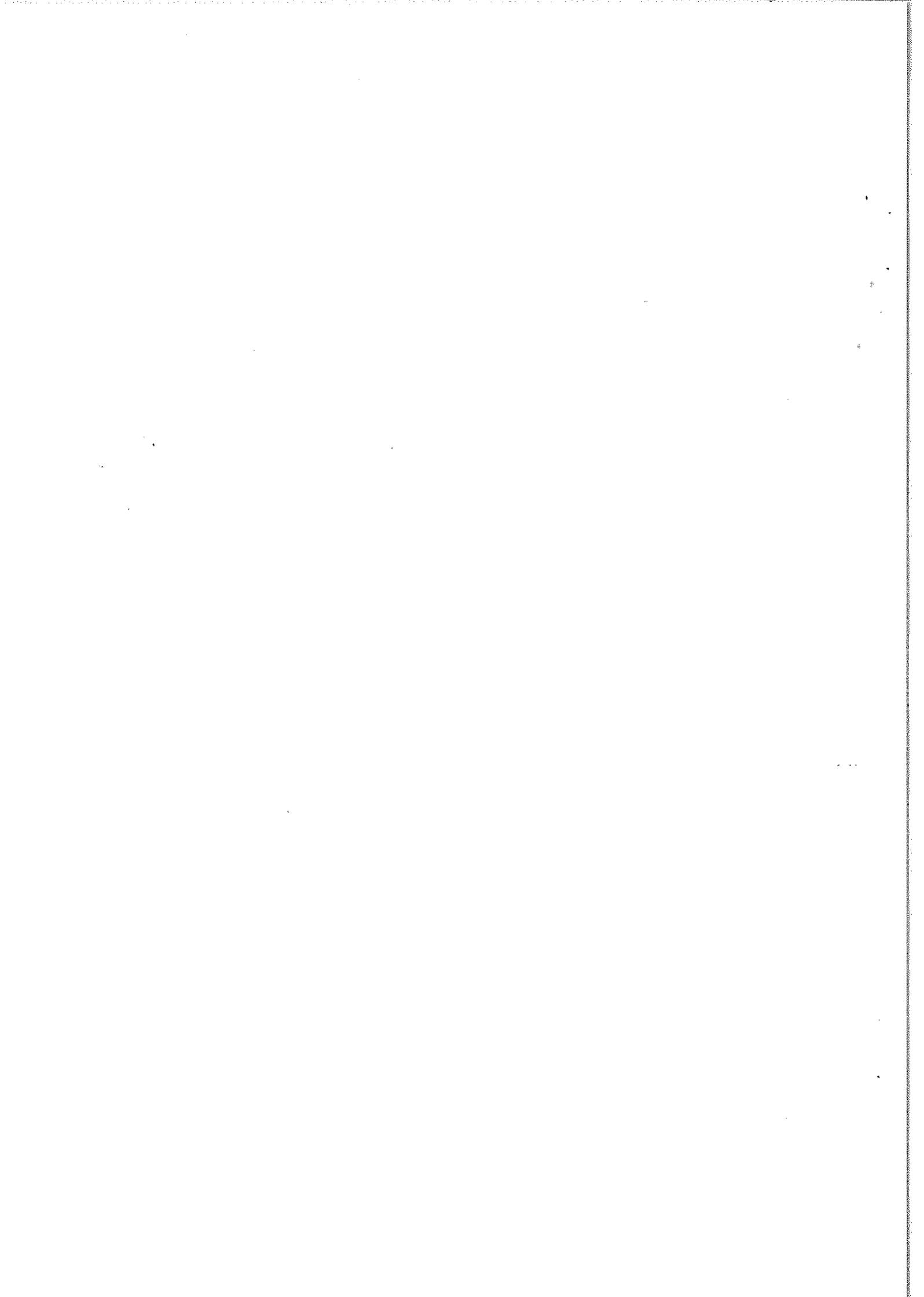
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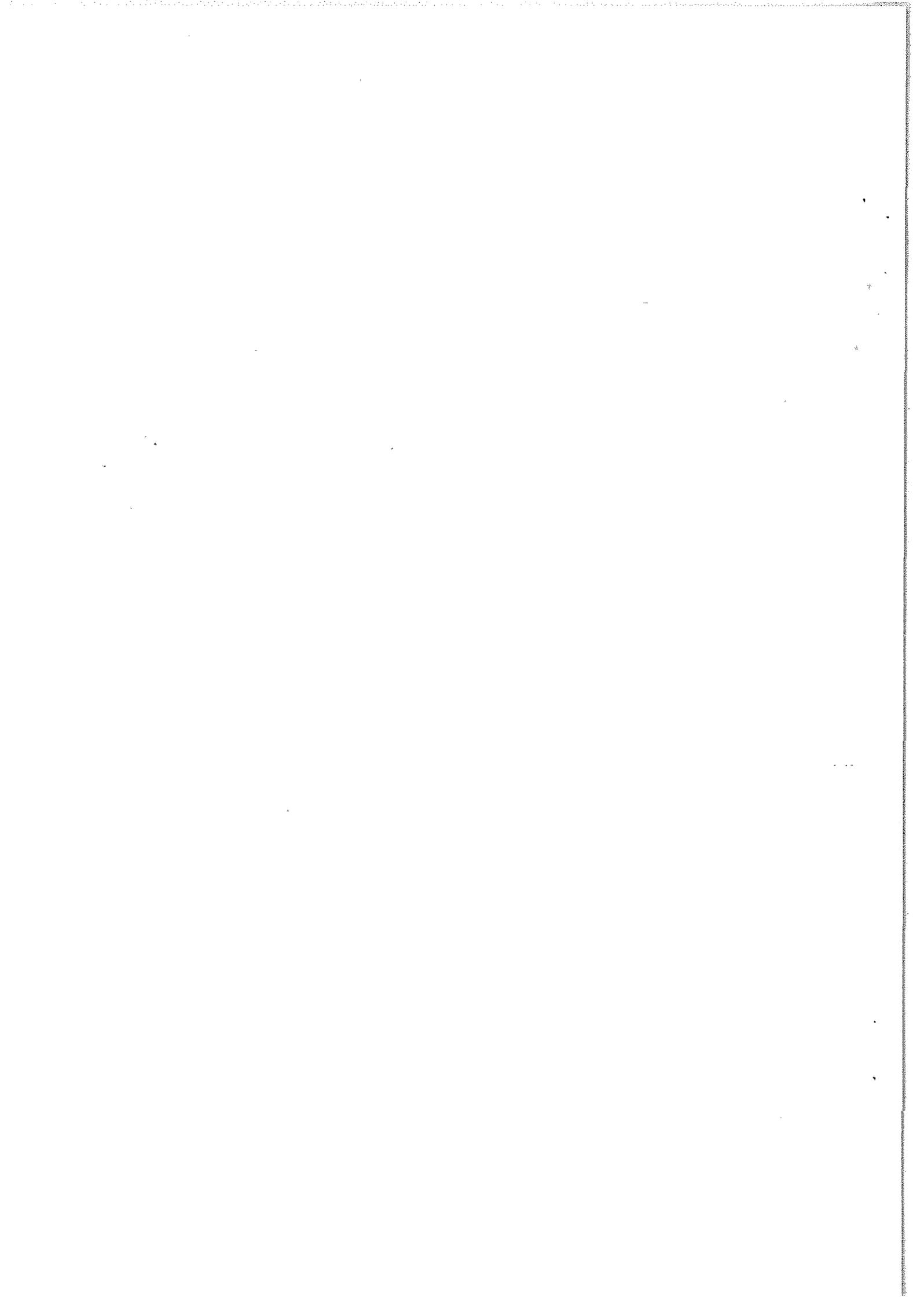


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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as presented (Annex).

6 November 2006

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed H.E. Bojana Hocevar (List E, Slovenia) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2006.

6 November 2006

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.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2006/EB.2/1 Opening Remarks by the Executive Director

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

6 November 2006

POLICY ISSUES

2006/EB.2/2 Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: Global Framework for Action

Having considered the document on "Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: Global Framework for Action" (WFP/EB.2/2006/4-A) the Board:

- a) welcomed the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (ECHUI), and progress on the Global Framework for Action for that initiative;
- b) recognized the initiative's potential contribution to achieving the first Millennium Development Goal, and the catalytic role of WFP and UNICEF, working through their respective mandates and established Memorandum of Understanding, in mobilizing the global partnerships required to end child hunger;
- c) recognized that the initiative focuses on the 350 to 400 million hungry children in the developing world, particularly the estimated 146 million undernourished children under 5 years of age;
- d) encouraged WFP, with UNICEF, to lead the initiative effectively by mobilizing a broad range of partners to support national efforts in this critical area, with the goals of:
 - (i) increasing awareness of child hunger and undernutrition, and increasing understanding of potential solutions;



- (ii) strengthening national policies and programmes;
 - (iii) increasing country capacities for direct community action; and
 - (iv) increasing the effectiveness and accountability of global efforts to reduce child hunger and undernutrition;
- e) requested WFP, with UNICEF, to provide periodic information and analysis on progress of the initiative, including results, constraints, opportunities and lessons learned;
- f) requested the Secretariat to submit at the next session of the Executive Board in February 2007 a paper:
- i) to authorize WFP to participate in a revised version of the Global Framework for Action; and
 - ii) to approve a statement on WFP's role in the workplan for 2007-2008, and an estimated budget for WFP's participation in the workplan.

Furthermore, the Secretariat would submit to the session for its consideration:

- iii) the status of the Partners Group;
- iv) milestones for 2007-2008 and the corresponding timetable for developing the Partners Groups workplan and responsibilities; and
- v) the draft workplan for the initiative, including terms of reference for the Partners Group, the Steering Group and the Secretariat of the initiative.

9 November 2006

2006/EB.2/3

Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments: Second Progress Report on the Implementation Plan

The Board took note of "Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments: Second Progress Report on the Implementation Plan" (WFP/EB.2/2006/4-B/Rev.1)

6 November 2006

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2006/EB.2/4

Third Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards

The Board:

- i) approved the changes to the General Regulations in Annex I, effective 1 January 2008, and recommended their approval by designated United Nations, ECOSOC and FAO bodies;
- ii) approved, pursuant to approval of the changes to the General Regulations in (i) above, the changes to the General Rules in Annex II, effective 1 January 2008, and submitted them for information to ECOSOC and the FAO Council;
- iii) approved, pursuant to approval of the changes to the General Regulations in (i) above, the changes proposed to the Financial Regulations in Annex III, effective 1 January 2008;
- iv) took note of the United Nations General Assembly approval of the



adoption of IPSAS; and

- v) took note of the action taken by the United Nations and WFP in preparation for the implementation of IPSAS.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/5 Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations on 2004–2005 Operations

The Board took note of “Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations on 2004–2005 Operations” (WFP/EB.2/2006/5-D/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/6 Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the Biennium 2006-2007

The Board took note of “Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the Biennium 2006–2007” (WFP/EB.2/2006/5-E/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

7 November 2006

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/7 Country Programme — Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/3*), which represents a total volume of 31,217 mt of food at a cost of US\$24 483 133, including all basic direct operational costs.

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/8 Country Programme — Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/7), for which the food requirement is 26,128 mt at a cost of US\$17.7 million, covering all basic direct operational costs.

7 November 2006



2006/EB.2/9 Draft Country Programme — Senegal 10451.0 (2007–2011)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Senegal 10451.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2006/7/1), for which the food requirement was 27,828 mt at a cost of US\$16,057,377 dollars covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to proceed with the formulation of a country programme, taking account of the observations of members of the Board.

7 November 2006

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2006/EB.2/10 Report on the Follow-Up to the Evaluation of the WFP Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005

The Board took note of “Report on the Follow-Up to the Evaluation of the WFP Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005” (WFP/EB.2/2006/10/2).

7 November 2006

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/11 Country Programme — Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007–2011)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/8) for which the food requirement is 230,000 mt at a cost of US\$108.2 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/12 Country Programme — United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007-2010)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/2), for which the food requirement is 69,732 mt at a cost of US\$32.2 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/13 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Burundi 10528.0

The Board approved PRRO Burundi 10528.0 “Support for the Stabilization and Recovery of Burundi: Protecting and Creating Livelihoods while Improving the Nutritional Status of the most Vulnerable” (WFP/EB.2/2006/9-A/1).

7 November 2006



2006/EB.2/14 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — United Republic of Tanzania 10529.0

The Board approved PRRO United Republic of Tanzania 10529.0 “Assistance to Refugees in Camps and Vulnerable Households among the Host Population in North-Western Tanzania” (WFP/EB.2/2006/9-A/3 + Corr.1).

7 November 2006

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2006/EB.2/15 Ethiopia Drought Insurance Updates and 2007 Weather Risk Management Workplan

The Board (i) took note of continued progress on Phase I of the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Project and looked forward to the final project report to be submitted at the First Regular Session in 2007; and (ii) authorized the Secretariat to prepare a project budget and workplan for a phase II study to submit to donors for their consideration.

Subject to funding of this proposed project, the Secretariat would address all steps outlined in paragraph 14 of document WFP/EB.2/2006/10/1. The Secretariat would also address all other questions raised by the Board during the Second Regular Session in 2006 in a timely manner so as to enable the Board to form an opinion before the Second Regular Session in 2007. This review would include an evaluation of the institutional home, national or multilateral, including the financial and organizational responsibilities, leading to a final recommendation, as to such institutional home.

9 November 2006

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/16 Country Programme — Mozambique 10446.0 (2007–2009)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Mozambique 10446.0 (2007–2009) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/6), for which the food requirement is 66,684 mt at a cost of US\$41.9 million covering all basic operational costs.

8 November 2006

2006/EB.2/17 Draft Country Programme — Zambia 10447.0 (2007–2010)

The Board endorsed draft country programme Zambia 10447.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2006/7/2), for which the food requirement was 52,201 mt at a cost of US\$28.9 million for all direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme taking account of the observations of members of the Board.

8 November 2006



2006/EB.2/18 Budget Increase to PRRO — Southern Africa 10310.0

The Board approved the budget increase to PRRO Southern Africa 10310.0 “Assistance to Populations in Southern Africa Vulnerable to Food Insecurity and the Impact of AIDS” (WFP/EB.2/2006/9-B) to enable continued assistance to Zimbabwe until December 2007.

8 November 2006

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/19 Country Programme—Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/1), for which the food requirements are 263,650 mt at a cost of US\$101.6 million covering all basic direct operational costs. The Board authorizes WFP to mobilize additional contributions from other sources to the level of US\$207.6 million for four years to address the needs of 5.4 million beneficiaries.

9 November 2006

2006/EB.2/20 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Myanmar 10066.3

The Board approved PRRO Myanmar 10066.3 “Assistance to Vulnerable Families” (WFP/EB.2/2006/9-A/2).

9 November 2006

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/21 Country Programme — Egypt 10450.0 (2007–2011)

The Board approved on a no-objection basis Country Programme Egypt 10450.0 (2007–2011) “Enabling Livelihoods, Nutrition and Food Security”, (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/4), for which the food requirement is 20,904 mt at a cost of US\$6.8 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

The Board also approves WFP’s strategy for an expanded country programme for a total of US\$44.1 million, considering ongoing reform efforts by the Government of Egypt and the urgent need to improve government food-assisted development activities.

8 November 2006

2006/EB.2/22 Country Programme — Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011)

The Board approved on a no objection basis the Country Programme for Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/5), for which the food requirement is 96,256 mt at a cost of US\$40.5 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

8 November 2006



EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.2/23 Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Tajikistan 10231.0

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Tajikistan 10231.0" (WFP/EB.2/2006/6-B) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by Board members during its discussion.

8 November 2006

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.2/24 Summary Report of the Evaluation of Central America PRRO 10212.0

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of Central America PRRO 10212.0" (WFP/EB.2/2006/6-A) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

8 November 2006

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/25 Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) of the Executive Board

The Board approved "Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) of the Executive Board" (WFP/EB.2/2006/12) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

8 November 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/26 Review of the Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director

The Board:

- i) took note of the information on PRROs and budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director under the increased delegation of authority granted at the Third Regular Session in 2004;
- ii) took note of the information regarding budget increases to country programmes, approved by the Executive Director under the increased delegation of authority granted at the Second Regular Session in 2005;
- iii) endorsed the continuation of these delegations for a further two years until the Second Regular Session in 2008;
- iv) re-emphasized that the mechanism for approval of PRROs and related budget increases by correspondence should be used as set out in Decision 2004/EB.3/33;
- v) requested the Secretariat to keep it informed twice a year of the use of the Executive Director's delegated authority as set out in Annex I;



- vi) approved the amendment to the Appendix to the General Rules as set out in Annex I; and
- vii) requested the Secretariat to provide a review of these delegations after two additional years of implementation at the Second Regular Session of the Board in 2008.

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2006/EB.2/27 Comprehensive Human Resources Review

The Board took note of the information provided in the document WFP/EB.2/2006/13-B and requested the Secretariat to submit a comprehensive policy on human resources to the Board during 2007.

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SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2006/EB.2/28 Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2006

The Board endorsed the draft Summary of the work of its Annual Session of 2006, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.A/2006/17.

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OTHER BUSINESS

2006/EB.2/29 Letter of Engagement of the WFP External Auditor

Taking note of the explanation presented by the President, the Board approved the new audit fees proposed by the External Auditor for 2006–2009, which the Secretariat considered reasonable and justified, and authorized the President of the Board to sign NAO's Letter of Engagement on its behalf.

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AGENDA

1. *Adoption of the Agenda*
2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*
3. *Opening Remarks by the Executive Director*
4. *Policy Issues*
 - a) Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: Global Framework for Action (for consideration)
 - b) Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments: Second Progress Report on the Implementation Plan (for information)
 - c) Annual Update on School Feeding (for information)
 - d) Report on WFP's Strategic Partnerships in Economic Analysis (for information)
 - e) Update of the Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies (for information)
 - f) Review of the Country Programme Approval Process (for information)
5. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*
 - a) Third Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (for approval)
 - b) Procedures for the Re-Appointment of the External Auditor (for approval) - **withdrawn**
 - c) Report of the WFP External Auditor on Treasury Management (for consideration) - **withdrawn**
 - d) Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations on 2004–2005 Operations (for consideration)
 - e) Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the Biennium 2006-2007 (for information)
 - f) Progress Report on the WINGS II Project and Funding Approach (for information)
 - g) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007) (for information)
 - h) Status of Implementation of the Business Process Review Model (for information)
 - i) Report on Changes in WFP's Investment Policy (for information)
6. *Evaluation Reports*
 - a) Summary Report of the Evaluation of Central America PRRO 10212.0 (for consideration)
 - b) Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Tajikistan 10231.0 (for consideration)
 - c) Tsunami Evaluation: Synthesis Report (for information)
 - d) Information Note on the Inter-Agency Real-Time Evaluation of the Application of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Cluster Approach in the South Asia Earthquake (for information)

Operational Matters

7. *Draft Country Programmes* (for consideration)
 - Senegal 10451.0 (2007–2011)



- Zambia 10447.0 (2007–2010)
- 8. **Country Programmes** (for approval)
 - Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010)
 - Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010)
 - Egypt 10450.0 (2007–2011)
 - Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007–2011)
 - Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011)
 - Mozambique 10466.0 (2007–2009)
 - United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007–2010)
 - Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011)
- 9. **Projects for Executive Board Approval** (for approval)
 - a) Protracted relief and recovery operations (PRROs)
 - Burundi 10528.0
 - Myanmar 10066.3
 - United Republic of Tanzania 10529.0
 - b) Budget increases to PRROs
 - Southern Africa 10310.0
- 10. **Operational Reports**
 - Ethiopia Drought Insurance Updates and 2007 Weather Risk Management Workplan (for approval)
 - Report on the Follow-Up to the Evaluation of the WFP Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005 (for information)
- 11. **Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January–30 June 2006)** (for information)
 - a) Budget Increases to Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director
 - b) PRROs Approved by the Executive Director
 - Azerbaijan 10168.1
 - Madagascar 10442.0
 - Mali 10452.0
 - Niger 10509.0
 - c) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director
 - d) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or Jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO
- 12. **Organizational and Procedural Matters**
 - Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) of the Executive Board (for approval)
- 13. **Administrative and Managerial Matters**
 - a) Review of the Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director (for approval)
 - b) Comprehensive Human Resources Review (for information)



14. *Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2006*
15. *Other Business*
 - Report on the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Indonesia (for information)
16. *Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations*



