COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

REVISION

Nepal country strategic plan, revision 04

Gender and age marker code: 3

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	1 January 2019- 31 December 2023	No change	1 January 2019- 31 December 2023
Beneficiaries	1,633,327	175,736	1,809,063
Total cost (USD)	141,652,225	23,581,936	165,234,160
Transfer	96,916,889	21,419,080	118,335,969
Implementation	18,282,156	885,892	19,168,048
Direct Support Costs	17,885,224	-	17,885,224
Sub-total	133,084,270	22,304,972	155,389,242
Indirect Support Costs	8,567,955	1,276,964	9,844,919

Nepal country strategic plan, revision 4

1. RATIONALE

- 1. The purpose of this revision is to scale up Activities 3, 6 and 7 and to include a new Activity 10 under Strategic Outcome (SO) 6 for On-demand Cash Transfer Services.
- 2. The Government of Nepal has recently scaled up the School Meals Programme (SMP) reaching 2.9 million children through universal coverage in all 77 districts with an approximately USD 71 million annual budget allocation for the programme. The magnitude of the Government investment signals its commitment to school meals. It also reflects the recognition of school meals as the largest social protection programme and potential to generate improvements in nutrition and education outcomes and contribute towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 4 (achieving zero hunger and quality education, respectively). Also, WFP's capacity strengthening efforts under Activity 3 are in greater demand as a result of government investment, specifically those activities that link the production and preparation or distribution of locally-sourced nutritious meals through homegrown school feeding.
- 3. Activity 6 aims to strengthen government preparedness capacity, establish emergency logistics and institutional platforms and improve access to food reserves that will enable the Government and humanitarian partners to respond rapidly to crises. Due to the surge of COVID-19 cases, the national logistics cluster needs to increase its support to the national health cluster through the national COVID-19 response.
- 4. Under Activity 7, WFP implements a Forecast-based Financing (FbF) project as an anticipatory mechanism aimed at supporting communities during high risk of disasters. Based on weather forecasts, WFP plans to transfer pre-positioned cash assistance to pre-selected communities to enable the most vulnerable populations to access needed resources before disasters strike. WFP plans to generate additional evidence on the effectiveness of FbF to facilitate the transition from reactive emergency response to an anticipatory approach, where relevant, in close collaboration with national and local governments.
- 5. WFP is uniquely placed to support other United Nations agencies with cash-based transfers (CBT) services through WFP's local presence, mechanisms, and extensive networks. Several humanitarian partners have expressed interest in WFP's provision of CBT services. This budget revision (BR) covers the initial anticipated demand for such services by including a new Activity (#10) under SO 6 for Ondemand Cash Transfer Services.

6. The BR will cover the period July 2021 – December 2023.

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

- 7. This fourth BR constitutes a continuation of the strategic orientation of the CSP. It builds on three previous BRs:
 - BR01, approved by the Country Director in October 2019, increased the budget by USD 11,763.
 - BR02, approved by the Country Director in March 2020, increased the budget by USD 822,050.
 - BR03, approved by the Executive Director in January 2021, increased the budget by USD 15.011.401.

Strategic outcomes

- 8. Under SO 2 (Activity 3), the needs-based plan will allow WFP to expand the school-based programme in schools of six districts in Karnali and Sudurpaschim Provinces. As agreed with the Government, WFP will hand over two districts per year to the national programme, starting from July 2022. This approach and increased coverage (school children and food tonnage) aligns with the current resource allocation plan, transitional plan with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), and confirmed contributions. Under the transition plan, WFP will also help strengthen provincial and local government capacities to implement school feeding through training and other investments. The MoEST education sector plan envisions a transfer of responsibilities from the central government to the provincial and local levels by 2030.
- 9. Under SO 4 (Activity 6), the revision increases the budget for logistics cluster storage and capacity at federal and provincial levels. The logistics cluster provides storage and transportation services for the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) from four Humanitarian Staging Areas (HSAs) during monsoon response. WFP will establish and staff two additional HSAs in anticipation of requests to the logistics cluster for additional storage and transport services to facilitate health cluster and NEOC COVID-19 and monsoon responses.
- 10. Under SO 4 (Activity 7), this revision increases the budget for the FbF CBTs. CBT is the recommended modality in the Terai region, where markets are integrated and accessible. No additional Country Office capacity is required for this activity. WFP will, however, focus on better understanding of the mechanism through national and subnational engagement, evidence generation and documenting lessons learnt to support the adoption of a risk-based, anticipatory approach by local governments and other stakeholders.
- 11. With this revision, WFP will add a new activity and output under SO 6:
 - Activity 10: Provide on-demand cash-based transfer management support to all humanitarian and development partners to provide efficient cash transfer services to the affected population in order to meet their essential needs. (modality: Service Delivery) (Activity Category 10)
 - Output 6.3: Humanitarian and development partners are supported efficiently for CBT management enabling them to provide necessary support to the affected population. (H, K)
- 12. *Service Provision:* WFP will provide on-demand services at full cost recovery. The activity will be implemented exclusively through a service delivery modality.
- 13. *Partnerships:* WFP aims to increase synergies and efficiencies in inter-agency collaboration, in particular under the Humanitarian Response Plan, through the provision of common CBT services. It will also provide a framework for longer-term partnerships under the Socio-Economic Response Plan and help position WFP as a partner of choice to augment Government response capacity, when required and appropriate.
- 14. *Proposed transition/handover strategy:* The activity aims to provide solutions to address operational barriers in the existing response and in particular for CBT. To overcome these challenges, WFP aims to

accelerate the harmonization of efforts of business process and reduce the duplication of functions and administrative and transaction costs provided to humanitarian partners connsistent with the Business Operations Strategy (BOS) and other UN Reform recommendations.

15. Social and Environmental Safeguards: WFP does not foresee, at this time, any negative social or environment implications in relation to school feeding, FbF/CBT and logistics cluster activities.

3. BENEFICIARY ANALYSIS

TABLE 1A: DIRECT BENEFICIARIES BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME, ACTIVITY & MODALITY

Strategic Outcome	Activity ¹	Period	Women (18+ years)	Men (18+ years)	Girls (0-18 years)	Boys (0-18 years)	Total
		Current	88,684	78,235	59.123	60,958	287,000
	1 (CBT)	Increase/decrease		·			·
1		Revised	88,684	78,235	59,123	60,958	287,000
1		Current	218,697	78,933	179,712	186,470	663,812
	1 (In-kind)	Increase/decrease					
		Revised	218,697	78,933	179,712	186,470	663,812
		Current	57,607	0	42,861	41,165	141,633
	2 (In-kind)	Increase/decrease					
		Revised	57,607	0	42,861	41,165	141,633
	2 (CS)						
2		Current	0	0	230,050	203,872	433,922
	3 (In-kind)	Increase/decrease	0	0	13,661	8,048	21,709
		Revised			243,711	211,920	455,631
	3 (CS)						
	4 (CS)						
		Current	27,011	23,829	18,007	18,567	87,415
	5 (CBT)	Increase/decrease					
3		Revised	27011	23,829	18,007	18,567	87,415
	5 (CS)						
	6 (CS)						
4		Current	7,276	6,419	4,851	5,002	23,548
	7 (CBT)	Increase/decrease	47,596	41,988	31,728	32,715	154,027
		Revised total	54,872	48,407	36,579	37,717	177,575
	7 (CS)						
TOTAL		Current	399,275	187,416	534,605	516,034	1,627,330
(without		Increase/decrease	47,596	41,988	45,389	40,763	175,736
overlap)		Revised	443,884	227,659	581,925	559,598	1,813,066
Deducted ov	erlap between	Act 2 (Nutrition) & A	Act 5 (CAFS)				4,003
Total Final							1,809,063

	TABLE 1B	: CSP BENEFICIARI BY STRATEGIC O			,	OUTPUT)	
Strategic Outcome	Activity ²	Period	Women (18+ years)	Men (18+ years)	Girls (0-18 years)	Boys (0-18 years)	Total
	1 (CBT)	Current	88,684	78,235	59,123	60,958	287,000
		Increase/decrease					
1		Revised	88,864	78,235	59123	60,958	287,000
1		Current	218,697	78,933	179,712	186,470	663,812
	1 (In-kind)	Increase/decrease					
		Revised	281,697	78,933	179,712	186,470	663,812
		Current	57,607	0	42,861	41,165	141,633
	2 (In-kind)	Increase/decrease					
2	Revised	57,607	0	42,861	41,165	141,633	
	2 (CS)	Current	133,383	84,458	0	0	217,841
1		Increase/decrease					

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

		Revised total	133,383	84,458			217,841
		Current			230,050	203,872	433,922
	3 (In-kind)	Increase/decrease			13,661	8,048	21,709
		Revised			243,711	211,920	4,55,631
		Current	5,376	12,543	-	-	17,919
	3 (CS)	Increase/decrease	28,897	66,234	418,129	456,220	969,480
		Revised total	34,273	78,777	418,129	456,220	987,399
		Current	69	66			135
	4 (CS)	Increase/decrease					
		Revised	69	66			135
		Current	27,011	23,829	18,007	18,567	87,415
	5 (CBT)	Increase/decrease					
3	2	Revised	27,011	23,829	18,007	18,567	87415
3	5 (CS)	Current	115,430	110,902			236,332
		Increase/decrease					
		Revised total	115,430	110,902			236332
		Current	704	677			1381
	6 (CS)	Increase/decrease					
		Revised	7-4	677			1381
		Current	7,276	6,419	4,851	5,002	23,548
4	7 (CBT)	Increase/decrease	47,596	41,988	31,728	32,715	154,027
		Revised total	54,872	48,407	36,579	37,717	177,575
		Current	1530	1470			3000
	7 (CS)	Increase/decrease					
		Revised	1530	1470			3000
TOTAL		Current	656,787	398,512	534,605	516,034	2,105,938
(without		Increase/decrease	76,493	108,222	463,518	496,983	1,145,216
overlap)		Revised	730,293	504,989	1,000,054	1,015,818	3,251,154
Deducted or	verlap between .	Act 2 (Nutrition) & Act	5 (CAFS)				4,003
Total Final							3,247,151

16. TRANSFERS

TABLE 2: F	TABLE 2: FOOD RATION (g/person/day) or CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (USD/person/day) BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY								
Strategic outcome			1			2	2	3	4
Activity			Activity	1		Activity 2	Activity 3	Activity 5	Activity 7
	GFD	CBT	Nutrition BSFP	Nutrition TSFP	Conditional Assistance	MCHN	SMP	CAR	AAA
Beneficiary type	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1&2	Tier 1	
Modality (indicate food or CBT)	Food	СВТ	Food	Food	СВТ	Food	Food	Food/ CBT	СВТ
Cereals	500						80	500	
Pulses	100						20		
BP 5*	267.7								
Oil						10			
Salt							2		

Super cereal PLW			200			100			
Super cereal CH			100			100			
Super Cereal PLW				200					
Super Cereal Plus CH				100					
total kcal/day (to be completed for food and cash modalities)	2,143		1,136	1605		758	445	1800	
% kcal from protein	11		18.4	10.5		18.4	9.4	7.3	
Cash-based transfers (USD/person/day; use average as needed)		0.68			0.28			0.2432	0.758
Number of feeding days per year	10	20	60	90	20	207	200	36	30

^{*}the BP5 ration size for children (6-59 months) is 167/person/day (3 bars of BP5) and for 5 years and above 278/person/day (5 bars of BP5) however the average ration is presented in the table above.

5. COST BREAKDOWN

The main changes in food commodities and CBT are reflected in Table 3.

TABLE 3: TOTAL FOOD/CASH-BASED TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS AND VALUE								
Food type/ cash-based		nt Budget		erease	Revised Budget			
transfer	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)		
Cereals	12,733	5,577,845	3,054	1,865,084	15,787	7,442,928		
Pulses	3,078	2,784,926	764	376,130	3,841	3,161,056		
Oil and Fats	1,404	1,599,680	382	1,018,913	1,786	2,618,593		
Mixed and blended foods	7,573	6,925,247	-	-	7,573	6,925,247		
Other	280	60,222	76	16,584	356	76,806		
TOTAL (food)	25,068	16,947,920	4,276	3,276,710	29,344	20,224,630		
Cash-Based Transfers (USD)		20,828,915		6,127,468		26,956,383		
TOTAL (food and CBT value– USD)	25,068	37,776,835	4,276	9,404,178	29,344	47,181,013		

TA	BLE 4: CO	ST BREAK	CDOWN O	F THE REV	VISION ON	NLY (USD)	
	Strategic Result 1/ SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 2/ SDG Target 2.2	Strategic Result 4/ SDG Target 2.4	Strategic Result 5/ SDG Target 17.9	Strategic Result 6/ SDG Target 17.14	Strategic Result 8/ SDG Target 17.16	TOTAL
Strategic outcome	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Root Causes	Resilience Building	Resilience Building	Root Causes	Crisis Response	
Transfer		12,027,737		7,507,047		1,884,295	21,419, 080
Implementation				342,740		543,152	885,892
Direct support costs							0
Subtotal							22 304 972
Indirect support costs							1,276,964
TOTAL							23,581,936

TABLE	5: OVERAL	LL CSP CO	ST BREAL	KDOWN, A	FTER RE	VISION (U	SD)
	Strategic Result 1/ SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 2/ SDG Target 2.2	Strategic Result 4/ SDG Target 2.4	Strategic Result 5/ SDG Target 17.9	Strategic Result 6/ SDG Target 17.14	Strategic Result 8/ SDG Target 17.16	TOTAL
Strategic outcome	01	02	03	04	05	06	
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Root Causes	Resilience Building	Resilience Building	Root Causes	Crisis Response	
Transfer	11,678,600	53,939,699	29,317,196	17,414,608	3,202,821	2,783,045	118,335,969
Implementation	768,656	9,397,832	6,123,837	1,316,191	816,040	745,491	19,168,048
Direct support costs	1,807,773	8,161,514	4,733,146	2,254,987	527,390	400,414	17,885,224
Subtotal	14,255,029	71,499,046	40,174,180	20,985,786	4,546,251	3,928,950	155,389,242
Indirect support costs	926,577	4,647,438	2,611,322	1,364,076	295,506		9,844,919
TOTAL	15,181,606	76,146,484	42,785,501	22,349,862	4,841,757	3,928,950	165,234,160