

## TRANSITIONAL INTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

### REVISION – FOR APPROVAL

#### Niger Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan, revision 1

Gender and age marker code: 3

|                                      | Current                     | Change              | Revised            |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Duration</b>                      | <i>01 Jan – 31 Dec 2019</i> | NA                  | NA                 |
| <b>Beneficiaries</b>                 | 2,080,717                   | 528 375             | 1,552,342          |
| <b>Total cost (USD)</b>              | <b>265,929,079</b>          | <b>(66,855,500)</b> | <b>199,073,579</b> |
| Transfer                             | 224,220,417                 | (65,756,433)        | 158,463,984        |
| Implementation                       | 14,787,049                  | 5,833,577           | 20,620,626         |
| Direct support costs                 | 10,691,199                  | (2,852,261)         | 7,838,938          |
| Subtotal                             | 249,698,666                 | (62,775,117)        | 186,923,548        |
| Indirect support costs (6.5 percent) | 16,230,413                  | (4,080,382)         | 12,150,031         |

### 1. RATIONALE

1. Conflict and persisting security challenges in neighbouring countries (Nigeria, Mali, Burkina Faso and Libya) and subsequent forced displacements combined with a deteriorating food security and nutrition situation as well as limited livelihood opportunities are still of concern in Niger. All these factors continue to undermine Niger's development objectives, generating high humanitarian needs across the country.
2. Niger currently hosts 57,000 Malian refugees in Tillaberi and Tahoua regions - most of whom have been in the country since 2012. Since 2014, over 250,000 people have been displaced by the Boko Haram crisis in Diffa region. Insecurity along the borders with Mali and Burkina Faso, coupled with recurrent inter-communal violence, has led to the displacement of about 50,000 people in Tillaberi and Tahoua regions since the beginning of 2018.
3. According to the *Cadre Harmonisé* conducted in November 2018, the number of food insecure people (in "crisis" or "emergency" phases) was estimated at 600,000 people as of December 2018. These figures are projected to significantly increase, reaching 1.22 million people during the lean season. The global acute malnutrition (GAM) rate stands at 14.4 percent and is above the emergency threshold of 15 percent in three regions (Maradi, Tahoua and Zinder) as per the December 2018 SMART survey. WFP is one of the main actors for the lean season response (40 to 50 percent of the total caseload) under the overall coordination of the government and is anticipating these needs under the current budget revision.
4. WFP is accompanying the Government of Niger in its efforts to fight food insecurity and malnutrition through a one-year Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (T-ICSP) covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019. The current budget revision (BR1) is required to allow WFP Niger to make necessary budget and operational adjustments in order to continue responding effectively to the growing emergency needs in the conflict affected areas. To maintain an adequate level of response to the emergency

needs this budget revision will prioritize live saving activities. BR1 does not affect the duration of the T-ICSP or the start of the Country Strategic Plan (CSP), which will be carried out from 1 January 2020 to December 2024 and will be submitted for approval to the November 2019 Executive Board.

## 2. CHANGES

### *Strategic orientation*

5. WFP's strategic orientation in Niger remains unchanged and focused on saving lives and protecting livelihoods by delivering an integrated food and nutrition assistance package.
6. The present budget revision aims to:
  - i. Increase the caseload under Strategic Outcome 1 (crisis response) due to the persisting deterioration of the security situation in Niger and in the neighbouring countries (Burkina Faso, Mali, Nigeria) which generates higher numbers of displaced people, and food and nutrition needs in many areas;
  - ii. Decrease the beneficiary caseload under Strategic Outcome 2 based on funding forecasts while prioritizing schools under the integrated resilience package, in the areas affected by conflicts (emergency school feeding) and in the vulnerable nomadic zones. WFP will continue providing capacity building to the government to develop and expand a national owned home grown school feeding model.
  - iii. Correct the initial budget of Strategic Outcome 3 and related associated costs;
  - iv. Merge activities 4 (livelihood support) and 5 (lean season support) under Strategic Outcome 4 into one single activity to ensure better coherence of the resilience package and the lean season assistance in the targeted areas;
  - v. Adjust the budget under Strategic Outcome 5 to reflect strategic orientation with cross-cutting dimension;
  - vi. Adjust associated cost to the revised activities.

### *Strategic outcomes*

7. The current budget revision does not incur changes at strategic outcome level.

#### ➤ **Strategic risks**

The security situation in the Country is deteriorating with an increasingly access restriction for UN agencies. Along the borders with Mali, Burkina Faso and Nigeria, the spill over of ongoing armed conflicts with non state armed groups has led to sporadic but recurrent attacks on civil and national forces in Niger and recently on humanitarian organizations. While WFP and UN agencies will continue monitoring closely the evolution of the security situation both in Niger and in the neighbouring countries, the Country office will continue advocating with the government and others actors on humanitarian principles. As others mitigation measures, the CO will update its business continuity plan and assess its emergency preparedness and response readiness.

➤ **Operational risks**

The risk of looting will be addressed through a communication and sensitization strategy, and careful choice of distribution sites. To improve humanitarian access, the CO will implement a Third Party Monitoring in the areas where access is restricted due to security reasons.

➤ **Fiduciary Risks**

The risk of loss of credibility of WFP (due to misconduct or abuse) will be addressed by zero tolerance, communication with all staff, and sensitization.

***Beneficiary analysis***

8. Through this budget revision the beneficiary figures will be revised as follows:

- Activity 1: Will increase the beneficiary caseload for emergency assistance by 2 percent based on the *Cadre Harmonisé* and Humanitarian Needs Overview results;
- Activity 2: Will reduce the planned caseload by 46 percent to accommodate the funding trend;
- Activity 3: Will reduce the caseload by 47 percent to adjust the beneficiary figures and the budget; and
- Activities 4 and 5 will be merged into a single activity<sup>1</sup> to ensure more coherence with the integrated resilience package activities during the lean season.

| Strategic Outcome              | Activity             | Period              | Women (18+ years) | Men (18+ years) | Girls (0-18 years) | Boys (0-18 years) | Total            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1                              | 1 (In-kind, CBT)     | <b>Current</b>      | <b>103,545</b>    | <b>96 736</b>   | <b>136,354</b>     | <b>140,225</b>    | <b>476,860</b>   |
|                                |                      | Increase/decrease   | 1,911             | 1,785           | 2,516              | 2,588             | 8,800            |
|                                |                      | Revised             | 105,456           | 98,521          | 138,870            | 142,813           | 485,660          |
| 2                              | 2 (In-kind, CBT, CS) | <b>Current</b>      | -                 | -               | <b>136,461</b>     | <b>131,109</b>    | <b>267,570</b>   |
|                                |                      | Increase/decrease   | -                 | -               | (65,848)           | (58,490)          | (124,338)        |
|                                |                      | Revised             | -                 | -               | 70,613             | 72,619            | 143,232          |
| 3                              | 3 (In-kind, CBT, CS) | <b>Current</b>      | <b>322,494</b>    | -               | <b>273,558</b>     | <b>281,326</b>    | <b>877,378</b>   |
|                                |                      | Increase/decrease   | (223,494)         | -               | (93,346)           | (95,997)          | (412,837)        |
|                                |                      | Revised             | 99,000            | -               | 180,212            | 185,329           | 464,541          |
| 4                              | 4 (In-kind, CBT, CS) | Current (no change) | 130,924           | 133,164         | 101,284            | 93,537            | 458,909          |
|                                |                      | Increase/decrease   | -                 | -               | -                  | -                 | -                |
|                                |                      | Revised (no change) | 130,924           | 133,164         | 101,284            | 93,537            | 458,909          |
| <b>TOTAL (without overlap)</b> |                      | <b>Current</b>      | <b>556,963</b>    | <b>229,900</b>  | <b>647,656</b>     | <b>646,197</b>    | <b>2,080,717</b> |
|                                |                      | Increase/decrease   | (221,583)         | 1,785           | (156,677)          | (151 899)         | (528,374)        |
|                                |                      | Revised             | <b>335,380</b>    | <b>231,685</b>  | <b>490,979</b>     | <b>494,298</b>    | <b>1,552,342</b> |

<sup>1</sup> This alignment is also requested by donors.

## Transfers

9. Overall, the rations remain the same as planned under the T-ICSP.

TABLE 1: FOOD RATION (g/person/day) or CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (US\$/person/day) BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY

|                                      | STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1                  |                                      |                      |   | STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2                 |                                     |                                     | STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3  |                |                                |                  | STRATEGIC OUTCOME 4                   |                                       |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ACTIVITY                             | ACTIVITY 1                           |                                      |                      |   | ACTIVITY 2                          |                                     |                                     | ACTIVITY 3           |                |                                |                  | ACTIVITY. 4                           |                                       | ACTIVITY 5                            |
| beneficiary type                     | idp, refugee, vulnerable populations | idp, refugee, vulnerable populations | children 6-23 months | pre-primary and primary school children (diffa) | primary and primary school children | primary and primary school children | primary and primary school children | children 6-23 months | pregnant women | caregivers therapeutic feeding | adolescent girls | very poor households integrated sites | very poor households integrated sites | children 6-23 months integrated sites |
| modality                             | gfd                                  | ffa                                  | bsf                  | esm   | sm sedentary schools                | sm nomadic schools                  | sm voucher                          | mam treatment        | mam treatment  | caregivers                     | adolescent girls | ffa                                   | seasonal transfers                    | bsf                                   |
| 1Cereals                             | 350                                  | 350                                  |                      | 295   | 250                                 | 250                                 |                                     |                      |                | 350                            |                  | 300                                   | 350                                   |                                       |
| Pulses                               | 60                                   | 60                                   |                      | 60  | 50                                  | 50                                  |                                     |                      |                | 60                             |                  | 60                                    | 60                                    |                                       |
| Vegetable oil                        | 35                                   | 35                                   |                      | 35  | 30                                  | 30                                  | 30                                  |                      | 25             | 35                             |                  | 35                                    | 35                                    |                                       |
| Super Cereal (with sugar)            | 50                                   | 50                                   |                      | 80  | 50                                  | 50                                  | 50                                  |                      | 250            | 50                             |                  | 50                                    | 50                                    |                                       |
| Super Cereal Plus                    |                                      |                                      | 200                  |   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                      |                |                                |                  |                                       |                                       | 200                                   |
| Salt                                 | 5                                    | 5                                    |                      | 4   | 5                                   | 5                                   | 5                                   |                      |                | 5                              |                  | 5                                     | 5                                     |                                       |
| Plumpy'Sup                           |                                      |                                      |                      |   |                                     |                                     |                                     | 100                  |                |                                |                  |                                       |                                       |                                       |
| <b>Total (g/person/day)</b>          | 500                                  | 500                                  | 200                  | 474   | 385                                 | 385                                 | 85                                  | 100                  | 275            | 500                            |                  | 450                                   | 500                                   | 200                                   |
| Total kcal/day                       | 2,064                                | 2,064                                | 787                  | 1943  | 1577                                | 1577                                |                                     | 535                  | 1175           | 2,064                          |                  | 1835                                  | 2,064                                 | 787                                   |
| % kcal from protein                  | 11,7                                 | 11,7                                 | 16,6                 | 12,1  | 11,8                                | 11,8                                |                                     | 10,5                 | 13,2           | 11,7                           |                  | 11,8                                  | 11,7                                  | 16,6                                  |
| % kcal from fat                      | 24,2                                 | 24,2                                 | 23,2                 | 26,1  | 26,4                                | 26,4                                |                                     | 59                   | 34,9           | 24,2                           |                  | 25,7                                  | 24,2                                  | 23,2                                  |
| Cash-based transfer (USD/person/day) | 0.405                                | 0.405                                |                      |   |                                     | 0.28                                | 0.28                                |                      |                |                                | 0.267            | 0.405                                 |                                       |                                       |
| Number of feeding days per month     | 30                                   | 25                                   | 30                   | 20  | 20                                  | 30                                  | 20/30                               | 30                   | 30             | 21                             | 30               | 25                                    | 30                                    | 30                                    |
| Number of months per year            | 3-12                                 | 8                                    | 3-12                 | 9   | 9                                   | 9                                   | 9                                   | 3                    | 6              | 1                              | 9                | FROM 1 TO 7                           | 3                                     | 3                                     |

| Food type / cash-based transfer         | Total (MT)    | Total (USD)       |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| Cereals                                 | 31,493        | 14,243,931        |
| Pulses                                  | 5,586         | 4,447,790         |
| Oil and Fats                            | 3,641         | 2,985,252         |
| Mixed and Blended                       | 23,975        | 28,425,583        |
| Others                                  | 477           | 72,445            |
| <b>TOTAL (Food)</b>                     | <b>65,172</b> | <b>50,175,001</b> |
| Cash Based Transfer & Comm. Vouchers    |               | <b>45,921,782</b> |
| <b>TOTAL (Food and CBT value - USD)</b> | <b>65,172</b> | <b>96,096,783</b> |

### 3. COST BREAKDOWN

|  | SR 1 –<br>Everyone has<br>access to food<br>(SDG Target<br>2.1) | SR 1 –<br>Everyone has<br>access to food<br>(SDG Target<br>2.1) | SR 2 – No one<br>suffers from<br>malnutrition<br>(SDG Target 2.2) | SR 4 – Food<br>systems are<br>sustainable<br>(SDG Target<br>2.4) | SR5- Countries<br>strengthened<br>capacities (SDG<br>target 17.9 | SR 8- Global<br>partnership<br>support (SDG<br>Target 17.16) | Total               |                    |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Strategic<br>outcome                         | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6  |                     |                    |
| Focus area                                   | Crisis Response   | Resilience<br>Building  | Resilience<br>Building  | Resilience<br>Building   | Resilience Building  | Crisis<br>response   |                     |                    |
| <b>Transfer</b>                              | <b>(660,892)</b>  | <b>(9,643,070)</b>  | <b>(41,029,550)</b>   | <b>(10,815,317)</b>  | <b>(3,074,971)</b>   | <b>(345,525)</b>   | <b>(65,569,324)</b> |                    |
| <b>Implementati<br/>on</b>                   | <b>1,254,987</b>  | <b>326,953</b>  | <b>(317,407)</b>  | <b>4,148,278</b>   | <b>(18,427)</b>  | <b>252,083</b>   | <b>5,646,468</b>    |                    |
| <b>Direct<br/>support costs</b>              | <i>(no figures in the grey cells)</i>                           |   |   |  |  |  |                     | <b>(2,852,261)</b> |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                              |   |   |   |  |  |  | <b>(62,775,118)</b> |                    |
| <b>Indirect<br/>support costs<br/>(6.5%)</b> |   |   |   |  |  |  | <b>(4,080,383)</b>  |                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 |   |   |   |  |  |  | <b>(66,855,500)</b> |                    |

| <b>TABLE 5: OVERALL T-ICSP COST BREAKDOWN, AFTER REVISION (USD)</b> |                    |                      |                          |                        |                         |                         |                      |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| wfp strategic results/ sdg targets                                  | total              | sr 01                | sr 01                    | sr 02                  | sr 04                   | sr 05                   | sr 08                |
| wfp strategic outcomes  |                    | strategic outcome 1  | strategic outcome 2      | strategic outcome 3    | strategic outcome 4     | strategic outcome 5     | strategic outcome 6  |
| focus area  |                    | 01 - crisis response | 02 - resilience building | 02-resilience building | 02- resilience building | 02- resilience building | 01 - crisis response |
| <b>total</b>  | <b>199,073,579</b> | <b>71,221,405</b>    | <b>15,019,169</b>        | <b>29,341,643</b>      | <b>69,305,673</b>       | <b>3,285,461</b>        | <b>10,900,227</b>    |
| <b>Transfer</b>   | <b>158,463,984</b> | 57,427,592           | 11,764,519               | 23,867,481             | 53,599,024              | 2,903,614               | 8,901,754            |
| <b>Implementation</b>   | <b>20,620,626</b>  | 6,642,475            | 1,746,576                | 2,527,969              | 8,747,670               | 51,954                  | 903,982              |
| <b>Direct Support Costs</b>   | <b>7,838,938</b>   | 2,804,492            | 591,411                  | 1,155,389              | 2,729,056               | 129,372                 | 429,219              |
| <b>Sub-total</b>  | <b>186,923,548</b> | 66,874,559           | 14,102,506               | 27,550,838             | 65,075,750              | 3,084,940               | 10,234,955           |
| <b>Indirect Support Costs</b>                                       | <b>12,150,031</b>  | 4,346,846            | 916,663                  | 1,790,804              | 4,229,924               | 200,521                 | 665,272              |

## Annex 1: Revised Line of Sight

| NIGER  |   |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| SR 1 – Everyone has access to food (SDG Target 2.1)  | SR 2 – No one suffers from malnutrition (SDG Target 2.2)  | SR 4 – Food systems are sustainable (SDG Target 2.4)  | SR5- Countries strengthened capacities (SDG target 17.9)   | SR 8- Global partnership support (SDG Target 17.16)  |   |
| CRISIS RESPONSE  | RESILIENCE BUILDING   | RESILIENCE BUILDING   | RESILIENCE BUILDING  | RESILIENCE BUILDING  | CRISIS RESPONSE   |
| <b>OUTCOME 1: Crisis-affected populations, including refugees and IDPs, in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during and in the aftermath of crises</b>  | <b>OUTCOME 2: Food insecure school-age children, in targeted regions have access to adequate and nutritious food all year-round</b>   | <b>OUTCOME 3: Vulnerable groups including children, pregnant women and adolescent girls in targeted areas have enhanced nutritional status all year-round</b>   | <b>OUTCOME 4: Food insecure populations and communities exposed to climate shocks in targeted areas have more resilient livelihoods and sustainable food systems all year-round</b>  | <b>OUTCOME 5: National institutions have strengthened capacities to manage food-security, nutrition, and social protection policies and programmes by 2030</b>   | <b>OUTCOME 6: Humanitarian and development partners have access to common services to access and operate in targeted areas throughout the year</b>  |
| <p><b>OUTPUTS:</b></p> <p>1.1. Crisis-affected beneficiaries (Tier 1) receive timely and adequate food/CBT (output category A1) to meet their food and nutrition requirements</p> <p>1.2. Crisis-affected beneficiaries (Tier 1) receive timely and adequate food assistance (output category A2) to support early recovery</p> <p>1.3. Crisis-affected children attending school (Tier 1) receive timely and adequate school meals (output category A1) to meet their food requirements</p> <p>1.4. Crisis-affected children (Tier 1) receive adequate and timely specialized nutritious food (output category B) to prevent MAM (SR 2)</p> | <p><b>OUTPUTS:</b></p> <p>2.1. Children attending school (Tier 1) receive timely and adequate school meals (output category A1) to meet their food requirements and support school attendance (SDG 4)</p>       | <p><b>OUTPUTS:</b></p> <p>3.1. Targeted children aged 6-23 months and pregnant women (Tier 1) receive adequate and timely specialized nutritious food (output category B) to treat moderate acute malnutrition</p> <p>3.2. Targeted children aged 6-23 (Tier 1) receive adequate and timely specialized nutritious food (output category B) to prevent malnutrition/stunting, wasting and micronutrient deficiencies</p> <p>3.3 Targeted women and adolescent girls, men and boys (Tier 1) receive social and behavior change communication (SBCC) (output category E) to improve nutrition-related practices and prevent malnutrition</p> <p>3.4. Targeted adolescent girls receive cash grants, SBCC activities and micronutrient supplements (output category A2) to help break the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition and maintain girls in school</p> | <p><b>OUTPUTS:</b></p> <p>4.1. Targeted beneficiaries (Tier 1) receive timely and adequate FFA transfers (output category A2) to meet their short-term food needs while improving their livelihoods' resilience</p> <p>4.2. Targeted populations (Tier 2) benefit from assets built or restored (output category D) to improve their resilience to natural shocks and adaptation to climate change</p> <p>4.3. Targeted smallholders and other actors along the value chain (Tier 1) benefit from strengthened technical capacities (output category C) to improve livelihoods, including in relation to home-grown school feeding</p> <p>5.1. Targeted beneficiaries (Tier 1) receive timely and adequate food/CBT (output category A1) to meet their food and nutrition requirements and improve their resilience to natural shocks and adaptation to climate change</p> | <p><b>OUTPUTS:</b></p> <p>5.1. Food-insecure people (Tier 3) benefit from strengthened emergency preparedness and response, social protection and resilience building programmes to receive timely assistance from the government, WFP and partners (output category C)</p> <p>5.2. Food-insecure people (Tier 3) benefit from strengthened evidence and knowledge by the Government to support decision making though scalable, cost effective and efficient models (output category C)</p> | <p><b>OUTPUTS:</b></p> <p>6.1. Affected populations targeted by humanitarian partners using WFP timely and cost-saving services (Tier 3) are served to address their needs (output category H)</p>  |
| <p><b>ACTIVITY 1: Provide assistance to crisis-affected populations, including refugees and IDPs, through food assistance (unconditional and conditional), emergency school meals and specialized nutritious food to children for malnutrition prevention</b><br/>[modality: food, CBT]</p>  | <p><b>ACTIVITY 2: Provide school meals to vulnerable children during the school year, in a way that relies on and stimulates local production (home-grown school feeding)</b><br/>[modality: food, CBT, CS]</p> | <p><b>ACTIVITY 3: Provide malnutrition treatment and prevention (including SBCC and food fortification) services to children aged 6-23 months and pregnant women, and cash grants to adolescent girls</b><br/>[modality: food, CBT, CS]</p>   | <p><b>ACTIVITY 4: Provide livelihood support to food insecure and at-risk people, including the development or rehabilitation of natural and productive assets (FFA), climate risk management measures, local purchases, through an integrated, inclusive community-based approach</b><br/>[modality: food, CBT, CS]</p>   | <p><b>ACTIVITY 6: Provide (gender equality-informed) capacity strengthening to inter-sectoral national institutions on: (i) planning, (ii) coordination mechanisms, (iii) policy coherence, and (iv) knowledge management.</b><br/>[modality: CS]</p>  | <p><b>ACTIVITY 7: Provide UNHAS flight services to partners, to access areas of humanitarian interventions</b><br/>[modality: SD]</p> <p><b>ACTIVITY 8: Provide logistics services to partners, to address problems of accessibility when delivering humanitarian access</b><br/>[modality: SD]</p> |
| <p><i>Additional crisis response activities may be added here if needed at time of emergency (contingency planning)</i></p>  |   |   | <p><b>ACTIVITY 5: Provide seasonal food/CBT assistance to food insecure populations</b><br/>[modality: food, CBT]</p>  |  |   |