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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 17 February 2023, 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 2022**.

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 2022

1 QUANTITY OF FOOD AID 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 above EUR 540 million in 2022. This amount was spent mostly on products, for-food cash distributions, 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 97 million of assistance was provided in the form of multipurpose 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 and nutrition assistance or multi-purpose cash transfers were provided for vulnerable, food and nutrition insecure populations in 70 countries or territories, of which 41 were LDCs or NFIDCs.

For total funds allocated for food and nutrition assistance and multi-purpose cash transfers in 2022 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. We encourage our implementing partners to provide in-cash assistance whenever possible and, when in-kind assistance is the only viable option, we encourage local and regional purchases 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 2022 for LDCs/NFIDCs for food and nutritional assistance (EUR million)

Country name	Food & nutrition assistance (EUR)	Multi-purpose cash transfer (EUR)
Afghanistan	53,128,316	10,368,925
Angola	2,921,144	0
Bangladesh	16,121,945	272,018
Benin; Burkina Faso; Chad; Côte d'Ivoire; Ghana; Guinea; Liberia; Mali; Mauritania; Niger; Sierra Leone; Togo	9,451,147	0
Burkina Faso	30,890,361	0
Central African Republic	8,074,445	0
Chad	28,268,186	579,886
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	20,856,863	7,751,128
Congo, Democratic Republic of the; Ethiopia; Kenya; Madagascar; Mozambique; Rwanda; Somalia; South Sudan Republic; Sudan; Tanzania; Zimbabwe	64,837,308	0
Congo, Democratic Republic of the; Ethiopia; Niger; South Sudan Republic; Sudan	7,383,290	0
Djibouti	196,175	0
Dominican Republic	1,884,849	58,195
Egypt	0	1,300,000
El Salvador	450,796	54,814
Ethiopia	30,701,517	5,155,626
Haiti	12,198,076	0
Honduras	2,462,053	64,437
Jordan	0	687,696
Kenya	6,153,116	5,025,102
Madagascar	10,778,630	62,672
Malawi	0	426,491
Mali	27,869,625	0
Mauritania	6,791,373	0
Mozambique	4,887,527	1,315,388
Myanmar	8,981,541	0
Niger	15,638,144	237,601
Pakistan	3,062,501	10,109,336
Peru	321,536	820,528
Rwanda	750,000	0
Somalia	31,613,771	14,556,813
South Sudan Republic	31,422,542	2,750,000
Sri Lanka	0	1,215,959
Sudan	15,641,176	4,098,468
Tanzania	2,000,000	0
Trinidad and Tobago	0	62,254
Uganda	6,550,027	4,866,174
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	6,550,670	0
Yemen	71,494,425	25,034,333
TOTAL	540,333,075	96,873,844