

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

REVISION – FOR APPROVAL

[Iran] interim country strategic plan, revision [3]

Gender and age marker code: [3¹]

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	<i>Jan 2018 – Dec 2020</i>	<i>No change</i>	<i>Jan 2018 – Dec 2020</i>
Beneficiaries	<i>30,000</i>	<i>48,800</i>	<i>78,800</i>
Total Cost (USD)	<i>18 021 543</i>	<i>600 000</i>	<i>18 621 543</i>
Transfer	<i>14 407 718</i>	<i>563 380</i>	<i>14 971 098</i>
Implementation	<i>1 036 947</i>		<i>1 036 947</i>
Direct Support Costs	<i>1 476 972</i>		<i>1 476 972</i>
Sub-total	<i>16 921 637</i>	<i>563 380</i>	<i>17 485 017</i>
Indirect Support Costs	<i>1 099 906</i>	<i>36 620</i>	<i>1 136 526</i>

1. RATIONALE

From late-March to date, widespread flash flooding has affected large areas of Iran, most severely in Golestan, Fars, Khuzestan, Lorestan, and Ilam. Iran has been hit by three major waves of torrential rain and flooding over the course of two weeks which led to flooding in at least 26 of Iran's 31 provinces killing 70 people nationwide and displacing thousands. The first wave of rain began on March 17, leading to flooding in the two northern provinces of Golestan and Mazandaran with the former province receiving as much as 70 percent of its average annual rainfall in a single day. Several large dams have overflowed, particularly in Khuzestan and Golestan, resulting in tens of cities and villages being evacuated. About 1,900 cities and villages across country have been severely damaged by the floods and damage to houses, water, agriculture, health, education and other infrastructure are estimated to be in the range of hundreds of millions of dollars. Many roads were blocked for days and bridges in flood-stricken areas have been destroyed. According to Iranian officials, due to record rainfalls, more than 140 rivers burst their banks and more than 409 landslides occurred over the course of 10 days.

An initial needs assessment was conducted by government authorities and the resultant report was presented to the UN during a meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO), line ministries and IRCS on 8 April indicating that close to half a million people were displaced. A UN assessment team, including representatives from WFP, went to the three most affected provinces of Golestan, Ilam and Lorestan on 10 and 11 April to assess the situation. The UN team witnessed the extent of damages to the infrastructure which had caused massive displacement and needs for assistance. Due to sanctions, the capacity of Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) is exacerbated and their stocks are depleting. The Government of Iran requested support from the UN Country Team in Iran to assist in the relief effort. WFP has been requested by the IRCS to provide immediate assistance to people affected by flood in partnership with the

¹ The gender and age marker should be reviewed in case of new SO or additional activity.

Iranian Red Crescent Society. According to the request, approximately 400,000 persons had received food assistance from the IRCS during a first round of distribution and a second round of distribution was planned for the coming weeks for the same number for which IRCS requested WFP support for a minimum of 2,000 persons. WFP is planning to assist 48,800 persons.

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

The immediate response will be channeled through the augmentation of Strategic Outcome 1 to include non-refugee crisis-affected populations, as well as the addition of an activity and output. The beneficiaries of the current operation under the ICSP in Iran are solely the most vulnerable refugee population settling in settlements, therefore the following revisions/additions will be made:

[Revised] SO1: Food insecure refugees *and other crisis-affected populations* are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs throughout the year.

[NEW] Activity 3: *Provide emergency food assistance through cash-based or in-kind transfers to shock affected populations.* (activity category 1, modality: food)

[NEW] Output: *Affected populations receive CBT or in-kind food assistance in order to meet basic food needs.* (Output indicator: A1)

Strategic outcomes

The Government, through the IRCS, has requested support in procuring food to support vulnerable persons in need of assistance due to the floods. Actual distribution will be implemented by the IRCS under an existing agreement with WFP, and the food basket has been defined according to the food basket currently provided by IRCS. The distribution of 12,200 food parcels will be done as a one-off transfer to cover 12,200 households for one month. However, the duration of the emergency response is planned to be 3 months in order to allow for procurement, distribution, reporting and monitoring functions before and after assistance.

- *Targeting approach and beneficiary analysis:* In coordination with the IRCS, approximately 12,200 of the most vulnerable households will benefit from WFP's procurement of additional food supplies. Rains are continuing and new provinces are becoming affected. Given the fluidity of the situation and in order to have maximum impact, it has been agreed with IRCS to deliver WFP food parcels to IRCS central warehouse in Tehran to be distributed in provinces in most need. IRCS will inform WFP in advance as to where the parcels will be delivered to so that WFP can coordinate to be present during distribution.
- *Transfer modalities:* The transfer modality is in-kind food assistance, as has been requested and agreed upon with the Government and IRCS. The food basket, though it does not fully align with WFP's preferred food basket, has been set by the IRCS to maintain consistency in assistance, preventing potential friction between beneficiaries that could arise from inconsistent rations received. In case

WFP is requested to provide second round of food assistance then a revision of food basket will be undertaken to align with WFP standards and corporate guidance.

- *Partnerships*: The proposed assistance will be provided in coordination with the IRCS, with WFP responsible for the procurement of food while actual implementation will be carried out by IRCS.

Beneficiary analysis

Strategic Outcome	Activity ²	Period	Women (18+ years)	Men (18+ years)	Girls (0-18 years)	Boys (0-18 years)	Total
1	1	Current	8,400	8,400	6,300	6,900	30,000
		Increase/decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	8,400	8,400	6,300	6,900	30,000
	2	Current	299	-	3,301	-	3,600
		Increase/decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	299	-	3,301	-	3,600
	3	Current	-	-	-	-	-
		Increase/Decrease	17,373	16,982	6,930	7,515	48,800
		Revised	17,373	16,982	6,930	7,515	48,800
TOTAL (without overlap)		Current	8,400	8,400	6,300	6,900	30,000
		Increase/decrease	17,373	16,982	6,930	7,515	48,800
		Revised	25,773	25,382	13,230	14,415	78,800

Transfers

Strategic outcome	1				
Activity	1		2		3
Beneficiary type	Refugee/Men HH	Refugee/Women HH	Girls Education	Livelihood women	Crisis-affected persons
Modality (indicate food or CBT)	Food and CBT	Food and CBT	CBT	CBT	Food
Cereals	300	300	-	-	83.33
Pulses/Green lentils	-	-	-	-	22.5
Pulses/Pinto bean	-	-	-	-	22.5
Oil	-	-	-	-	20.25
Salt	-	-	-	-	4.16
Sugar/cube sugar	-	-	-	-	40
Tuna fish	-	-	-	-	18
Canned Pinto bean	-	-	-	-	26.66
Tea	-	-	-	-	4.16

² Indicate whether transfer is in the form of in-kind, CBT or capacity strengthening. If more than one modality per activity, duplicate the rows.

³ Verify that the ration is in line with WFP guidelines in terms of energy, protein, fat and micronutrient content, using the NUTVAL food basket calculator on the PGM, along with specific WFP programmatic guidance. For commodity vouchers and cash-based transfer values see the relevant manual.

Supercereal	-	-	-	-	-
Supercereal Plus	-	-	-	-	-
micronutrient powder	-	-	-	-	-
total kcal/day (to be completed for food and cash modalities)	1092	1092	-	-	915
% kcal from protein	11	11	-	-	28
Cash-based transfers (USD/person/day; use average as needed)	0.32	0.35	0.17	0.97	-
Number of feeding days per year	360	360	270	360	30

TABLE 3: TOTAL FOOD/CASH-BASED TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS & VALUE

Food type / cash-based transfer	Current Budget		Increase/Decrease		Revised Budget	
	Total (MT)	Total (USD)	Total (MT)	Total (USD)	Total (MT)	Total (USD)
CEREALS	9,720	3,109,647			9,720	3,109,647
PRE-PACKAGED PARCELS			354	561,205	354	561,205
Total (FOOD)	9,720	3,109,647	354	561,205	10,074	3,670,852
CBT TRANSFER VALUE		10,951,620				10,951,620
TOTAL (Food and CBT value - USD)	9 720	14 061 267	354	561 205	10 074	14 622 472

3. COST BREAKDOWN

TABLE 4: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)

WFP Strategic Results/ SDG Targets	TOTAL	SR 01
WFP Strategic Outcomes		Strategic Outcome 1
Focus Area		01 CRISIS RESPONSE
Transfer	563 380	563 380
Implementation		
Direct Support Costs		
Sub-total	563 380	
Indirect Support Costs	36 620	
TOTAL	600 000	

TABLE 5: OVERALL CSP/ICSP/LEO COST BREAKDOWN, AFTER REVISION (USD)

WFP Strategic Results/ SDG Targets	TOTAL	SR 01
WFP Strategic Outcomes		Strategic Outcome 1
Focus Area		01 - CRISIS RESPONSE
Total	18 621 543	18 621 543
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Annex 1: Revised Line of Sight

IRAN (2018-2020)

SR 1 – Access to food
(SDG Target 2.1)

FOCUS AREA

OUTCOME 1:
 Food insecure refugees and other crisis-affected populations are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs throughout the year

BUDGET SO 1: USD 18 621 543

OUTPUTS:

- Refugee households receive cash-based and in-kind transfers, and meet their basic food needs (Tier 1; category A; Strategic Result 1)
- Households with girls enrolled in and regularly attending school receive take-home entitlements to increase girls' enrolment and retention rates (Tier 1; category A; Strategic Result 1).
- Women refugees receive livelihood support to generate income for their families and increase their self-reliance (Tier 1; categories A and C, Strategic Result 1).
- **Affected populations receive CBT or in-kind food assistance in order to meet basic food needs.** (Tier 1; categories A, Strategic Result 1)

ACTIVITY 1: Provide unconditional food assistance to food-insecure refugees. (Modality: Food and CBT)

ACTIVITY 2: Provide conditional support to refugee women and girls to incentivize and facilitate educational and livelihood activities (Modality: CBT)

ACTIVITY 3: Provide emergency food assistance through cash-based or in-kind transfers to shock affected populations. (Modality: food)

TOTAL BUDGET: USD 18 621 543