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In October 2021

- The primary school of Sodga in Siliana has started serving hot meals to the 53 students, after being rehabilitated by WFP and Islamic Relief Tunisia.

Operational Context

Ten years after the Jasmin revolution, Tunisia continues to grapple with addressing underlying systemic change required in response to the political and socio-economic challenges it faces and constrained by the fragmented political landscape that has characterised the country in the wake of the 2019 Presidential elections.

Since 2013, WFP has been assisting the Government of Tunisia to strengthen its capacity to implement and bring innovative approaches to the National School Meals Programme (NSMP) serving as a social protection mechanism for 260,000 children and their families. Working towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 (targets 2.1 and 2.2), SDG 4 and SDG 17 (target 17.9), WFP's activities in Tunisia contribute to the achievement of WFP's Strategic Result 5 "Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the Sustainable Development Goals". WFP's Country Strategic Plan (CSP) (2018-2022) for Tunisia is aligned with Tunisia's United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2021-2025).



Population: **11.7 million**

2019 Human Development Index:
95 out of 189

Income Level: **Lower middle**

GNI per Capita (PPP): **USD 10,800**

Operational Updates

- WFP conducted a training for technicians from the Ministry of Transport, on the installation and maintenance of the Mobile Storage Units (MSU) delivered earlier in September at the border of Ras Jedir between Tunisia and Libya. This MSU will help meet emergency storage challenges to respond to influx of refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers in times of crises, by increasing the storage capacity of the Ministry.
- In Siliana, WFP is cooperating with Islamic Relief Tunisia to rehabilitate school canteens in the southern region, through the renovation of facilities and the purchase of equipment. This month WFP and Islamic Relief celebrated the opening of a fifth canteen in Siliana South, more precisely the one in Fdhoul in Kesra. The reception was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Education, WFP and Islamic Relief Tunisia.

Monitoring

- WFP held a training on data collection using the ODK collect (Android Open-Source App for Data Collection) for its cooperating partner "Cooperation for the development of emerging countries" (COSPE). Six enumerators (5 women and 1 men) received a one-day technical training on how to gather food security data and qualitative data through focus group discussions. Data collection will begin in November as part of the COVID-19 contingency financing from Japan, titled "strengthening capacities in the Tunisian agri-food supply chain". The aim of the analysis is to capture the impact of COVID-19 on the food security of women farmers in Jendouba and Kasserine as well as to identify current barriers to women farmers' safe and dignified transportation to reach the workplace.

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Image WFP/Arij Guenaoui: Pupils of the school of Sodga in Siliana receiving their first school meal of the year.

WFP Country Strategy

Tunisia Country Strategic Plan (2018-2021)*		
Total Requirement (in USD)		Allocated Contributions (in USD)
4 m		6 m
2021 Requirements	2022 Requirements	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (Nov.2021 - April 2022)
1.1 m	3.6 m	0 m

Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

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.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activity:

- Provide policy advice and technical assistance to national institutions implementing school meals and social protection programmes.

* Tunisia new CSP TN02 2022-2025 has been approved.

Challenges

- A few of WFP's interventions are currently on hold due to COVID-19 health security measures. These interventions include mainly the capacity strengthening support to the government through trainings, and activities at school level due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Partnerships

- WFP met with the Ministry of Trade and the National Institute of Consumption to discuss WFP's support to the digitalization of the food supply chain. Digitalizing the food supply chain will be done by developing an online platform that offers up-to-date information about the daily prices in various municipal retail and wholesale markets for fruits and vegetables and fish. The platform will offer services in retail market prices and their variation, real-time consumer notification of price anomalies (compared to recorded wholesale prices), consumer feedback mechanism to report price anomalies. In the scale up phase the digitalization project will go beyond simply offering information and is aiming at digitalizing the entire food supply chain to tackle the perverse effects of parallel trade in agricultural products and streamline transactions between food producers and consumers. WFP will assist in the project setup, fundraising and implementation.

WFP participates in the Festival of Sustainable Development

WFP participated in the webinar "La Table Verte" organized by the Italian Embassy in Tunis and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) in the framework of the Festival of Sustainable Development. In line with the theme of the United Nations Summit 2021 on food systems, the Italian Cooperation decided to choose the Sustainable Development Goal 12 - Responsible Consumption and Production - as the leitmotiv of the event. The aim is to raise awareness of the mechanisms and habits of food production and consumption that are harmful to the environment because they involve greater expenditure of energy and water.

In preparation for the webinar, WFP, AICS and the Tunisian host, Peekka, went to El Houichet elementary school in Bizerte, to meet young students who benefit from a kitchen and a school garden rehabilitated by WFP and AICS. A cooking demonstration conducted by Peekka with the help of two students was filmed. The purpose of the demonstration was to raise awareness among the children about food waste during the preparation of meals and give them some food for thought and good practices.



Image WFP/Aziza Bouhejba: Peekka and two pupils of El Houichet in Bizerte, preparing a special anti-food waste meal

This video was broadcasted during the webinar "La Table Verte" facilitated by Peekka, which was held in the presence of the students of the Italian school, his Excellency the Ambassador of Italy, Mr Lorenzo Fanara, the Director General of the Office des Oeuvres Scolaire (OOESCO), Mr. Mohamed Mani, the Director General of Organic Agriculture at the Ministry of Agriculture, Ms. Samia Maamer, representatives of UNICEF and WFP, civil society associations and the Chief Malek Laabidi, all working against food waste. After lively exchanges and relevant discussions about healthy, local and nutritious food, the importance of limiting both food and water waste, the webinar concluded with an art contest through which students could express their vision of the perfect green table.

Funding partners

- Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Ministry of Agriculture - Regional Commissariat for Agricultural Development of Siliana (CRDA)
- UNAIDS - Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)
- UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund
- Principality of Monaco