

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

REVISION – FOR APPROVAL

[Iran] interim country strategic plan, revision |4|

Gender and age marker code: |3¹|

Transmittal Slip Table - BUDGET OVERVIEW			
	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	Jan 2018 – Dec 2020	No change	Jan 2018 – Dec 2020
Beneficiaries	78,800	13,300	92,100
Total Cost (USD)	18,621,543	1,224,745	19,846,288
Transfer	14,971,098	787,738	15,758,836
Implementation	1,036,947	48,336	1,085,283
Direct Support Costs	1,476,972	313,922	1,790,894
Sub-total	17,485,017	1,149,995	18,635,012
Indirect Support Costs	1,136,526	74,750	1,211,276

1. RATIONALE

1. The United States withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) occurred in May 2018, which resulted in two rounds of sanctions that negatively affected the economic situation in Iran and increased poverty among vulnerable people including refugees. This caused a slight influx of refugees into settlements which resulted in the Bureau for Aliens and Foreign Immigrants Affairs (BAFIA) sending an official letter to WFP requesting to increase the number of beneficiaries under activity 1 agreed upon in the signed agreement from 30,000 to 31,000.
2. In late October 2018, the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Development Cooperation Bureau of the Republic of Korea payed a visit to Iran and held meetings with high level officials from the Ministry of Interior. After thorough discussions, the outcomes from this visit was a contribution from the Republic of Korea for 2019 and 2020 to provide livelihood opportunities for 4,500 vulnerable refugees. The current interim country strategic plan (ICSP) covers 300 women under the livelihood component, which will be increased to 4,800 to cover both men and women.
3. In addition, WFP Iran recieved new contributions from Kuwait and Poland on the Flood Emergency Response which resulted in increasing the planned number of beneficiaries under activity 3 from 48,800 to 59,600.

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

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

4. Concerns were raised during different visits by settlement authorities, school principals and teachers that a majority of students attend school without having eaten a meal. Teachers believed that many students were unable to concentrate and perform academically during school hours due to being hungry, which impacted the schoolchildrens' educational outcomes. This issue was raised during the Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) 2019 as well, with anecdotal evidence demonstrating that in some schools up to 50 percent of students go to school without having breakfast. Following a recommendation received from JAM on exploring the implementation of a school feeding programme, WFP Iran will begin this initiative from November 2019 onwards, covering all school boys and girls at primary and junior highschool levels with milk, and either a biscuit or nuts every day they attend school.

5. A school snack component will be added to activity 2 and accordingly a new output as follows:

[New] Output: Schoolchildren at the primary and secondary school levels receive snacks every day they attend school.

6. The livelihood component of activity 2 will cover not only women but also men, therefore the activity and output definitions have been revised as follows:

[Revised] Activity 2: Provide conditional support to refugees, especially women and girls to incentivize and facilitate educational and livelihood activities

[Revised] Output: Refugees, especially women, receive livelihood support to generate income for their families and increase their self-reliance (Tier 1; categories A and C, Strategic Result 1)

Strategic outcomes

Targeting approach and beneficiary analysis:

7. The changes included in this revision concern 4 categories of beneficiaries:
 - Number of beneficiaries under activity 1 will be changed from 30,000 to 31,000;
 - Number of beneficiaries under activity 2 will be increased from 300 to 4,800;
 - 7,000 schoolchildren at primary and junior high school will be added under school feeding component under activity 2;
 - Number of beneficiaries under activity 3 will be increased from 48,800 to 59,600.

The number of school girls receiving incentives will remain unchanged.

Transfer modalities:

8. Assistance will be provided through both in-kind and cash-based transfers (CBTs). The volume of food transfers will increase by 144 mt under activity 1. The school feeding component will also require 488 mt of food.
9. CBT values will be revised due to the fact that the local currency (Rial) is devaluated and that beneficiaries are receiving their monthly cash entitlements in local

currency. The USD value of CBT will thus be revised from USD 10.62 per person per month for individuals living in households headed by women (most vulnerable) to USD 7.50; and from USD 9.56 to USD 6.00 for individuals living in households headed by men (vulnerable). The value of incentive for girls' education will similarly be changed from USD 5.00 per person per month to USD 3.60.

10. The livelihood component (activity 2) currently provides participants with start-up money using CBTs. During the implementation phase, and in consultation with BAFIA, UNHCR, and iNGOs, it was decided to change the modality from providing cash to providing required equipment and tools to ensure sustainability. Consequently, the budget allocated to this activity needs to be planned under capacity strengthening rather than cash.

Supply chain challenges:

11. All procurement will be done locally and the only foreseen challenge could be inflation in prices considering the continuation of sanctions and the consequent economic downturn. WFP will continue to monitor the price and market fluctuations and adapt as needed, particularly to ensure beneficiaries maintain purchasing power.

M&E:

12. The current M&E arrangements will continue under this ICSP to collect age- and sex-disaggregated data and improved measurement and analysis of outputs and outcomes for the diverse women, men, girls and boys who benefit from WFP's interventions. The monitoring will be expanded to cover the newly introduced school feeding activity. The required distribution report for school feeding will be collected on monthly basis through settlement managers as schools are inside settlements.

Beneficiary analysis

13. Out of the 4,500 beneficiaries for livelihood activities, 1,500 will be additional beneficiaries that live outside settlements while 3,000 beneficiaries are currently WFP beneficiaries under activity 1.

Strategic Outcome	Activity	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	280	280	210	230	1000
		Revised	8,680	8,680	6,510	7,130	31,000
	2	Current	299	-	3,301	-	3,600
		Increase/decrease	2250	2250	3300	3700	11500
		Revised	2549	2250	6601	3700	15100 **
	3	Current	17373	16982	6930	7515	48800
		Increase/Decrease	3,845	3,758	1,534	1,663	10,800
		Revised	21,218	20,740	8,464	9,178	59,600
TOTAL (without overlap)		Current	25,773	25,382	13,230	14,415	78,800

		Increase/decrease	4,875	4,788	1,744	1,893	13,300
		Revised	30,648	30,170	14,974	16,308	92,100

*** Out of 11,500 increased individuals to activity 2, total number of 7,000 are students (3,300 girls & 3,700 boys) who are already among WFP beneficiaries under activity 1 thus due to the overlap between these two activities they are not calculated in the total increased beneficiaries. Also out of 4,500 women and men who are increased under the same activity2 for its livelihood component,, 3,000 individuals are already among WFP beneficiaries under activity 1 and only 1,500 are new beneficiaries who will be added to the total number of beneficiaries. Therefore out of 11,500 increased under activity 2, only 1,500 are new beneficiaries who are calculated in the total increase.*

Transfers

TABLE 2: FOOD RATION (g/person/day)² or CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (USD/person/day) BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY						
Strategic outcome	1					
Activity	1		2			3
Beneficiary type	Refugee/Men HH	Refugee/Women HH	Girls Education	Livelihood women	School Feeding	Crisis-affected persons
Modality (indicate food or CBT)	Food and CBT	Food and CBT	CBT	CBT	Food	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
Supercereal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supercereal Plus	-	-	-	-	-	-
micronutrient powder	-	-	-	-	-	-
DAI UHT MILK	-	-	-	-	200	-
MIX Biscuits	-	-	-	-	80	-
MSC NUTs	-	-	-	-	8	-
total kcal/day (to be completed for food and cash modalities)	1092	1092	-	-	527	915
% kcal from protein	11	11	-	-	30	28
Cash-based transfers (USD/person/day; use average as needed)	0.20	0.25	0.12	0.97	-	-
Number of feeding days per year	360	360	270	360	198	30

² 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.

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	144	48,251	9,864	3,157,898
DAIRY			339	361,011	339	361,011
MISCELLANEOUS			14	71,898	14	71,898
MIXED AND BLENDED			136	217,366	136	217,366
PRE-PACKAGED PARCELS	354	561,205	78	124,201	432	685,406
Total (FOOD)	10,074	3,670,852	710	822,727	10,784	4,493,579
CBT TRANSFER VALUE		10,951,620		1,741,660		9,209,960
TOTAL (Food and CBT value - USD)	10,074	14,622,472	710	-918,933	10,784	13,703,539

3. COST BREAKDOWN

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

WFP Strategic Results/ SDG Targets	SR 01	TOTAL
WFP Strategic Outcomes	Strategic Outcome 1	
Focus Area	01 CRISIS RESPONSE	
Transfer	787,738	787,738
Implementation	48,336	48,336
Direct Support Costs		313,922
Sub-total		1,149,995
Indirect Support Costs		74,750
TOTAL		1,224,745

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

WFP Strategic Results/ SDG Targets	SR 01	TOTAL
WFP Strategic Outcomes	Strategic Outcome 1	
Focus Area	01 - CRISIS RESPONSE	
Transfer	15,758,836	15,758,836

Implementation	1,085,283	1,085,283
Direct Support Costs	1,790,894	1,790,894
Sub-total	18,635,012	18,635,012
Indirect Support Costs	1,211,276	1,211,276
TOTAL	19,846,288	19,846,288

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 19 846 288

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, especially women, 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 and preserve their nutrition status. (Tier 1; categories A, Strategic Result 1)
- Schoolchildren at the primary and secondary school levels receive snacks every day they attend school (Tier 1, category N, SR1)

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

ACTIVITY 2: Provide conditional support to refugees, especially women and girls, to incentivize and facilitate educational and livelihood activities (Modality: CBT, Food, Capacity Strengthening)

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

TOTAL BUDGET: USD 19 846 288