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Revision of Morocco transitional interim country strategic plan

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	1 January– 31 December 2018	1 January–30 June 2019	1 January 2018–30 June 2019
Beneficiaries	No direct beneficiaries – government capacity strengthening only	N/A	N/A
<i>(USD)</i>			
Total cost	214 000	-4 748	209 252
Transfer	127 007	-3 519	123 488
Implementation	45 000	-	45 000
Adjusted direct support costs	27 993	-	27 993
Subtotal	200 000	-3 519	196 481
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	14 000	-1 229	12 771

Gender and age marker* 2A

* <http://gender.manuals.wfp.org/en/gender-toolkit/gender-in-programming/gender-and-age-marker/>

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Decision

The Board approved by correspondence the revision of the Morocco transitional interim country strategic plan, inter alia to extend the duration of the plan through June 2019, and corresponding budget decrease of USD 4,748 as outlined in the present document.

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Rationale

1. A six-month extension of the Morocco transitional interim country strategic plan (T-ICSP) will allow time for the finalization of the country's food security and nutrition strategic review launched in May 2018 and the development of a full country strategic plan (CSP) for presentation to the Executive Board at its 2019 annual session. During the extension period, existing national capacity-strengthening activities will continue in the areas of school meals and social protection, notably with WFP's main partner, the Ministry of Education. The Government has requested WFP to continue to provide technical assistance and policy advice in line with education reform efforts under Vision 2030, the national nutrition strategy for 2011–2019, and the Green Morocco Plan, a national strategy for strengthening agricultural resilience and sustainability.

Changes

Strategic orientation

2. WFP's overall strategic direction will be maintained, as outlined in the original T-ICSP.

Strategic outcomes

3. The strategic outcomes and activities are unchanged by this revision.

Beneficiary analysis

4. The number of beneficiaries will not change. WFP's activities in Morocco aim to strengthen national capacity and provide technical assistance to enable the Government to implement a more efficient, effective and sustainable school meals programme. The programme provides meals for 685,000 girls and 742,000 boys in primary, secondary and boarding schools. These schoolchildren are indirect (tier 3) beneficiaries of WFP's capacity-strengthening activities in Morocco.

Transfers

5. The overall budget for capacity strengthening, the only transfer modality under the T-ICSP, will not change; the transitional ICSP will run for an extra six months with no increase in its original budget.

Supply chain

6. Not applicable.

Other considerations

7. WFP will continue to work closely with the Government on the national food security and nutrition strategic review. To facilitate the review, WFP will put in place measures to mitigate any potential institutional risks using the approach very successfully implemented by the other United Nations agencies working in Morocco. WFP has been supporting national authorities in their efforts to improve the Government-run school meals programme. The CSP could be an opportunity to deepen and diversify WFP's partnerships with the Government and other development actors, and to advance gender-transformative programming in line with WFP's Gender Policy (2015–2020) and the WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021).

Cost breakdown

8. This revision will result in a very slight reduction in transfer costs, with no change in implementation or adjusted direct support costs. The only change in the cost breakdown is a reduction of the indirect support cost rate from 7 to 6.5 percent.
9. WFP will seek to diversify its donor base in Morocco. The donor and multiple stakeholder consultations that will take place during the country strategic review and the development of the full CSP, starting in July 2019, will provide opportunities to consult potential donors and thereby improve the resource mobilization outlook in 2019.

TABLE 1: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)		
	WFP Strategic Result 5/ SDG Target 17.9	Total
	Strategic outcome 1	
Focus area	Root causes	
Transfer	-3 519	-3 519
Subtotal		-3 519
Indirect support costs (6.5%)		-1 229
Total		-4 748

TABLE 2: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE FULL T-ICSP FOLLOWING THE REVISION (USD)		
	WFP Strategic Result 5/ SDG Target 17.9	Total
	Strategic outcome 1	
Focus area	Root causes	
Transfer	123 488	123 488
Implementation	45 000	45 000
Adjusted direct support costs	27 993	27 993
Subtotal	196 481	196 481
Indirect support costs (6.5%)	12 771	12 771
Total	209 252	209 252