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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 28 February 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the **European Union**. The notification concerns actions taken within the framework of the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries (**Table NF:1**) during the **Calendar Year 2021**.

Table NF:1

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 16.2 OF THE AGREEMENT: MONITORING OF THE
FOLLOW-UP TO THE DECISION ON MEASURES CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE
NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE REFORM PROGRAMME ON LEAST-DEVELOPED
AND NET FOOD-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
EUROPEAN UNION**

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2021

**1 QUANTITY OF FOOD ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO LEAST-DEVELOPED AND NET
FOOD-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

In 2010, the EU adopted its Humanitarian Food Assistance Policy, which captures the shift from food aid to food assistance so as to cover the acute food and nutrition needs of the most vulnerable populations in the most efficient and effective manner. The broader concept of food assistance promotes the use of the most appropriate mix of tools and transfer modalities (including food distribution, cash transfers, vouchers, etc.) to best meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations in a specific crisis.

Total food assistance and nutrition funding allocations for LDCs and NFIDCs was close to EUR 434 million in 2021. This amount was spent mostly on products, logistics, support operations and transport, flanking measures and measures to monitor implementation of humanitarian food assistance and nutrition programmes, as well as livelihoods protection programmes.

In addition to this amount, close to EUR 20 million of assistance was provided in the form of multi-purpose cash transfers. This aid modality consists in the provision of cash to beneficiaries, who are then free to cover their needs in the way they consider most appropriate. Whilst the amount transferred is based on a theoretical minimum expenditure basket (MEB), the amount that is ultimately spent for food and nutrition purposes cannot be known with certainty. However, we generally estimate that it represents at least one third of the amount transferred.

In total, food assistance or multi-purpose cash transfers were provided for vulnerable, food and nutrition insecure populations in 57 countries or territories, of which 39 were LDCs or NFIDCs.

For total funds allocated for food and nutrition assistance and multi-purpose cash transfers in 2021 to LDC and NFIDCs by beneficiary country see Annex 1.

**2 INDICATION OF THE PROPORTION IN FULLY GRANT FORM OR APPROPRIATE
CONCESSIONAL TERMS**

All food assistance is provided fully in grant form. Local and regional purchase is encouraged, whenever possible, with a view to avoid harmful effects of the import of food from developed countries on the local markets.

3 TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PARAGRAPH 3(III) OF THE DECISION

The European Commission provided the reported food assistance to the most vulnerable victims of natural and man-made disasters. The allocation of assistance was decided firmly based on needs and in line with the fundamental humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence.

**4 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS TAKEN WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE DECISION**

The implementation of the food assistance funded by the European Commission was carried out by UN agencies and other international organisations, international NGOs and the Red Cross/Red Crescent family.

ANNEX

Funds allocated in 2021 for LDCs/NFIDCs for food and nutritional assistance (EUR million)

Country name	Food & nutrition assistance (EUR)	Multi-purpose cash transfer (EUR)
Afghanistan	82,520,629	796,034
Angola	946,500	0
Bangladesh	9,592,401	0
Benin	927,913	0
Burkina Faso	14,197,364	0
Burundi	0	349,320
Central African Republic	5,310,717	0
Chad	12,591,258	465,000
Congo, Democratic Republic of	18,761,776	885,354
Côte d'Ivoire	927,913	0
Dominican Republic	349,558	514,351
El Salvador	252,056	114,343
Eswatini	983,839	0
Ethiopia	15,308,265	1,213,019
Guinea	927,913	0
Haiti	7,085,452	0
Honduras	1,041,784	134,417
Kenya	4 695,095	85,903
Lesotho	1 000,000	0
Liberia	927,913	0
Madagascar	8,007,389	0
Mali	3,664,583	0
Mauritania	7,176,210	0
Mozambique	7,465,920	0
Myanmar	5,958,123	0
Niger	14,467,672	366,281
Pakistan	2,047,290	0
Peru	674,776	17,280
Rwanda	1,250,000	0
Sierra Leone	1,427,913	0
Somalia	9,846,187	5,772,920
South Sudan Republic	21,438,791	0
Sudan	31,248,282	574,632
Tanzania	3,500,000	0
Togo	927,913	0
Trinidad and Tobago	0	88,208
Uganda	7,868,296	4,940,805
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	4,456,829	0
Yemen	52,617,800	3,358,626
Total	434,629,945	19,676,493