

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

REVISION

[Tunisia] country strategic plan, revision |02|

Gender and age marker code: |2A¹|

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	April 2018 – December 2022	No changes	April 2018 – December 2022
Beneficiaries	0	2 685	2 685
Total cost (USD)	4 305 122	538 150	4 843 272
Transfer	2 036 867	475 050	2 511 917
Implementation	851 754	30 255	882 009
Direct support costs	1 153 747	-	1 153 747
Subtotal	4 042 368	505 305	4 547 673
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	262 754	32 845	295 599

1. RATIONALE

1. The National School Feeding Programme (PNAS) in Tunisia is a priority component of the Education Sector Reform and acts as a social protection mechanism for 260,000 children (125,000 girls and 135,000 boys) in 2,500 primary schools. WFP has been providing technical support to the Government of Tunisia to strengthen its capacity to implement PNAS nationally since 2013.
2. The COVID-19 outbreak has forced closure of all schools and students no longer receive school meals which they are highly dependent on. This has aggravated the situation of the poorest families, especially those with more than three children and children between the ages of 0 to 5. The Government has introduced emergency social safety net measures in response to COVID-19. However, the additional basic needs, such as the meals that each family has to provide to these children previously received at school is not being covered.
3. The current economic activity in the country has halted, which has negatively affected services, tourism, trade and transportation sectors, accounting for more than a quarter of all jobs in the economy. The current levels of poverty (15 percent) and prevalence of undernourishment (4 percent) are expected to increase considerably, with the vulnerable population expected to fall under the poverty line and becoming food insecure.
4. In partnership with the Regional Commissary for Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture) of Siliana Governate and IFAD, WFP has upgraded the canteens in five schools located in the most vulnerable rural areas of the governorate. To mitigate the negative impact of school meals disruption in Siliana, WFP and the partners are planning to provide cash assistance to the families of schoolchildren in Bargou, El Rouhiya and Kessra districts. The cash transfer of USD 69 will support the families to provide meals to their children through June to August 2020. This direct intervention has been requested by IFAD and strongly supported by the Ministry of Agriculture making it part of the COVID-19 national crisis response.

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

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5. The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MESRS) has requested technical assistance from WFP to strengthen its university food and catering programme for public institutions and to set up a National University Food Programme. Hence, WFP will extend its policy and technical support to the Government to include Food Security and Nutrition sector aiming to improve the quality and sustainability of the university food and catering program.
 6. In parallel to this immediate intervention, WFP extended its capacity strengthening support to the Government to ensure that vulnerable communities are included in the Ministry of Social Affairs national response, through the provision of tools enabling them to target such communities. This action will better equip the Government to respond to future crises and make the social protection programme more “shock responsive.
 7. This BR will include the CBT under SO1 providing cash assistance to the 537 families of the schoolchildren in rural Siliana affected by the closure of school. It includes the scale up of WFP’s capacity strengthening support to the Ministry of Higher education for the set up a National University Food Programme as well as the technical support provided to the Ministry of Social Affairs to upgrade their current social protection system.

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

No changes in strategic orientation.

Previous BRs:

8. BR01: A technical revision was completed in October 2018 by HQ in WINGS.

Strategic outcomes

9. This budget revision will revise activity 1 to reflect the evidence-base knowledge production and WFP’s technical support scale up to MESRS, (output1). Outputs 2 and 3 have been revised to reflect the WFP Tunisia’s interventions to improve the living conditions of vulnerable rural populations by linking smallholders’ farmers to the school canteens in both rural and semi-urban areas. An additional output 4 has been added to better reflect the current nutrition sensitive interventions. Lastly, two additional outputs (5 and 6) have been added to reflect the current capacity strengthening support given to the government in building better shock-responsive social protection systems (output 5); and output 6 reflects the new cash transfer modality being provided to vulnerable families in Siliana governorate.

The revised and new outputs under SO1 are as follows:

Revised Output 1: Students and communities (Tier 3) benefit from enhanced Government’s access to accurate data and strengthened school meals, food security and nutrition and social protection regulatory frameworks and tools to improve life skills and advance social inclusion.

Revised output 2: Schoolchildren and communities in selected districts (Tier 3) benefit from an upgraded decentralised school feeding model and from strengthened technical capacities to

organize and participate in value chains (HGSM) and supply chains (P4P) to promote nutrition-sensitive social protection, advance social inclusion and improve school life.

Revised output 3: Schoolchildren, smallholder farmers and communities (Tier 3) in targeted areas benefit from the design and implementation of innovative school meals modalities and from strengthened technical capacities to organize and participate in value chains (HGSM) and supply chains (P4P) to promote nutrition-sensitive social protection, advance social inclusion and improve school life

New Output 4: Girls, boys, adolescent girls, vulnerable women and men, including household in targeted governorate (Tier 3) benefit from the enhanced capacities of Government to coordinate and provide nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive platforms and SBCC-integrated services at the national and local levels.

New Output 5: Vulnerable and shock-affected women, men, boys and girls (Tier 3) benefit from enhanced government capacities to implement an integrated shock responsive social protection system that identifies and meets their food security and nutrition needs increasing their resilience.

New Output 6: Shock-affected women, men, boys and girls in targeted governorate (Tier 1), receive adequate, timely, cash assistance and training to protect their food security and recover their livelihoods².

Targeting approach and beneficiary analysis:

10. The changes included in this BR concern new direct beneficiaries 2,685 of the targeted 537 households of the primary schoolchildren of five schools within three different districts of Siliana Governorate. A blanket coverage target approach has been applied for these beneficiaries. WFP will use SCOPE for beneficiary registration, data and transfer management for this operation.

Transfer modalities:

11. Cash transfers will be conducted through financial service providers. The value of USD 69 per month will be transferred to each beneficiary household. This is in line with the cash transfers provided by the Government through its National Response Plan to the households affected by the pandemic. Transfer will be done through Western Union.

Partnerships:

12. The Ministry of Education will provide beneficiary information for the cash intervention; likewise, Ministry of Agriculture (regional level) will provide contact information of the key informants to conduct a market and supply chain analysis. The cooperating partner selected for implementing CBT intervention is Islamic Relief, they will conduct the CBT related communication and/or sensitization campaign as well as partner for third party monitoring.

Supply chain challenges:

13. The Market Functionality Index assessment has shown that the local markets suppliers are fully able to provide food items meeting the beneficiary's needs. For the three-month period (June – August) WFP will partner with telecommunication companies (Western Union) piloting a Mobile money transfer system.

² This output for tier 1 beneficiaries has been aligned exceptionally to SDG17 due to the temporary and small caseload receiving cash transfers.

M&E:

14. Through the third-party verification system, Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) will be set up and run on a regular basis to ensure that cash transfers are received accordingly and that awareness messages are communicated. An in-house Complaints and Feedback Mechanism will be also set in place (free toll number) for the duration of the cash transfers (three months).

Accountability to affected populations, protection risks, restrictions of gender and disabilities:

15. WFP's partners will conduct CBT sensitization campaign considering social norms prescribing gender roles for providing, handling, and deciding over the use of food and cash. The campaign will also inform beneficiaries on the use of protective equipment and necessary hygiene measures when receiving the cash transfers.

Beneficiary analysis

Strategic Outcome	Activity ³	Period	Women (18+ years)	Men (18+ years)	Girls (0-18 years)	Boys (0-18 years)	Total
1	1	Current	0	0	0	0	0
		Increase/decrease	322	537	859	967	2 685
		Revised	322	537	859	967	2 685
	2	Current					
		Increase/decrease					
		Revised					

Transfers

Strategic outcome	1					2		
Activity	1		2, etc. (if multiple activities lead to a strategic outcome)			3, etc.		
Beneficiary type	Household (average of 5 individuals per HH)							
Modality (indicate food or CBT)	CBT							
Cereals								
Pulses								
Oil								

³ Indicate whether transfer is in the form of in-kind, CBT or capacity strengthening. If more than one modality per activity, duplicate the rows.

⁴ 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.

Salt									
Sugar									
Supercereal									
Supercereal Plus									
micronutrient powder									
total kcal/day (to be completed for food and cash modalities)									
% kcal from protein									
Cash-based transfers (USD/person/day; use average as needed)	2.2								
Number of feeding days per year									

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

Food type / cash-based transfer	Current Budget		Increase		Revised Budget	
	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)
Cereals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oil and Fats	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mixed and blended foods	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (food)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash-Based Transfers (USD)		0		111 720		111 720
TOTAL (food and CBT value – USD)	0	0	0	111 720	0	111 720

3. COST BREAKDOWN

TABLE 4: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)		
WFP Strategic Results/ SDG Targets	SR 05	TOTAL
WFP Strategic Outcomes	Strategic Outcome 1	
Focus Area	Root Causes	
Transfer	475 050	475 050
Implementation	30,255	30,255
Direct Support Costs		-
Sub-total		505 305
Indirect Support Costs		32 845
TOTAL		538 150

TABLE 5: OVERALL CSP/ICSP/LEO COST BREAKDOWN, AFTER REVISION (USD)		
WFP Strategic Results/ SDG Targets	SR 05	TOTAL
WFP Strategic Outcomes	Strategic Outcome 1	
Focus Area	Root Causes	
Transfer	2 511 917	2 511 917
Implementation	882,009	882,009
Direct Support Costs	1,153,747	1,153,747
Sub-total	4 547 673	4 547 673
Indirect Support Costs	295 599	295 599
TOTAL	4 843 272	4 843 272

Annex 1: Revised Line of Sight

TUNISIA CSP (2018-2022)

SR 5 – Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs
(SDG Target 17.9)

FOCUS AREA: Root Causes

STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1:

National institutions in Tunisia have strengthened capacity to implement enhanced school meals and social protection programmes which advance food security and nutrition by 2022.

BUDGET SO 1: USD 4,843,272

OUTPUTS:

1. Students and communities (Tier 3) benefit from Government's enhanced access to accurate data and strengthened school meals, food security and nutrition and social protection regulatory frameworks and tools to improve life skills and advance social inclusion (C: Capacity development and technical support provided.)
2. School children and communities in selected districts (Tier 3) benefit from an upgraded decentralised school feeding model and from strengthened technical capacities to organize and participate in value chains (HGSM) and supply chains (P4P) to promote nutrition-sensitive social protection, advance social inclusion and improve school life. (C: Capacity development and technical support provided; N: National coordination mechanisms supported; E: Social and behaviour change communication delivered)
3. School children, smallholder farmers and communities (Tier 3) in targeted areas benefit from the design and implementation of innovative school meals modalities and from strengthened technical capacities to organize and participate in value chains (HGSM) and supply chains (P4P) to promote nutrition-sensitive social protection, advance social inclusion and improve school life. (C: Capacity development and technical support provided and N: National coordination mechanisms supported)
4. Girls, boys, adolescent girls, vulnerable women and men, including household in targeted governorate (Tier 3) benefit from the enhanced capacities of Government to coordinate and provide nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive platforms and SBCC- integrated services at the national and local levels (C: Capacity development and technical support provided and N: National coordination mechanisms supported; E: Social and behaviour change communication delivered)
5. Vulnerable and shock -affected women, men, boys and girls (Tier 3) benefit from enhanced government capacities to implement an integrated shock responsive social protection system that identifies and meets their food security and nutrition needs increasing their resilience. (C: Capacity development and technical support provided and N: National coordination mechanisms supported; E: Social and behaviour change communication delivered)
6. Shock -affected women, men, boys and girls in targeted governorate (Tier 1), receive adequate, timely, cash assistance and training to protect their food security and recover their livelihoods (A: Resources transferred; H: Shared services and platforms provided)

ACTIVITY 1: Provide policy advice and technical assistance to national institutions on school meals, food security and nutrition and shock responsive social protection programmes. (CSI: Institutional capacity strengthening activities)

TOTAL BUDGET: USD 4,843,272