

## TRANSITIONAL INTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

### REVISION – FOR APPROVAL

#### Benin Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan, Revision |BR N°02|

Gender and age marker code: [as per EB-approved TICSP<sup>1</sup>]

	Current	Change	Revised
<b>Duration</b>	<i>January 2018-June 2019</i>	<b>NA</b>	<i>January 2018-June 2019</i>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	149 859	629 354	779213
<b>TOTAL COST (USD)</b>	<b>8,920,518</b>	<b>12,460,717</b>	<b>21,381,235</b>
Transfer	6,234,439	8,725,055	14,959,494
Implémentation	1,409,780	2,463,712	3,873,492
Direct Support Costs	731,854	511,436	1,243,290
Sub-total	8,376,073	11,700,203	20,076,277
Indirect Support Costs	544,445	760,513	1,304,958

### 1. RATIONALE

The proposed budget revision (BR2) is required to migrate the trust fund (TF201090) into the TICSP from January 2019 to June 2019. This is needed because as of January 2019, Trusts funds will no longer be available to WFP Country Offices as per new WFP guidance (Handling of Trust Funds in the CSP Framework Interim Guidance Note).

The Benin Trust Fund (July 2017 to December 2021) aimed to support primary education in food-insecure areas with lower education results and enhance government capacities to develop and manage a sustainable national school feeding program. As trust funds will no longer be available to the CO after 31 december 2018 with the new Integrated Road Map, it is then necessary to migrate this TF to T-ICSP starting 1<sup>st</sup> january, 2019 for six months when the County Strategic Plan (CSP, 2019-2023) begins.

The T-ICSP began in January 2018, and was planned for 12 months (January to December 2018). A 1<sup>st</sup> BR prolonged the T-ICSP for 6 months until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. It focused on school meals, nutrition and resilience. The TICSP provides the framework for WFP to continue its contribution towards achieving SDG 2, until the approval of the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) to be presented at the June 2019 Executive Board (EBA 19).

As mentioned above, the proposed budget revision (BR 2) is required to migrate the TF 201090 in the Benin T-ICSP for six months, until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. This revision entails an increase of the total value of the T-ICSP from USD 8,920,518 to USD 21,381,235.

### 2. CHANGES

#### **Strategic orientation**

No changes to the strategic outcomes under BR2. However, BR2 will result in the below changes on activity 1 (Provide nutrition sensitive meals to school children).

Specifically, the budget revision will:

- Increase in the number of beneficiaries from 149,859 to 779,213;
- Increase the total coverage from 620 to 3,799 schools in the 77 districts of the country;
- Increase the total food tonnage from 7,957 to 21,318 mt

### Beneficiary analysis

An important increase of beneficiaries is expected, and 779,213 people will receive food assistance during the period (see table below).

TABLE 1: DIRECT BENEFICIARIES BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME, ACTIVITY & MODALITY							
Strategic Outcome	Activity	Period	Women (18+ years)	Men (18+ years)	Girls (0-18 years)	Boys (0-18 years)	Total
1	Activity 1: Provide nutrition sensitive meals to school children	Current	0	0	56,015	71,293	127,308
		Increase/decrease	0	0	276,916	352,438	629,354
		Revised	0	0	332,931	423,731	756,662
2	ACTIVITY 3: Provide nutritious foods to malnourished children and PLW/G	Current	1,685	0	1,778	1,926	5,389
		Increase/decrease	0	0	0	0	0
		Revised	1,685	0	1,778	1,926	5,389
	ACTIVITY 4: Provide supplementary feeding to children at risk of stunting (Caregivers)	Current	0	0	3,054	3,308	6,362
		Increase/decrease	0	0	0	0	0
		Revised total	0	0	3,054	3,308	6,362
3	ACTIVITY 5: Provide asset creation and livelihood support to vulnerable communities	Current	5,400	5,400	0	0	10,800
		Increase/decrease	0	0	0	0	0
		Revised	5,400	5,400	0	0	10,800
<b>TOTAL</b> <i>(without overlap)</i>	Current	70,85	5,400	60,847	76,527	149,859	
	Increase/decrease	0	0	276,916	352,438	629,354	
	Revised	7,085	5,400	337,763	428,965	779,213	

## Transfers

The transfer modalities will remain unchanged and as defined in the original T-ICSP.

TABLE 2: FOOD RATION (g/person/day) or CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (US\$/person/day) BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY						
Strategic Outcome	Strategic Outcome 1	Strategic Outcome 2			Strategic Outcome 3	
Activity	Activity 1 Provide nutrition sensitive meals to school children	Activity 3: Provide nutritious foods to malnourished children and PLW/G			Activity 4: Provide supplementary feeding to children at risk of stunting	Activity 5: Provide asset creation and livelihood support to vulnerable communities
Beneficiary type	Children 5-18 and Under 5	Children < 5	Children <2	PLW	Caretakers	Resilience 3A
Modality (indicate food or cash)	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food
Maize	75				450	450
Rice	75					
Beans	30				60	60
Split peas	-					
Vegetable Oils	10			25	25	25
Salt	3				5	5
Plumpy Sup		92				
Super Cereal plus			200			
Supercereal						
Supercereal (with Super)				250	50	
micronutrient powder						
<b>TOTAL</b>	193	92	200	275	590	540
Total kcal/day (to be completed for food and cash modalities)	745	500	787	1281	2234	2068
% kcal from protein		10	17	14	10.6	49.41
cash (US\$/person/day; use average as needed)						0.24
Number of feeding days per year	165	90	180	270	30	180

<b>TABLE 3: TOTAL FOOD/CASH-BASED TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS &amp; VALUE</b>						
<b>Food type / cash-based transfer</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>		<b>Increase/Decrease</b>		<b>Revised Budget</b>	
	<b>Total (MT)</b>	<b>Total (USD)</b>	<b>Total (MT)</b>	<b>Total (USD)</b>	<b>Total (MT)</b>	<b>Total (USD)</b>
Cereals	5,648	2,294,361	10,384	4,148,825	16,033	6,443,186
Pulses	1,103	686,962	2,077	1,392,004	3,180	2,078,966
Oil and Fats	391	366,489	692	661,779	1,083	1,028,268
Mixed and Blended*	705	725,272	0	0	705	725,272
Others	109	16,978	208	32,846	317	49,824
<b>TOTAL (Food)</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>4,090,062</b>	<b>13,361</b>	<b>6,235,454</b>	<b>21,318</b>	<b>10,325,517</b>
Cash Based Transfer & Comm. Vouchers		216,000		0		216,000
<b>TOTAL (Food and CBT value - USD)</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>4,164,972</b>	<b>13,361</b>	<b>6,235,454</b>	<b>21,318</b>	<b>10,541,517</b>

\* commodity price increase

### **Supply chain**

Based on food requirements, local, regional and international purchase will be made. WFP has requested and obtained from the government, warehouses to increase WFP storage capacity (the additional regional warehouses have a total capacity of about 8,500 mt). Each selected primary school has its own storage facility that is able to contain the quantity delivered every quarter. Also the short list of transporters has been updated and expanded to increase the number of carriers to enable us to deliver schools on time.

### **Other considerations**

#### **- Impact on country office capacity and partnerships**

BR2 will allow the country office to continue providing food assistance to 779,213 beneficiaries to address their food security, nutrition and resilience. The country office will continue providing the Government with technical advice and training for progressive activity handover. Throughout this T-ICSP, WFP will continue working closely with UN agencies such as UNICEF, FAO, WHO and UNDP.

#### **- Monitoring and evaluation arrangements to measure WFP's revised operation and the value added of the services provided**

As the activities will be increased, existing monitoring and evaluation arrangements will be planned accordingly. Monitoring will rely on decentralized government structures and partnerships with several NGOs that have the capacities to collect periodic and timely data. WFP developed and deployed an electronic data collection system for regional education directorates in Benin to facilitate the collection, analysis and reporting in real-time on school meals output and outcome indicators. In early 2019 the CO will undergo a WFP/Government of Benin mid-term joint evaluation of the PNASI, to assess progress to date and inform next phase of implementation. WFP M&E systems will be aligned with the regional M&E strategy and will be gender-responsive.

### **Hazard / Risk Assessment and Preparedness Planning**

- There are risks of exploitation, abuse (including sexual abuse) and exploitation against women and girl beneficiaries during food distribution. Though these risks are considered low in Benin, there is a need to address them through mitigation measures. WFP and partners will continue implementing feedback and complaint mechanisms, and will consider gender barriers to such mechanisms to ensure equal access for both women and men.
- For the CBT modality, the CO will conduct a comprehensive feasibility assessment of the C&V tool to prevent fraud, cash losses and to guarantee the best way to manage and monitor cash transfers.
- Scarcity of skilled Government staff and high turnover may hinder progress. To mitigate these risks, WFP will continue providing the Government with technical advice and training for handover.
- Weather conditions may hamper the smooth delivery of food assistance, as the rainy season can make it difficult or impossible to access some vulnerable communities. WFP will plan pre-positioning of stocks to ensure timely delivery and supplies.
- Strike or demonstrations of lecturers during the school year may severely disrupt school meals activities and cause food waste. To avoid this risk, WFP will take appropriate measures to preserve food in school storage.

### **3. COST BREAKDOWN**

<b>TABLE 4: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)</b>				
<b>WFP Strategic Results/ SDG Targets</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>SR 01</b>	<b>SR 02</b>	<b>SR 03</b>
<b>WFP Strategic Outcomes</b>		<b>Strategic Outcome 01</b>	<b>Strategic Outcome 02</b>	<b>Strategic Outcome 03</b>
<b>Focus Area</b>	<b>12,460,717</b>	<b>11,018,487</b>	<b>149,693</b>	<b>20,588</b>
Transfer	<b>8,725,055</b>	8,554,775	149,693	20,588
Implementation	<b>2,463,712</b>	2,463,712	0	0
Direct Support Costs	<b>511,436</b>			
Sub-total	<b>11,700,204</b>			
Indirect Support Costs	<b>760,513</b>			

**TABLE 5: OVERALL TICSP COST BREAKDOWN, AFTER REVISION (USD)**

<b>WFP Strategic Results</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>SR 01</b>	<b>SR 02</b>	<b>SR 03</b>
<b>WFP Strategic Outcomes</b>		<b>Strategic Outcome 01</b>	<b>Strategic Outcome 02</b>	<b>Strategic Outcome 03</b>
<b>Focus Area</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,381,235</b>	<b>18,861,178</b>	<b>1,453,842</b>	<b>1,066,215</b>
Transfer	<b>14,959,494</b>	13,151,378	1,050,427	757,690
Implementation	<b>3,873,492</b>	3,503,170	207,614	162,708
Direct Support Cost	<b>1,243,290</b>	1,055,478	107,069	80,743
Sub-total	<b>20,076,277</b>	17,710,026	1,365,110	1,001,141
Indirect Support Costs	<b>1,304,958</b>	1,151,152	88,732	65,074

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