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**Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans
and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or
by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO
(1 January–December 2017)**

1. During the informal consultations leading up to the 2017 second regular session of the Executive Board, WFP committed to regularly informing the Board of revisions and corresponding budget increases in respect of country strategic plans (CSPs) and interim country strategic plans (ICSPs) approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) or under the delegated authority of the Executive Director.¹
2. In accordance with Board decisions, the Executive Director's delegated authority with regard to approval of modifications covers:²
 - a) revision of any limited emergency operation or emergency-related revision of a CSP, ICSP or transitional ICSP (T-ICSP), with the joint approval of the FAO Director-General in any case in which the corresponding budget increase exceeds USD 50 million;
 - b) upward revision of one or more individual strategic outcomes of a CSP, ICSP or T-ICSP with a resilience or root causes focus area, provided that the total amount of the corresponding budget increase does not exceed 25 percent of the plan's latest Board-approved value or, in the absence of such a value for T-ICSPs, the initial value approved by the Executive Director, or USD 150 million;
 - c) revision of non-emergency components of a T-ICSP following a limited emergency operation;
 - d) revision of a CSP, ICSP or strategic outcome funded entirely by the host country;

¹ See "Update on the Integrated Road Map" (WFP/EB.2/2017/4-A/1/Rev.1, approved by the Board in decision 2017/EB.2/2), paras. 105–112.

² See "Decisions and recommendations of the second regular session of the Executive Board, 2017" (WFP/EB.2/2017/11), decision 2017/EB.2/2, para. vi), and *ibid.*, annex II.

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- e) addition to a CSP, ICSP or T-ICSP of a strategic outcome funded entirely by a host country that has not requested the Board to approve the strategic outcome; and
 - f) revisions related to service provision activities.
3. This report covers revisions and budget increases in respect of CSPs and ICSPs approved between 1 January and 31 December 2017,³ as summarized below and in table A.
 4. During the period under review, two revisions were approved. One was approved under the authority of the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO and the other under the delegated authority of the Executive Director. Together the revisions provide assistance to about 1.67 million beneficiaries, with transfer costs of USD 145 million for food, cash-based transfers, capacity strengthening and service delivery and a total cost to WFP of USD 167 million.

Revision and budget increase approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO

5. **Bangladesh CSP (2017–2020) revision 1** responds to heightened instability in Myanmar's northern Rakhine State that led to significant population movements in Myanmar and across the border into Bangladesh. Since 25 August 2017, more than 500,000 people have crossed the border from Myanmar and are seeking shelter in Cox's Bazaar, representing the largest movement of Rohingya people from Rakhine State in many decades. In Rakhine State, the prevalence of global acute malnutrition stood at 18 percent, while in Cox's Bazaar, rates exceeding 21 percent were reported in the Balukhali makeshift camp.
6. On 22 September 2017, in response to the worsening humanitarian situation, WFP activated a Level 3 corporate emergency, while the United Nations revised the 2017 preliminary response plan for Bangladesh in order to assist 1.2 million beneficiaries. In view of the significant increase in planned beneficiary numbers, the revision aims to augment food and nutrition support for newly arrived refugees and vulnerable populations in Cox's Bazar, the Chittagong Hill Tracts and disaster-affected areas, under strategic outcome 2; adjust the categories of budgeted costs for the resilience component of activity 9 (*Nobo Jatra*) under strategic outcome 3; and introduce a new strategic outcome 5 supported by activities 12 and 13 to coordinate the relief efforts of humanitarian actors through the provision of common logistics, supply chain and emergency telecommunication services. The revision supports an additional 1,448,000 beneficiaries, bringing the number of total beneficiaries of the CSP to 2,990,800, at a total cost to WFP of USD 142 million.

Revision and budget increase approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director

7. **Colombia CSP (2017–2021) revision 1** aims to mitigate the impact of protracted drought, high levels of poverty and alarming rates of child malnutrition among dispersed indigenous communities residing in the department of La Guajira. Following the Government's declaration of a crisis in La Guajira, the Executive Director approved a revision of strategic outcome 3 of the CSP through the inclusion of activity 10 to provide school meals in affected areas. The revision provides for home-grown school meals, with an emphasis on nutritious foods and diversification of diets, and for assessments of school infrastructure, student head counts and analyses of markets and supply chains. Consistent with the decentralized provision of school meals in Colombia, WFP will pursue a community-based approach and ensure access to fresh foods through the use of cash-based transfers. The revision increases the number of beneficiaries supported by 228,000, bringing the total number to 825,000, at a total cost to WFP of USD 25 million.

³ Please note that in 2017, revisions to pilot CSPs were approved in accordance with the temporary delegated authority granted to the Executive Director as stipulated in the policy on country strategic plans: <http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/eb/wfp286746.pdf>.

TABLE A – APPROVED CSPs/ICSPs FOR WHICH REVISIONS AND BUDGET INCREASES WERE AUTHORIZED BETWEEN 1 JANUARY AND 31 DECEMBER 2017					
Country	Title	Focus area(s) of revision	Approved budget	Amount of revision	Revised budget
			Total cost to WFP (USD)	Total cost to WFP (USD)	Total cost to WFP (USD)
Section A) Revision and budget increase approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General OF FAO					
Bangladesh	Country strategic plan (2017–2020)	Crisis response and resilience building	201 623 010	142 012 609	343 635 620
Section B) Revision and budget increase approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director					
Colombia	Country strategic plan (2017–2021)	Root causes	84 494 001	24 913 262	109 407 263
Total cost of revisions to WFP		USD 166 925 871			

Acronyms used in the document

CSP	country strategic plan
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ICSP	interim country strategic plan
T-ICSP	transitional ICSP